

Calendar for Dec., 1909.

Table with columns for Day of Week, Sun, Moon, High Water, and Low Water. Includes Moon's Phases and specific dates for the month.

Aching Joints

In the fingers, toes, arms, and other parts of the body, are joints that are inflamed and swollen by rheumatism...

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Removes the cause of rheumatism—no outward application can take it. bidden under the very severest penalties by the Council of Basle in 1435...

Spiritism

Uspia Paladino, a Spiritist-medium from Naples, Italy, has recently visited in this country. She is credited with being more gifted in her line of business than the average medium...

While we believe that most that goes on in the seances of mediums consists in fraud and magician's tricks, yet there is a residuum of truth and fact remaining...

There are a vast number of people who do not know what they believe concerning the mystery of existence and their own destiny. If the reader considers this statement too strong, let him move about a little and catch some as he meets them on questions of religion and philosophy...

For instance, How do you know that you exist? The reply will be prompt; I know with certainty that I exist, and you know that I do for you would not talk to me. Tell him that you did not ask as to the fact (real or otherwise) of his existence, but, how do you KNOW that you exist? It is your knowledge that is in question, not your existence. Drive him to give an answer to your last 'Why' and 'How'.

Tuberculosis

Plenty of fresh air, sleeping out-doors and a plain, nourishing diet are all good and helpful, but the most important of all is

Scott's Emulsion

It is the standard treatment prescribed by physicians all over the world for this dread disease. It is the ideal food-medicine to heal the lungs and build up the wasting body.

The truth back of it is, that there are non-corporeal, non-material intelligences, both good and bad; and the fact is that some of them have manifested themselves and interfered with the benefit and to the detriment of mankind. The Holy Scriptures give us examples of both kinds of interference. It is the common belief of the race. It is a fact worth noticing that the writers of the Scriptures, in stating the cases of persons possessed by evil spirits, never express or imply surprise at the fact. They cited them as they would cite everyday facts, and cited their expiation by Our Lord as proof of His power. It was this manifestation of power over evil spirits that caused wonderment. But why were they not surprised at spirit possessions and obsessions, as they naturally would be at now and extraordinary facts? The explanation is simple enough. The people of that time both Jew and Gentile believed in the existence of spirits and experienced their power of interference. The writers of the Scriptures therefore stated facts of possession by evil spirits just as they stated other ordinary events, without surprise, or fear of being doubted.

We were personally acquainted with one of the Fox girls—Kate Fox. Towards the end of her career she became a Catholic. We met her in a priest's house in New York City where she had come for advice. Afterwards the priest told us the case about which she wanted information. On becoming a Catholic she was of course told that she was to have nothing more to do with spirit rapping. Some years before she died she became poor. The Spiritists of New York offered to pay her for being present at their seances, as her presence always caused manifestations.

She called on the priest, told him of her poverty and asked if, as a Catholic, she could attend the seances, not to take any part further than being present. We will now let the priest, who is now dead, conclude the account. "Kate Fox, or Mrs. Kane, called on me to know if she could go to Spiritist seances, merely to be present, as her presence assured rappings. The interview was in the parlor. While conversing on the subject I heard three distinct raps on the parlor table before me. I called her attention to it and asked what it meant. She said, 'That is one of the spirits that followed me here without my asking him. Do you know who it is?' He called himself Joe (here a full name was given not now remembered). Do you believe what he says? Not always, I have often caught him lying. Can he tell things you do not know? He tells things I do not know but I do not know whether they are true or not. Can he tell the same of my grandmother? It was an 'old' Irish name and I believe no one in America knew it but myself. My question was answered by three raps on the table. He says he does, and Kate Fox. Let him tell them. (We do not remember, but suppose to be Bridge.) So began by repeating the alphabet—A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z. Then we have B, said Kate Fox. She continued, A, B, C, etc., down to R—three raps BR, A, B, C, down to I—BRI, A, B, C, down to G—BRIDGE, A, B, C, D, E—three raps, BRIDGE, A, B, C, down to T—BRIDGE. Is that the right name? asked Kate Fox. I told her it was, and now, madam, you cannot attend spirit seances or have anything whatever to do with spirit rapping."

She afterwards left the Church and went back to her rappings. Such is the story as told to me.—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

The Silent Mission.

In St. Alphonsus Church, West Broadway, the Mission for the deaf and dumb of the City of New York, lasting for a week, came to a solemn close on Sunday evening, 14th Nov. The missionary for the deaf mutes is Father Thomas Galvin, C. S. S. R., who in the curriculum of ordinary missions is a forcible speaker, but in the silent language of the deaf and dumb he is unique in his eloquence. The eternal truths of the Gospel were conveyed to the heart and intellect of his dumb congregation not by the flow of tongue oratory, but by the graceful manipulation of hands and fingers deftly moving to and fro, high and low, according as ideas and facts to be expressed demanded.

In the same silent language these forlorn people, men and women, young and old, confessed their sins during the week to Father Galvin. How they rejoiced as they left the tribunal of confession, and as a matter of course received their Holy Communion. Night after night they came to the church with renewed devotion and numbers increasing, till at the close they numbered 400. Their mission reached its climax on Sunday night, when preceded by cross-bearers and a train of acolytes attired in surplices, they marched in procession from the basement to their respective seats in the church. Being seated the well known hymn "O, Mother Dear Pray For Us" was sung in silence, and their silent preacher then ascended the rostrum, and having summed up the work of the week

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"Love your neighbor as yourself," said the minister with great earnestness. "Thomas, whispered the lady who lived next door to a pretty young widow, come away. This is no place for you." This done, Father Galvin in his own happy way introduced R. V. Michael McCarthy, S. J., the life-long friend of the deaf mutes. It was touching in the extreme to see how they manifested their joy in seeing their good old friend standing before them, and, forgetful for the moment of the sacred character of the church they cheered in the only way they could by giving him a hearty clapping of hands. Like Father Galvin, he addressed them in their own language congratulating them on the great success of their mission and with grateful signs and gestures exhorted them to be faithful to the good resolution they made during the mission.

Finally, to put the seal on the good work done during the week, and to close the Mission with due solemnity the Very Rev. John Schneider, C. S. S. R., rector of St. Alphonsus Church, retired in hope, ascend the rostrum to impart the Papal Blessing. He made a short but very impressive discourse, interpreted word for word by Father Galvin, assuring his dumb friends that though now afflicted with the loss of hearing and speech, that if true to the Mission, the day will come when their ears shall be opened and their tongues loosed, their sense of hearing will be so exquisitely clear that they will listen with rapturous delight to the melodies of Heaven for ever and ever, that their tongues now helpless will sing the canticles of Heaven and praise their God in the Kingdom of his glory for all eternity. In their own silent tongue the knowledge of which he acquired during the Mission he gave the deaf mutes his own blessing; their mission cross in hand he imparted to them the Papal blessing, followed by the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at which the Rev. Michael McCarthy, S. J., was celebrant; Rev. Father Mohan was deacon, Rev. V. Cuniff, U. S. S. R., subdeacon, and Rev. Father Fox, rector, master of ceremonies.

Then with the organ and choir of the church and the melody of gesture and of hands and fingers, was sung the hymn "Holy God We Praise Thy Name." Afterwards to each deaf mute was given a souvenir of the Mission—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

A Miraculous Escape.

A story of the late Father Kenelm Vaughan which will probably be new to many of our readers is related by the Rev. Bishop John Vaughan in an obituary notice of the deceased contributed to the Edmondton Referring to Father Kenelm's adventures during his many years of travel in South America, his brother writes: "Again and again his life seemed saved only by a sort of miracle. On one occasion, to give a single instance when two of the little South American Republics were waging fierce war with each other, he was seized as a spy. In spite of his protestations that he was a simple missionary, and wholly unconcerned in their quarrel, they would not believe his story, so he was taken out to be shot. His hands were actually tied behind him and bound to a tree. Then all at once the thought flashed across him that in his little carpet-bag was a Spanish letter which he had received from the Archbishop of Quito (Bouador), and which authorized him to say Mass and to solicit alms for his work. "Hold! Hold!" he cried to the officer, who was just about to give the command to fire. "I can prove my innocence. Go and look into that little bag yonder, and you will find a letter written to me by the Archbishop of Quito, approving my mission. As I have a ready tongue, I am no spy, but a priest—a minister of God."

The soldier went and rummaged amongst the articles in the bag, and at length drew forth the important document. There was a letter, sure enough, with the Archbishop's signature, the stamp and seal all intact. They were satisfied. They had made a mistake. The discovery aroused quite a revolution of feeling throughout the camp. So far from wishing to shoot him, these chivalrous Spaniards could not apologize enough, expressed endless regrets, showed him all the consideration possible, and begged him to stay with them as long as ever he could, and to share their hospitality.—Freeman's Journal.

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