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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The last words to our readers were from Camp; a later letter should have been sent off for a week's paper, but work of more lasting importance absorbed every moment of time during the closing days at Lake Pleasant, and much that would have proved of interest to our readers must go unrecorded.

On Tuesday evening, Aug. 21st, Dr. Joseph Beals, the worthy President of the N. E. S. Camp Meeting Association, was invited to step over to the cottage of Mr. A. T. Pierce, where he was met by Mrs. Pierce and other friends in the parlor.

Its value as a mark of love and esteem, and not by the gold standard. Dr. Beals was greatly overcome and with difficulty controlled himself to reply; after a few words of grateful acknowledgment, his voice trembled and with tears rolling down his cheeks he sat down.

On Sunday morning, the 26th, Mrs. Maud Lord gave a complimentary address to the writer and his wife and a number of other old friends. A happy hour was the result and many fine evidences of spirit presence were had.

Mrs. C. M. Johnston of Troy, Ohio, has made a record during the month, both as a medium and a woman of sterling worth, of which her friends may well be proud.

Mrs. Flavia A. Thrall of Poquonock, Conn., is a lady whom all good people must respect. She is a fine clairvoyant physician and medium; would that all mediums possessed her clear moral sense and strength of character.

Next the large number of new and valued acquaintances made at the Camp we reckon Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds of Troy, N. Y. Mrs. Reynolds has fine medial powers which she utilizes for the benefit of her friends without price; she is doing good work.

Early in the summer, arrangements were made to spend a month along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad. A complete change of scene seemed essential both to the editor and his wife, who as private secretary and housekeeper had done a hard year's work.

It is now mid-day; this afternoon we leave for Burlington, where friend Bingham has already telegraphed a request to the Van Ness House to take good care of us.

WORDS ON THE WING.—BURLINGTON. Burlington, Vermont, is a city for which nature has done all that any reasonable man could have asked, had he been consulted in advance.

Lake Champlain and rising by a series of terrace-like hills fringed with grand old elms and checker'd with beautiful residences and tastefully laid out lawns, it affords a striking illustration of what nature and art combined may do to make this world beautiful.

The world is full of incongruities and strange phenomena; what diverse effects follow a single cause. Here we are seated in one of Saratoga's numerous hotels with the strains of a brass band floating in at the window, mingled with the noise and bustle of this Great American Spa.

One of the modes adopted by Stuart C. Cumberland of England, who is now successfully practicing "mind reading" in New York City and vicinity, is to wind and fasten one end of a piano forte string to his wrist and attach the other extremity of the cord in a similar manner to the wrist of the person whose thoughts he proposes to read.

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Friday the 31st, in company with our guardian angel and a small supply of hay fever, we steamed down Lake Champlain to Fort Ticonderoga, whose ruins stand sturdily on the hill, then railroaded across to Lake George, and spent the afternoon of a perfect day in sailing down this gem of all the waters we have ever seen.

GENERAL NOTES.

Notices of Meetings, movements of Lecturers and Mediums, and other items of interest, for this column are solicited, but as the paper goes to press Tuesday A. M., such notices must reach this office on Monday.

Mrs. S. Dick will occupy the rostrum at Chelsea, Mass., Sept. 9th and 10th.

The Clinton, Mass., Spiritualist Association will resume its meetings on the first Sunday in September.

Charles Stuart Wells lectured in Frohisher's Hall, No. 23 East 14th street, New York City, on Sunday evening, Sept. 2.

A judge over in Canada decided the other day that a man had a right to whip his wife if she needed it.

Mrs. Dr. L. E. H. Jackson, located in Bartonsville, Vt.; would like to make engagements. Address her in cafe of Mrs. Emory, Bartonsville.

A European scientific journal is trying to start a controversy by pointing out that if the whale swallowed Jonah in the Mediterranean and threw him out again near Nineveh, he must have been carried through the Straits of Gibraltar, around the Cape of Good Hope, up the Persian Gulf, and into the Tigris.

The business meeting of the Free Thinker's Association, N. Y., elected the following officers: President, Dr. T. L. Brown, Binghamton; Treasurer, William S. Bell, Boston;

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Wednesday, August 15th, an interesting marriage took place at "Hulse's Mountain Retreat." The bridegroom, Prof. H. C. Hervey, is brother of the hostess of this well kept and well located house.

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A. B. French lectured last Sunday at South Bend, Ind., to an audience of 2,000. Sept. 9th he lectures at Clyde, Ohio, the 16th at West Grove, Ind., and on the 23rd at Plainville, Mich. Last Monday he visited Chicago.

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Mrs. Smith writes: "Sunday's Spirit Communion Meeting at West End Opera House, conducted by Mrs. S. E. Bromwell of 435-W. Madison St., still increases in interest as well as numbers. Short addresses were made by Mrs. Bromwell, Dr. Swarts, Mr. Avery, Mrs. Simpson, Dr. Kimbell, Mr. James and others. Good music in attendance. And so the good work goes on. Come one and all and join us."

Work has been commenced in the building of a new and improved crematory at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. The furnace will be constructed of iron and firebrick. The crematory chamber in which the body is placed will be six feet six inches in length in the clear, and two feet high by three feet in width.

Several months ago 4,800 lessons in arithmetic, were sent from London to Barcelona, for use in protestant schools. The exercises in reading were the Gospels, without notes or comment. At the custom house in Barcelona an exorbitant duty was demanded of the owner, who refused to pay it. It was then proposed to sell the books, but the authorities decided that a religious question was involved, and that they could not be sold without violating the supreme law of the land.

Current Items.

When a cargo of oranges was washed ashore on the coast of Bolivia, one of the Shetland Islands, the natives boiled them as a new kind of potatoes.

A monster lobster in the London Fisheries Exhibition was sent over from America. It measures three feet in length, and one of its claws weighs eight pounds, the total weight being about twenty-eight.

Some old toasts, which, by all accounts, came over in the "Mayflower," will have to be consigned to less distinguished craft, since Mr. Davis has found that no article of china nor of porcelain was on a Pilgrim inventory previous to 1690.

The banana has long been regarded as extremely nutritious. It is recommended above all others for invalids who are unable to swallow other food. An estimate by Humboldt claims that forty-four thousand pounds of bananas can be produced on the soil that would be required for one thousand pounds of potatoes, and that the same area that would be required to raise wheat enough for one man would produce enough bananas to feed twenty-five men.

It is said that Schiller inspired his muse by the smell of rotten apples, which he kept constantly in his desk; he liked to live amid surroundings corresponding to the subject upon which he worked. When he wrote the last act to "Mary Stuart" he had his servants clothed in black; and so long as he worked on "Wallenstein" he neglected no review or other military spectacle, and at home his wife must sing battle-pieces to him.

More than twenty years ago, Hennessey called attention to the superiority of water for the absorption of heat derived from the sun. His conclusions have gradually become more and more substantiated.

"There is no more powerful apparatus for the conveyance of disease than a book," says the London Lancet—a discovery which the Boston Mail Gazette thinks will be immensely popular with school-boys and the opponents of free libraries. A list of the maladies most easily conveyed by means of books is given as follows: "Measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, sore throat, whooping-cough, bronchitis, and perhaps ptisis."

Voices from the People, AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

"When the Angel Beckons Me Away."

By O. W. HARNARD.

The fear of death in the ages past— Its darkened shadow o'er man did cast— He dwelt in the realm of constant fear...

The fear of the "Monster," grim and bold— Was the bane of life to young and old— He robbed the mother of her prattling child...

He robbed the groom of his loving bride, Then mocked his grief when he groaned and sighed, Man shook with fear when he reached death's door...

The fear of death is now fading fast, Its darkened shadow is gone at last— Man does not think of the terror dire, But bids up this life for one that's higher...

We'll meet again when this life is o'er, In the realms of bliss on the shining shore— To those regions bright we all may go, Where there is no death, no pain nor woe...

A GIANT SKELETON.

Discovery on a Farm in Indiana of the Bones of a Man of Gigantic Stature.

SHREVEVILLE, Ind., Aug. 27. George Arnold, a farm hand in the employ of Franklin Boots, who lives about fifteen miles west of this city, made a discovery which has excited widespread interest in this county...

Reverie in a Church-Yard.

To some, this scene would produce sad thoughts, Friends, relations, husband, wife—child lie buried here, torn by death from their homes and kindred...

A Test.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: I send you a test that I received through the mediumship of a dear friend of mine, whose name I will not mention...

The Influence of Sound upon Health.

The manifestation of any force is the result of motion induced by some previous force. Although sound is not generally spoken of as a force, as electricity, magnetism, or light are mentioned, it is really as much a force as any of these...

Even in the case of persons who are born deaf, while the ear may be inert, they nevertheless feel a sound to a greater or less extent. There is generally a perceptible in the countenance of such unfortunate, a blank and vacant look, that if our sense of hearing were extinguished would attach to the entire race...

Again, how exhilarating is some lively, tripping air, with its quick and pulsing notes that run through us in delirious motion. If our nerves are not yet dulled by age, the mind instinctively sets the body in motion and delights to keep time to the harmonious measure...

As agreeable sounds exert a healthful tendency and render the mind buoyant and active, not less do discordant noises shock the nerves and distract the temper. It would be an easy matter to throw a sensitive person into insanity by the iteration of discordant sounds...

"Sweet bells jangled, Harsh, and out of tune." I would not produce the impression that music is a universal panacea for disease, but that it is a valuable aid in the preservation of health...

Letter from Brooklyn, N. Y.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: You were a little premature in your editorial, "Change of Base." It is true that the regular meetings in New York and Brooklyn have "changed their tents and silently stole away" to the camp meetings...

Reception to Mrs. E. L. Watson.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: A public reception was given Mrs. E. L. Watson by the San Francisco Spiritualists, Saturday evening, August 11th, in Metropolitan Temple. This was Mrs. Watson's first appearance in public in this city since her return from Australia...

Letter from Ireland.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: The JOURNAL is at hand in due time, and is most refreshing to me after my arrival from the land of fruits and flowers; indeed, it is an antidote in this wilderness of confused theological ideas...

Although in foreign lands, yet my good guardian never forgot me. I was visited by a loving mother and sister with fond embraces, while in New Zealand and America, who when in the earthly body were the last to reprove me for infidelity...

The influence of song in harmonizing different minds and bringing them into united action to accomplish some otherwise unattainable object, is well known; and its efficacy is well appreciated by our Methodist brethren who sing hymn after hymn to arouse that fervor of soul that would otherwise lie dormant...

Second Sight.

The following account of his own abnormal experience was related to me by Dr. Macalodowia, a gentleman of large practice in the Staffordshire Potteries, whom I have known for some years...

A Sensible Parrot.

Three weeks after the great fire in Chicago, in 1871, I saw a parrot which had saved itself from the general fate of all household treasures there. It had belonged to my old friend, Mrs. Kirkland, and was doubly cherished by her daughter...

Premonitions of Clyde Disaster.

We have frequently observed that great calamities, such as the fall of the Tay Bridge, railway explosions, fires and railway accidents are anticipated by warnings received by one or more of the sufferers, or those associated with them...

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"Robert Bagin, 43 years of age, a carpenter, is amongst the uncovered dead. He lived in Paisley, and leaves a widow and seven children, the youngest an infant in arms. When his wife heard of the accident she hurried to Govan, but could not find her husband in his lodging. She remained at the yard till a late hour, and then returned to Paisley without any tidings of him...

Curriculum.

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Salting the Bible.

They have a practice in mining regions which is known as "salting a claim." When it is desirable to enhance the value of a piece of property offered for sale or to entice miners to any special locality, with the view of diverting attention from richer deposits, the ground is sown with gold to an extent to make it sufficiently attractive...

But there is another method of salting the Bible, which is quite as mischievous. It is to impute to it doctrines and dogmas derived from traditions, creeds, and commandments of men, and to teach them as if they were scripturally and divinely authoritative, when in fact, they are not...

Thus, the Bible has been sown not only with words, phrases, and paragraphs which did not belong to the original, but it has also been salted with doctrines, traditions, implications, and inferences which do not harmonize with its spirit. Much of this salt has lost its savor, and it is henceforth good for nothing but to be cast out, and trodden under foot of men...

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The Choir Invisible. BY GEORGE ELIOT. O my I join the choir invisible of these immortal dead who live again...

So to live is heaven; To make studying music in the world; Breathing a languent order that controls...

May I reach That purest heaven—to be other souls The cup of strength in some great agony...

The Bible. H. H. White, who has been working in a mine at Dunkirk, A. T., claims to have made a rich discovery in a very peculiar manner...

Oh! Sunday. The Russian, Minister is occupying the summer in Pittsfield, Mass., where he spends the old Pomeroy mansion...

Not Cleanly. There are about 4,000 Mennonites, or Anabaptists, in Manitoba, divided into ten or twelve villages, and occupying the richest land...

Subd by Lightning. F. P. Clark, of Congress, had a horse cured of stiff fore-joints a couple of weeks ago in rather a novel way...

Inspirational. Bjornstjerne Bjornson is an easy and rapid but fitful writer. Sometimes his pen will be seized by an inspiration...

A Printer's Epitaph. The following concise and appropriate epitaph appears by his own desire on the tomb of a New York printer...

Young or middle aged men suffering from nervous debility, loss of memory, premature old age, as the result of habits, should send three stamps for Part VII of Hume series pamphlets...

Man is naturally deluded by temptation, and in many cases is not until he finds himself completely entangled in the net of trouble.

I was severely afflicted with Hay-Fever for twenty-five years. I tried Ely's Catarrh and the effect was marvelous. It is a perfect cure. Wm. T. Carr, Presbyterian Pastor, Elizabeth, N. J.

Rich and poor live in like abundance—the former in wealth, and the latter in hope.—Ableby.

Fibs rendered my daughter deaf, dumb and paralyzed, Samarian Nerve Cure bar. Peter Ross, Springfield, Wis. At Druggists.

Go down the ladder when thou marryst a wife; go up when thou choosest a friend.—Herbes.

THE CROSS AND THE STEEPLE. BY HERBOTT TITTEL. In this pamphlet the author takes up the old and usual cases of the Cross in an interesting manner.

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Table with columns: Leave, Arrive, and route names like 'Chicago and West Point Express'.

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Have Birds and Beasts Spirits?—Curious Phenomena.

The letter of Mr. S. C. Hall in a recent number of Light, regarding the spiritual appearances of animals, will have doubtless been read with interest by many persons.

From an article contributed by the writer to the Psychological Review, some years since, entitled "Ghosts in Tyrol," the following narrative is taken. It was communicated to her by H. S. H. the Prince of Solms-Braunfels, who was acquainted with a German landscape-painter whose wife's experience is therein recorded.

THE GHOST OF A ROEBUCK. The wife of a German landscape-painter, resident in Tyrol, is a passionate lover of children and animals, and always spreads a sphere of enjoyment around herself amongst both. At one time this lady had a roebuck, a creature as tame as a pet lamb.

The following morning, at the accustomed hour, the lady heard the footsteps of the roebuck bounding up the stairs. She at once hastened to the door, rejoiced to find, as she supposed, the poor animal recovered and returned home.

Dr. Justinus Kerner, in 1835, in Blatter aus Frevorst, a periodical edited by him, in connection with Eschenmayer and other scientific German gentlemen interested in the investigation of occult phenomena, narrates, as follows, regarding

THE SPIRIT OF A GREYHOUND SEEN AT THE TIME OF ITS DEATH.

"The husband of Frau B., living in M., possessed a handsome large greyhound, which upon every occasion evinced extraordinary attachment to Frau B., and which in return received great kindness at her hands.

The Prince of Solms illustrated the history of the ghost of the roebuck by certain experiences of his own.

THE SPIRITUAL FORM OF A HORSE

had once been accurately described to him by a friend of his and of ours, a lady in private, a seers of highly developed gifts, the truthfulness of whose remarkable clairvoyant powers had frequently been tested by His Serene Highness.

THE SPIRIT OF A LARK!

The late Prince Bernhard of Solms, when a boy, had possessed a pet skylark, of which he was extremely fond.

THE SPIRIT OF A BAY PONY WITH WHITE MANE AND TAIL!

"She then most accurately gave a description of a pony of a very striking appearance, which had, during my life in South Africa, been for months my companion on shooting expeditions up the country.

THE SPIRITS OF CATS AND OF A DOG

have frequently been observed by a maid-servant, well-known to the writer. This young woman is a great "sensitive."

criptions of the abodes in the Spirit-world of these creatures. She has, she avers, been taken to see their homes. Little flowery, green paddocks, surrounded with hedges of blooming roses, full of the ripest grass and bright flowers, where the cats gambol about, or lie basking in the sunshine, or curled up in the shade, amongst the flowers.

THE SPIRIT OF A FAVORITE CANARY

appeared to a friend of ours who died in 1877. In a letter from my father describing the death bed of this friend, he says: "I wish, poor P— in her last illness had not had her faculties so oppressed by her complaint.

THE SOULS OF ANIMALS

the Seersess of Prevorst places within what she calls "the dream-ring." Here is the very suggestive passage from Mrs. Crowe's translation of "The Seersess of Prevorst."

Swedenborg has a different report to give us. He tells us ("Arcana Caelestia," 1633) that "the lives of animals are dissipated after death."

Conflicting statements—apparently conflicting—will inevitably meet us in this direction as elsewhere.

The writer, however, has faith to believe that in the present instance—as well as in the manifold revelations of manifold seers given through conflicting forms of religious belief and dogma—that by careful and sympathetic comparison one with another, when duly brought into mutual relationships, all these "broken lights" of revelation will be discovered.

"The Seersess of Prevorst" ("The Spheres"), Mrs. Crowe's translation, p. 121. "The Seersess of Prevorst" being revelations concerning the inner life of man, and the inter-diffusion of a world of spirits in the one we inhabit.—Communicated by Justinus Kerner, Chief Physician at Weinsberg, London: J. C. Moore, 12, Wellington-street, North, Strand, 1845.

Tests of Spirit Intelligence.

In the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL of May 25th, there was an article under the head of "Imperfect Transition," that throws a flood of light on a certain phase of private circle development which has heretofore been a great puzzle to me.

Then Mr. Whitney continued: "I will do so, if you will take a hand?"

To this the Doctor objected that he could not manage it right; but when Mr. W. explained a method of doing so, the answer came that the game could go on as proposed. A new deck of cards was now purchased, to preclude the possibility of any one knowing them by the back, and the hands dealt out for four, in the game of "Old Sledge," appertained to Miss E., Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, and Dr. Rayner.

One other remarkable circumstance occurred on two occasions when the play took place during a rain and thunder storm. Then it was found that the doctor made so many blunders that the game had to be abandoned.

A Simple Heretic.

A Poor Man's Theory of the Plan of Human Salvation.

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"I am not a professor of religion," said he, "but I tell you, Mr. Nye, I don't believe that this Board of Health has used me right. Somehow I ain't worried about my little fella's that's gone. They was little fella's, anyway, and they wasn't posted on the plan of salvation, but they was always kind and always minded me and their mother, if God is using diphtheria agin perferntly this season they didn't know it.

"Mind you, I don't kick because I am left here alone in the woods, and the sun don't seem to shine, and the birds seem a little backward about singin' this spring, and the house is so quiet, and she is still all the time and cries in the night when she thinks I am asleep.

"I know that people who ain't familiar with the facts will shake their heads and say I'm a child of wrath, but I can't help it. All I can do is to go up there under the trees where them little graves is, and think how all-fired pleasant to me them little, short lives was, and how every one of them little fella's was welcome when he come, poor as I was, and how I rasted with poor crops and pine stumps to buy close for 'em, and didn't care a cent for style so long as they was well.

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