











Voice from the People.

INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

The Old Songs.

When I list to the songs that I used to hear In the days of the long ago...

Organization of a Society in San Francisco, Cal.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: On Sunday morning, Jan. 17th, Mrs. E. L. Watson opened the subject upon the organization of a spiritual society...

Church of the New Spiritual Dispensation.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

The prayer offered through the organism of Mrs. Lull on the morning of January 17th, was exceptionally good as a fervent appeal to the All-Father and his ministering angels for guidance and help in our life duties here and now.

"Spiritualism must be sustained by co-operation of individuals on earth. The Spirit-world alone cannot accomplish the results desired. There must be a unity of purpose and a combination of the higher powers and forces with the lower."

Our conference meeting was well attended by a very intelligent class of men and women, who listened with deep interest to the discourse in Mrs. Pike, E. D., was the first speaker and asked as a keynote to her remarks, "Are you a Spiritualist?"

The Genuine Mediumship of the Late Chas. H. Foster.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

Propose of the scandalous nonsense attempted to be floated concerning the late celebrated and wonderful medium, Chas. H. Foster, the nonsense that was put in his right mind, admitted himself an impostor...

"Foster at once replied, 'He says he will send a message to your mother.' He says: 'Tell her she has been so long acquainted with this glorious philosophy that when she comes to the spirit land she will be what he calls a well cured Bacon.'"

In these later days of Spiritualism, the pellet phase has become a common manifestation. Then it was rare, if not confined to Egypt, to see the use of folded slips or pellets and the outspoken voice of the medium, together with the aid of an alphabet placed before the sitter, who pointed to the letters successively...

Col. Ingersoll and Immortality.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

Number twenty-one of the JOURNAL presents Thos. Harding's criticism of Col. Ingersoll's lecture on "Myth and Miracles." He is made to say: "The last thing a man knows is that he was alive; and that origin and destiny are the two unknowns at God and Hell!"

The Bible and Future Life.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

Please allow me to say a few words by way of explanation in regard to this passage of Scripture, which I think is entirely misunderstood by the clergy and the Spiritualist writers and speakers: "If a man die shall he live again?"

A Jew's Views of the Christians.

If you want to know something about the beauties of Christian civilization and the Christian State you must go to Russia and observe how by the grace of His Christian Majesty the Emperor, King of Russia, so many thousands of Poles and Russians are driven from that country...

The Spirit World.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

In a former article I spoke of the Spirit-world, and of the means we should use to gain an admittance into its celestial climate, and the boundary line between the terrestrial and celestial planes of human life...

Spiritualism in the 7th Century.

Old Celtic poetry tells us how "the voices of singers, singing sweetly, descended from heaven to the lay of King David's church, where the Bishop lay dying, then the same song being ascended from the roof again and returned heavenward by the way that it came."

Spiritualism in the Early Days of Oxford University, England.

Edmund Rich—Archbishop of Canterbury and saint in later days—...in some hour of dream, the form of his dead mother floated into the room where the teacher (Rich) stood among his mathematical diagrams.

The Condemned Prisoner.

Dr. William B. Hazard of St. Louis says: Any one would naturally suppose that appetites for food would fall the condemned prisoner the morning of his execution, but it would appear the rule is frequently the reverse of this.

Alex. H. Newcomb, of Toledo, Ohio, writes:

While we have no regular organized society we have a good many men who are quietly investigating Spiritualism, having their little circles in the various parts of the city. The leaves are working. We have some good mediums. It is a poor place for tramps and sycophants here—such as you denounce. I am pleased at the way you handle them; the good and honest mediums appreciate your course; only the humbugs and tramps complain of your paper.

Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects.

During the last year there were over 500 divorce suits filed in St. Louis. The wife of an English baronet advertised in London papers for the place of companion. In New York it is becoming customary to use umbrellas as a shield against the glare of the electric lights on clear nights.

A TERRIBLE CONFESSION.

A Physician Presents Some Startling Facts.

Can It be that the Danger Indicated is Universal.

The following story—which is attracting wide attention from the press—is so remarkable that we cannot excuse ourselves if we do not lay it before our readers entire:

To the Editor of the Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat.

SIR:—On the first day of June, 1881, I lay at my residence in this city surrounded by my friends, my wife and my children, for words can never describe it. And yet, in a few years previous any one had told me that I was to be brought so low, and by so terrible a disease, I should have scoffed at the idea. I had always been uncommonly strong and healthy, and weighed over 200 pounds, and hardly knew, in my own experience, what pain or sickness were.

I consulted the best medical skill in the land. I visited all the famed mineral springs in America and traveled from Maine to California. Still I grew worse. No two physicians agreed as to my malady. One said I was troubled with spinal irritation, another dyspepsia, another heart disease, another, general debility; another, congestion of the base of the brain; and so on through a long list of common diseases, the symptoms of many of which I really had.

While suffering thus I received a call from my pastor, the Rev. Dr. Foote, at that time rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, of this city. I felt that it was our last interview, but in the course of conversation Dr. Foote detailed to me the many remarkable cures of cases like my own which had come under his observation. As a practicing physician and a graduate of the school, I derided the idea of any medicine outside the regular channels being in the least beneficial. So solicitous, however, was Dr. Foote, that he finally promised I would waive my prejudice.

I began its use on the first day of June, 1881, and took it according to directions. At first it sickened me, but this I thought was a good sign for one in my debilitated condition. I continued to take it; the sickening sensation departed and I was finally able to retain food upon my stomach. In a few days I noticed a decided change for the better, as also did my wife and friends. My hiccoughs ceased and I experienced less pain than formerly. I was so rejoiced at this improved condition, that upon what I had believed but a few days before was my dying bed, I vowed, in the presence of my family and friends, should I recover I would both publicly and privately make known this remedy for the good of humanity, wherever and whenever I had an opportunity, and this letter is in fulfillment of that vow.

Since my recovery I have thoroughly re-investigated the subject of kidney difficulties and Bright's disease, and the truths developed are astounding. I therefore state, deliberately, and as a physician, that I believe more than one half the deaths which occur in America are caused by Bright's disease of the kidneys. This may sound like a bold statement, but I am prepared to verify it fully. Bright's disease has no distinct features of its own (indeed, it often develops without any pain whatever in the kidneys or their vicinity), but has the symptoms of nearly every other common complaint. Hundreds of people die daily, whose burials are authorized by a physician's certificate as occurring from "Heart Disease," "Apoplexy," "Paralysis," "Brain Complaint," "Biliary Obstruction," "Pneumonia," and other common complaints, when in reality it is from Bright's disease of the kidneys.

The grinding of the crown glass disk of the immense lens for Lick Observatory, California, is well under way at Cambridge, Mass., yet a whole year's work remains to be done before it can be finished.

Tennyson's "May Queen."

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