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Literary Department.

Learn a Little Every Day. Little rills make wilder streamlets, Streetside wells the river's; Rivers in the mountain billows, Onward, as they go!

AMONG THE GHOSTS. Communications from the Spirit World.

Occasionally I read a manuscript for Carleton, and not long ago he placed in my hands a unique and somewhat extraordinary volume. It was a collection of poems, sketches, narratives and philosophical essays, purporting to be the production of a score or more of eminent men and women who have died within the last quarter of a century.

"Is Artemus Ward here?" "No, he ain't; he's off lecturing; but he'll come fore long. Oh! ain't he a funny man?" "Well, meanwhile we will, if you so please, see Miss Bronte."

breathing an air of deep melancholy. Entranced with its weird, sad beauty, all in the room sat spell-bound, and only the two first lines now linger in our memory. They were these: "Let my soul rest in peace; Why do you drag me back to earth?"

Farwell—the drops are drunk Of life's sad cup; It proved but poison rank; Life's lease is up!

to-day, has, in many respects been greatly blessed—has had a charmed life. From her infancy to more mature years, she has been taught to love but not to fear God. She has been reared in the full recognition of the communion and presence of the spirits of those who have crossed the Niagara of death with the dwellers on this side of the river.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION AND MR. BEECHER. The announcement some months since that Henry Ward Beecher was to assume editorial control of The Christian Union aroused great interest throughout the country; and the change of the name to Christian Union, together with the rapid advance and improvement of its columns, showed that some new impulse was at work within it, which became more evident in a late number, when it was announced that Henry Ward Beecher had assumed absolute editorial charge of its columns.

Religio-Philosophical Journal

S. S. JONES, EDITOR, PUBLISHER AND PROPRIETOR. OFFICE 189 SOUTH CLARK STREET CHICAGO JANUARY 15, 1870.

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SPIRITUALISM OF THE BIBLE

Adam and Eve—The Serpent—Abraham and Hagar.

In our two previous articles, we merely alluded to the formation of this earth, planets, etc., leaving the reader to draw his own conclusions in reference thereto, as to whether an Infinite God, Personal God, or Intelligence resembling man, were instrumental in bringing them into existence.

Among the objects which God had created, we find a curious illustration of the power of animals, in the serpent, "Which was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made."

We wish it understood that Sarai and Abraham were in direct communication with God, notwithstanding her jealousy and malicious disposition, and his want of charity for the poor woman whom he had taken under his protecting care.

The last prediction of the angel was not of that inspiring character calculated to cheer her in her distress—the idea that she should give birth to a hideous monster, a child, that when it had reached the vigor of maturity would be a wild man, a desperado, a malicious character, whose "hand will be against every man, and every man's against him," was not very pleasing for her to contemplate, considering the fact that she was homeless and in destitute circumstances.

This Angel was a ministering spirit who could talk to Hagar in an audible voice, for she was mediumistic in nature, possessing all those characteristics required for the Spirit World to hold direct communication with her.

ABRAHAM—SARAI—HAGER—THE ANGEL.

Abraham has been looked upon by certain Biblical commentators as a most excellent man endowed with great wisdom and superior sagacity, and admirably adapted to improve the morals of those with whom he might happen to be brought in contact.

qualities. If God will hold communion with a liar, a cruel master, tyrannical, mean and ignorant—such was Abraham, as we will finally show:—is it strange that spirits will seek mediums of doubtful character, through whom to transmit their choicest thoughts? He was mindful of Abraham's welfare, anxious to see him prosperous and happy, for he said, "Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee."

Sarai, Abraham's wife, having no children, consented to give him Hagar, saying, "Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing. I pray thee go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her."

Hagar, fearing her mistress, fled to the wilderness. "And the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by a fountain in the way to Shur."

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NEWELL AND ABBY BURNHAM

Your child has been found, and is now in the custody of Col. Meyer, Police Commissioner, of St. Louis.

We clip the following from the St. Louis Democrat:

OFFICE CHIEF OF POLICE, } ST. LOUIS, January 6, 1870. } I herby voluntarily and of my own accord surrender the child, Ida Flora Burnham, to the police authorities, with all her effects, subject to the order or disposition of the parents of the aforesaid child.

Mrs. Emma Hardinge closed a series of lectures in Boston, Dec. 25th. Daniel W. Hull is to lecture in Boston. Miss S. C. McClelland is represented as being an able lecturer. Her address is Rock Island, Ill.

THE COMING TIME. "Watchman, tell us of the night, What its signs of promise are." How few there are in the spiritual ranks, to-day, who can realize the great and important significance of angel ministry; and farther still, how few comparatively, feel that we are now just on the eve of a new dispensation; that what we have had during the twenty-one years last past, is but the introduction to another and far more glorious dispensation, as foreshadowed by Emma Hardinge in a lecture published in No. 11 of the JOURNAL. In a closing paragraph she says:

"For many years my spirit friends had told me that at a certain period of the movement, when the spirits had performed a certain work, that about the closing up of the period when the Missionaries who had been the pioneers, had done their work and no more was expected from them, when they should resign their work into the hands of others, that I was to write the history of this modern movement."

I was to gather my materials from every part of the country, and many of those who took little or no interest in the movement should supply me with these. They should be brought from the East and the West, the North and the South, and I should bring together a record, such as no other in any country should possess. I deemed all this as at a very far distant day to be realized. I pictured to myself the snows of winter covering my brow, the dimness of old age palsying my eye, but still I should have strength to write, and this should be the last work for me."

While we do not claim to be prophets or the offspring of prophets, and are in no sense given to prophesying, yet we may in all sincerity ask who is prepared to say that we are not on the eve of a new era or dispensation? That the world may not be startled ere long by some new and unlooked-for wonders to be revealed to man? Who is prepared to say that the Scripture prophecies are all a myth—that "these latter days," as therein mentioned are not at hand?

A large body of people denominated Millenarists, are looking for the fulfillment of these prophecies, in the literal burning up of this planet on which we dwell; and unless figures lie, they are not mistaken in supposing that a great—wonderful change is at hand; but they are mistaken in supposing that this earth and the dwellers thereon, were created for any such destiny.

But it is apparent from the heading of this article that we set out to say something especially upon the Norway Oats. In doing so, our inspiration leads us to dwell upon the principle involved in this single demonstration of power. That from the single kernel described in our last issue, a new family, so to speak, is already introduced, which will revolutionize this branch of agriculture,—oat raising, can not be doubted.

That Messrs. Ramsdell and Smith were instruments, and yet entirely ignorant of the fact, in the hands of superior intelligence, in not only bringing out this wonderful variety, and in spreading the same broadcast over the world, we have no more doubt about, than we have that those noble patriots who carried this republic safely through the first revolution which separated the colonies from the home government, also had a hand in our affairs during the Great Rebellion, and brought us out all the better for the trials, like the refiner's fire.

The peculiar plan that Mr. Ramsdell has adopted to keep these oats out of the hands of scheming unprincipled speculators, who otherwise would impose upon the public with a mixture of Norway Oats and other kinds, shows a marked degree of wisdom in the man, as well as strict honesty of purpose.

Not a bushel of these oats has been raised that he has not a full record of. He has, with the aid of capitalists, who had confidence in his integrity, bought up all that were for sale, from those who raised them, for the very purpose of supplying those who desire to purchase, the genuine RAMSDSELL NORWAY OATS.

shall ever be found at our post and on duty, engaged in earnest efforts to dispense the bread of life; and God grant that all who have their own and the welfare of millions in mental darkness and servitude at heart, will commence the year 1870 with a will to co-operate with the Angel World in extending the circulation of spiritual papers, and thus aid in spreading a knowledge of the truth that shall be a savor of life unto many, and great shall be their reward.

RAMSDSELL'S NORWAY OATS.

That there is an existing cause for every phenomena in nature, the true Spiritual Philosopher will readily concede. Those of our readers who possess sharp observant minds, doubtless comprehend the position we have occupied, and given from time to time in regard to the ability of our friends upon the spiritual plane of life, to exert an influence upon physical matter for a more perfect unfolding or development upon its plane of being.

Our philosophy teaches us that every being, be it human, brute, or inorganic matter, has ever existed in a germinal condition—is ever tending towards a higher unfolding upon its plane of life, and that extraordinary growth in any one season is but an extraordinary activity of the internal life principle induced by some extraordinary activity of affluating elements.

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Charles H. Crowell. In this number of the JOURNAL will be found a report of the funeral services of our deceased brother, Charles H. Crowell, late a member of the firm of Wm. White & Co., publishers and proprietors of our worthy cotemporary, the BANNER OF LIGHT.

Our first acquaintance with Brother Crowell commenced at the First National Convention of Spiritualists, held at Chicago in 1864. We afterwards met him at the National Convention in Philadelphia, and again spent a few days at his hospitable home in Watertown, near Boston, two and a half years since.

Brother Crowell was a medium of rare qualifications, as is his sister, Mrs. J. H. G. Grant, of the Message Department of the BANNER OF LIGHT. He was also a frank, generous hearted and true man. We cordially tendered to, and received the right hand of fellowship from each other at our first meeting, which bond of fellowship we expect will be maintained through ours of ages yet to be unfolded. Through his mediumship we received an invitation, over two years since, from mutual friends in Spirit Life, to meet them in Boston for counsel and advice in regard to the reinstatement of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.

In accordance with our own inclination and the admonitions of those invisible guardians, we resumed our work. We left it, per force of circumstances, just one year before, and with daily renewed energy, despite of all opposition, have seen our labors crowned with that success promised, and far greater than we had visible evidence to hope for.

That brother, through whose material lips these angelic messengers communicated to us, has now passed to the inner life, and passed that band headed by Dr. Kittridge, who so wisely counseled us, as well as our Brothers of the BANNER OF LIGHT, in regard to the work we are engaged in. But his labors are not closed. That he will continue, in connection with others, to watch over and prompt us in wisdom and goodness, we both desire and expect. That we shall learn much of the hidden mysteries of the After-Life from him through proper media, we do not doubt. While we deeply sympathize with his orphaned children and Sister Conant, we feel assured that great is his gain, and that his loving care will be manifested to them from time to time, in a most unmistakable manner, until they shall fully realize that he yet liveth and that they still have a father's and brother's love ever ready to prompt them to deeds of goodness, and acts of kindness toward each other.

Personal and Local.

Mrs. Harriet E. Pope invites correspondence with people in California or Southern Oregon, and especially Spiritualists, in relation to the country and its advantages. There are a number of families in Minnesota who wish to go to a warmer climate, and would prefer one of the above places. There will be mechanics, farmers, teachers, in fact all sorts of people who wish to go there to work and make a home, and they wish to know something about the country; what they need to take with them; how they can gain a living till they can raise a crop; price of land per acre, etc. Will Myron Morse, with others, answer this? as some of his old friends are among the number. Please address Mrs. HARRIET E. POPE, Morristown, Rice Co., Minn.

On Dec. 31st, J. I. Potter, the trance speaker, was at Farmington, Minn. He goes from thence to Hastings, Wabasha, Lake City, Fauslain, Cherry Grove, Leroy, Austin, Lyle, Aurora, Owatonna, Wilton, Medford and Faribault. He will give from two to four lectures at a place. He desires the friends at the various places to make a note of this, and prepare the necessary arrangements, when they hear from him, for lectures. He will receive subscriptions for the JOURNAL.

Ghas. H. Read is now East. Writing from Haverhill, N. H., he says, "While I have been here, I have been received with the greatest hospitality, and I wish to acknowledge the same. I feel very grateful for the kind treatment of my friends. May the good spirits ever watch over and protect such friends."

Miss Nettie M. Pease is now associate editor of the Present Age. She salutes the readers thereof in verse, the beginning of which is:

"Dear readers of the Present Age, We give you kindly greeting, And trust in spirit we may have Many a pleasant meeting."

Thomas Cook, formerly assistant editor of the JOURNAL, has entered the lecturing field. He will solicit subscriptions for the JOURNAL. He can be addressed in care of this office.

Harriet E. Pope sends two dollars for Austin Kent—that amount she earned by the use of a sewing machine. The angels will bless you for your noble deed.

Philip L. Pierce, a son of David Pierce, who lately died at Belfast, Maine, remarked just before he passed away that he could see his spirit mother.

N. Frank White has closed his lecturing engagement in Washington. He desires to make arrangements to speak South during the winter.

Lois Walsbrooker is writing another book, "Helen Harlow's Vow," which she expects to have ready for the Spring trade.

Mrs. Addie L. Bailton lectured at Kirtland, Ohio, on Sunday last. Her spirited addresses are well received.

Miss Lizette Doten has been compelled to leave the lecturing field temporarily on account of serious lung troubles.

Dr. G. Newcomer will answer calls to lecture. His address is 288 Superior st., Cleveland, Ohio. He lectures at Fredonia to-morrow.

Samuel S. Hartman, Goshen, Ind., has entered the lecturing field.

E. B. Wheelock's address is now Cedar Fall Iowa.

Peter West has been at Ross Clark, Harden Co., Ill., lecturing mineral veins.

Dr. E. B. Wheelock has been delivering a course of lectures at Maquoketa, Iowa.

A. B. Bartlett writes to us but omits his post office address.

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Frontier Department.

E. V. WILSON. Notice to Correspondents and Others. All letters, papers and matter for use of the Frontier Department, must be addressed to E. V. Wilson, 300, Lombard, Dupage county, Illinois.

From the East Saginaw (Mich.) Enterprise. Thomas Paine.

We copy from an old number of ZION'S HERALD, the following concerning the noted Paine, from the pen of Rev. J. H. McCarty, of this city: "I visited in company with a friend the farm and monument of the author of 'Common Sense' and 'The Crisis'...

The above article speaks for itself. We pronounce it a lie, and call upon ZION'S HERALD to make good the statements of the Rev. J. H. McCarty, or stand convicted of a base and heartless falsehood...

Walter Morton, who was with Mr. Paine in his last hours, in a short narrative of him says: "In his religious opinions, he continued to the last as steadfast and tenacious as any sectarian to the definition of his own creed. He never, indeed, broached the subject first, but to intrusive, and inquisitive visitors, who came to try him on that point, his general answer was to this effect: 'My opinions are before the world, and all have an opportunity to refute them if they can. I believe them mannable truths, and that I have done great service to mankind by boldly putting them forth. I do not wish to argue upon the subject now. I have labored disinterestedly in the cause of truth. I shook his hand after his use of speech was gone, but while the other organs told me sufficiently that he knew me and appreciated my affection, his eye glistened with genius under the pang of death.'"

Mr. Thomas Paine:- With heart-felt sorrow and poignant regret, we are compelled to announce to the world that Mr. Thomas Paine is no more. This distinguished philanthropist, whose life was devoted to the cause of humanity, departed this life yesterday morning, and if any man's memory deserved a place in the breast of a freeman, it is that of the deceased, for "Take him, for in all, we never shall look upon his like again."

NORWAY OATS. Every Farmer wants this seed. Those who bought in small quantities last year, are very generally retaining their entire stock for sowing next year, while the demand for seed is daily increasing to proportions unprecedented in the history of agriculture...

READ THE TESTIMONY. LOUISIANA, Mo., Aug. 7, 1869. The season with us has been too wet for oats. The Norways have been a success. The heavy rains beat down the common oats so that they had to be mowed, while the Norways stood erect, not a single straw having fallen or even a leaf bent...

WAKED UP TOO LATE. JOHN LINDSAY, Patterson, Pa., Aug. 12, 1869, says: I sowed the bushel of Norway Oats I had of you on one acre of sandy soil; they ripened as soon as common oats, yielding 80 bushels per acre. I only regret I did not buy more seed from you...

THE CONNEAU COUNTY (OHIO) AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INDORSE THEM. AMTOS, Ohio, September 2. I am highly pleased with the appearance and prospect of a great crop of the Oats I had of you. The officers of the Conneau County Agricultural Society met at my place to examine these oats, and pronounced them far ahead of any other they ever saw, and a grand success.

OVER ONE HUNDRED BUSHELS TO THE ACRE. UPPER MARAVONG, Pa., Aug. 27, 1869. I received 3/4 bushel of your seed too late for a fair trial. The yield was thirty-three and three-fourths bushels, surpassing anything ever seen in our section of country. The hills are thin, with plump berries, which accounts for their heavy weight. I recommend farmers to send to you to be sure of the genuine seed.

A GIANT HEAD OF OATS. The above cut represents a single head of the Ramsdell Norway Oats, reduced and copied by photography, from which this engraving is made. The natural length of the head is thirty-one inches, and it is believed to be the largest ever grown.

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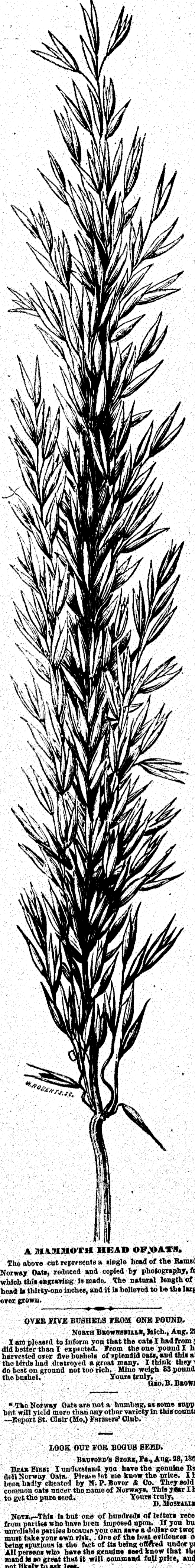
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THREE HUNDRED BUSHELS TO THE ACRE. ST. CHARLES, Mo., Aug. 1869. The Norway Oats I sowed broadcast, without special care, on very rich ground, have had a tremendous growth. I never saw their equal. They are much heavier, and superior in every respect. My yield is about one hundred and fifty bushels to the acre, while a small patch in my garden gives a yield equal to three hundred bushels to the acre. Yours, respectfully, DR. E. W. CHARLES.

NORTH CAROLINA HEARD FROM. BRATTLEBORO, N. O., Aug. 2, 1869. I am so well pleased with the Norway Oats that I take pleasure in reporting to you their success. The land on which they were sown was entirely worn out. We broke it deep and sowed with the 32 pounds of oats 100 pounds of guano. They grew beyond our expectations, yielding well. We certainly regard them as very much superior to any oat we have seen, can heartily indorse them for culture in this section. Yours, etc., W. A. POWELL.

MIGHTY-FIVE BUSHELS FROM HALF AN ACRE. HEMLOCK LAKE, N. Y., Aug. 28. D. W. RAMSDELL & Co.—Gents: We bought last fall from your agents Jones and Clark, some Norway Oats, and sowed them with little faith—27 pounds on half an acre. We noticed as soon as they were up that they were entirely different from common oats. We had a large yield, having thrashed eighty-five bushels, which weight forty-three pounds when cleaned. This is a kind of humbug which we farmers up here like. Respectfully yours, MORRIS & COYKENDALL.

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FACTS AND FIGURES. Extract from the statement of A. Brett. I sowed ten acres, half Norway, half common oats. Land equally as good. Seed used, 15 bushels common oats, 5 bushels Norway. Yield of common oats, 190 bushels; Norway 395 bushels. Result: At 60 cents per bushel, my common oats bring me \$114; Norway, \$237. If we sell our crop at the price of common oats, we had better pay \$20 per bushel for Norway seed than to put in common oats at any price. I sell my Norway easily at \$3 to my friends. Shall put in 50 acres next year, for I am sure they will pay big. A. BRETZ.

FRAUDS. Late developments prove that more counterfeits than genuine seed was sold last year. Dealers, who have enjoyed considerable confidence among farmers, have been forced to acknowledge that they sold Swedish Fur and Poland oats as our seed, and hundreds are now taking advantage of the popularity of our seed to defraud the farmer with counterfeit seed. One party has forwarded to the West over 3,000 bushels of black Canada and New Brunswick Oats, which they are now selling as the Ramsdell seed. The Ramsdell Norway Oats will bear the genuine seed three times as many bushels to the acre as can be produced by any other known oat, (no exceptions made of any of the brag oats in the Country). Respectfully yours, E. W. RABA.