











Notes from the People

The Angel's Message to Mortals

BY MRS. L. E. OWENS. Turn—Oh! Woe! We have missed you. Oh! loved ones we are waiting on the "golden shore." We're waiting for the coming of the loved of yore; We've waited for you long, and we're waiting for you still.

Go bravely forth and battle for the good of all, In every hut and by-way, in every house and hall. Give bread unto the hungry and clothe the needy poor.

CLAIRVOYANCE

The Rev. Dr. Newman Describes How It Saved His Life

It touches upon the unknown powers of the human brain. My health failed, and kept steadily failing, until at last I was sick unto death. Medical men of high repute were called in consultation, and then others and others, until a small regiment of doctors had diagnosed my case and filled my body with drugs.

Spiritualism in High Places

A new spiritualistic "medium" society says, has arisen, and numerous members of the royal family have honored him with their visits. The late Duke of Albany was so much impressed with what he saw at one occasion, that he went to the trouble of having a special double state made, framed in oak, with elaborate brass mountings, and fitted with a patent Bramah lock.

James Watson writes: I cannot get along without the JOURNAL. It is always a welcome visitor. My youngest daughter, who is now a student at the University of Toronto, has just written to me from that city, and she says that she is reading the JOURNAL with great interest.

The Grandeur of Humanity

The following is an extract from an address delivered by Francis R. Abbot before the Liberal Union Club of Boston: The worship of humanity! I can understand such terms as the dignity, the grandeur of humanity, but the worship, never. What is humanity but the aggregate of human beings, of which each one, as such, knows his own weakness and dependence, how is it possible to worship one's self without degradation?

A New Healer and Clairvoyant

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: In your valuable paper we find many accounts of test and healing mediums throughout the country. It might be interesting to your readers to become acquainted with one more, who would introduce to them Ezekiel's visions of Wyanadotte, Michigan, with whom we have been personally acquainted since 1836 and know whereof we speak.

A Lucky Star

A New York Herald reporter, in an interview with Herr Sonnenthal, the Vienna actor, the latter is represented as saying with reference to his "lucky star": "Ah, yes. You do not understand me. I will explain. I predict that I shall astonish you. For twenty years past I have been followed almost daily by a woman. Not a very extraordinary thing that, you will say. Yes; but you will alter your mind when I tell you that I have never spoken one syllable to this woman nor she to me; that never has she spoken a word to me, and I never to her."

Psychical Research

Colonel John C. Bundy is the editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, of Chicago, a paper devoted to the interests of Spiritualism. He is not, however, a fanatic on the subject, for he exposes all frauds with relentless vigor. It may be imagined, therefore, that his hands are of business most of the time, for the number of those who are ready to call up all their defunct relatives at a dollar a head, is legion, and they make a fair living by practicing on the religious credulity and mental weakness of the community.

Misquoting Texts

The above heading is a quotation from your JOURNAL, with comments thereon. If the Bible was not misquoted, where would the Christian theology be? At church the other day while awaiting service (I always go early), I picked up Barnes's commentary, opening it at the 3rd chapter, 16th verse of Matthew. He assumes that the spirit of God came down in the shape of a dove, and gives a long list of instances where it is said to have descended upon various persons.

Letter from G. H. Brooks

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: My labors ceased for the society in Cincinnati the last Sunday in February. I know of no other Society among Spiritualists, that has the welfare of the human race, more than the one in Cincinnati. There are many friends there who are deeply interested in your paper, and when times brighten, I think you will have added to your already long list a number of new subscribers.

Bowing the Head

What may be regarded as a test case—one in which the towns of the State are interested—is now on trial at Framingham, and the result bids fair to establish or perhaps forever abolish the old New England custom of requiring the children of the public schools to bow the head in the devotional services, or that portion of them in which the Lord's Prayer is recited.

A Mad Man

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: In reply to one Geo. F. A. Hillige who ventilated his ignorance of spiritual phenomena quite recently through your paper, allow me to say, that at the séance referred to, the gentleman in question was not only a mad man, but a very bad one.

A Ghostly Mystery Explained

A young lady at Athens, Ga., some time since retired to bed without bowing out the lamp, when she awoke, she found a ghostly figure in the wall, hideous and menacing. Greatly alarmed, she sprang from bed and rushed into the sitting-room, telling the family that a man was concealed in her room. The males of the family, armed with clubs, proceeded to the room. The image was still there. A search under the bed and throughout the house, however, availed nothing. The mystery was unsolved, though it was noticed that the terrible apparition was seen only when the lamp was on the table.

The Spirit of a Sister Returns and Gives a Message

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Thirty years ago I lost my oldest sister, whom I called Lib, after an illness of only three weeks. At the time I could not be reconciled to her death, as she was a very devoted Methodist, and was trying to be, but when I wrote her my Bible, which I did every morning, I would find many contradictions in it that I would get discouraged. Then I would go to Lib and ask her to explain it. She would say, "I can't tell you. We must take it as it reads. We must not doubt God's word." Well, after she passed away, there was not one day for fifteen years that I did not feel a thrill go over me, and something would say to me, "There comes sister Lib," and I would look up, expecting to see her. I did not, however, see any one, or hear an audible voice, but the spirit spoke to my inner sense.

In Justice to Both

The kindly criticism of my article on the outcome of women working, by Prof. Alexander Wilder, gives still wider scope for thought on this very important subject. I should feel grieved if my article led to the impression that I am opposed to the widest possible outlet for woman's capabilities in any direction that can be of benefit, or that I would oppose legal or other obstruction to any human being's right to all that his best interests require.

No one more than myself could have been impressed with the contemptible injustice of the Black laws intended to exclude the colored race from a chance to earn a living in competition with their white brethren; nor will any man go to greater lengths in any honorable direction to abolish the cursed traffic in liquor, than I will myself. And surely I believe it is wise statesmanship to permit oppressed toilers in less favored lands to come here in honest quest of opportunity to better their condition.

Now then as to the "hard pan" of woman's labor. It is a question of deep-reaching import. No right feeling, thoughtful man will question her right to the exercise of all her powers for her own advancement. But no intelligent man will deny that whatever advancement she acquires at the expense of welfare to father, brother and husband, cannot be of permanent good to herself. And if with the advent of each labor-saving device she is to thrust a man aside for half wage, I cannot see how her ulterior right development is to ensue.

The girl who is pressed into shop and factory at an early age is deprived of all but the merest rudiments of school training; long hours of labor preclude the possibility of acquiring knowledge of household work, while mixed association with inferior and dissipated companions, in the most unwholesome and unprofitable manner, is the result. With few exceptions the woman taken from factory life will be ill-fitted for wife or mother. I grant that she is as good or better than the men in her own class. But that will only make the matter worse, because, instead of some leaven of good being educed from her own superiority, she necessarily becomes a mere machine for the propagation of still worse material in the coming generation.

W. H. Crocker writes

I am greatly pleased with the contents of your instructive paper, and greet its arrival in my home with pleasure. I find much that helps to unravel subjects that have long been hidden from the human mind, as well as giving encouragement to honest mediocrity.

Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects

The Tichborne claimant is exhibiting himself to small audiences in England to earn a living. According to Richard A. Proctor a hand at what can be made up in 635,013,569,000 ways. All of the wooden toothpicks are manufactured in Maine, and two firms control the business.

The towns boasting of having female brass bands are becoming quite numerous, Carbonate, Ill., being the last to enter the list. Fashion's latest freak in Paris is a fancy ball in which each lady is dressed as a flower—violets, lilies, roses, bluebells, and marigolds. On less than 2 per cent of the area of the cotton states is grown three-fourths of all the cotton manufactured in Europe and the United States.

Several type-setting machines are seeking recognition at the hands of sanguine inventors. One man says his machine can do the work of ten compositors and reduce the cost of composition 80 per cent. A Seneca Falls undertaker has copyrighted an "undertaker's burial contract" by which he agrees, in consideration of the sum of \$2, to furnish a person dying within one year from date of contract with a \$75 funeral.

Some people are born exceedingly lucky, as is shown in the case of a man from Hartford, Conn., who about five years ago, with a few hundred dollars, went to Kansas City and bought a small strip of land which afterwards proved to be a sand bed. He bought a horse and cart and hired some shovellers; to-day his fortune is over a quarter of a million dollars. Timber rafts on the Rhine are a noticeable characteristic of that historic river. A single raft has often eight or ten small houses on it, and from 400 to 500 workmen, rowers and pilots. The vast pile is steered by means of immense oars, and is so constructed as to twist like a huge snake in the narrow channels.

Human hibernation in India

Human hibernation in India is thus explained in Nature by a correspondent: "A tu net is dug from the grave to the neighboring jungle; the grave itself is partly prepared. The subject is then, in sight of the spectators, prepared by having his eyes closed, his mouth filled with wax, and his tongue turned back. He is then wrapped in a blanket, orange through the tunnel, and gets away by the way of a tunnel, or any other internal or external passage, and is found again in a few days, and is found to be in a state of hibernation."

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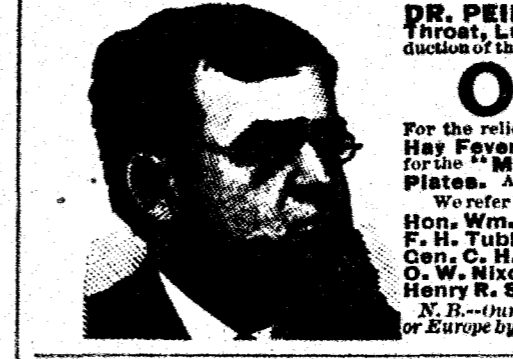
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