

Galli-Curci Swayed by the Seer of Sweden



Emanuel Swedenborg, Scientist and Theologian
Amelia Galli-Curci
Clarence W. Barron, Financial Authority

Prima Donna Gives Wonderful Interpretation of the Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg—

HENRY FORD'S Dearborn Independent publishes a remarkable article on Galli-Curci and Emanuel Swedenborg, by Clarence W. Barron of the Wall Street Journal, the world famous financial authority. Mr. Barron declares that Galli-Curci has the most wonderful brain he has ever met or heard of in a woman, although she is much more "a true woman with a life and soul of affection for all that is ennobling and uplifting in the family, and in color, form, and music."

Mr. Barron is chairman of the Rotch Trustees, who acting under the will of Lydia S. Rotch of New Bedford, Mass., began in 1872 a modern translation of the Theological Works which Emanuel Swedenborg wrote and published in the Latin tongue, and deposited in the libraries of the world 150 years ago. This work was completed and published by the Houghton Mifflin Co. in 32 volumes in 1907.

About three years ago there appeared in a Cleveland paper a paragraph that among her other accomplishments, Galli-Curci had read all the Theological Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg. The claim seemed so absurd to Mr. Barron that he thought it might be easily punctured by a simple inquiry as to the edition. "The Bible a Greater Work Than Ever" To Mr. Barron's direct inquiry Madame Galli-Curci promptly replied: "Yes, I have read in the past year the complete Swedenborg Works, in fact it is the Rotch Edition of the Houghton Mifflin Co. that I have."

"I can say certainly that the Bible to me is a greater work than it was before." Mr. Barron says: "My astonishment was intensified. Familiar over many years with Swedenborg's general theological writings, I had set out to read the entire thirty-two volumes preparatory to an advertising campaign for the sale of this edition. Reading a few pages each day I finished my self-imposed task in fourteen years. I shall probably finish a second reading, at my present rate of progress, in perhaps ten years. Was it possible that a woman with no previous knowledge or relation to these books had really intelligently read them within a year?"

Swedenborg's Writings Mr. Barron continues: "As an economist writing state papers on weights, measures, coinages and currencies, Swedenborg is easily comprehended. As an engineer transporting ships overland he is easily visualized. As a government official in the great mining industry of Sweden, writing practical books on mining and smelting, declared to be the foundation of modern metallurgy, he is of interest in the encyclopedia of scientific history. As the writer of volumes—original studies in search for the human soul—he is not without human interest."

"But when one comes to the realm of the unseen, where there is neither time nor space upon which to rest mental conceptions, few may enter into the fullness of the revelation which has come into the libraries of the world through Emanuel Swedenborg. Think of twenty modern-sized volumes, originally written in the Latin tongue and unfolding from the Hebrew of 'Genesis' and 'Exodus' the internal or spiritual sense that lies beneath the letter. Annex a dozen more similar volumes that not only expound every picture set forth in the book of 'Revelation' as conveyor of a tremendous truth of universal application throughout invisible degrees of creation and life, but also illumine all the problems of sex as presented throughout the universe from the union of the love and wisdom in the divine down to sex crystallization in the mineral kingdom; include the deepest of all works ever written entitled, in the original Latin, 'Angelic Wisdom Concerning the Divine Love and the Divine Wisdom.'

Then answer to yourself the number of years that ought to be required to master these thirty-two volumes?"

Mean More Than Any Other Books Mr. Barron, still credulous, continued his correspondence with Madame Galli-Curci for some months. He learned that soon after she lost her dear mother she had sought the Writings of Swedenborg in a desire to know more about the other world whence her mother had gone. She spent the entire summer vacation studying Swedenborg's Works, and declared: "They have meant, and mean more to me than anything else I have ever read."

When Galli-Curci returned from California Mr. Barron motored up into the Catskills to her beautiful Italian palace, and in an afternoon with her and her husband, Mr. Homer Samuels, he was convinced that Galli-Curci had read and devoured Swedenborg in a briefer period than anybody had ever done before. He says of this interview: "Hours flew like minutes. I wasn't the questioner, Mr. and Mrs. Samuels were at me with the sharpest and deepest questions. They seemed in perfect harmony mentally and spiritually, as in their work in music."

Wanted to Learn "She wanted to know about the 'Grand Man'. I told her it would be easier to comprehend it if she would forego the idea of time and space and consider, as Swedenborg says in 'The Apocalypse Explained', that every society in the heavens connects with some organ of the human body and helps to sustain it. Therefore the heavens have the organization of the 'Grand Man', but we need not think of it as a shape or figure."

"Yes," exclaimed her husband, "I see it; it is organization." I explained, also, how the 'Psalms' likewise connected with every society of the heavens, and how the world within and without was knit together in one grand poem and song of creation, man in the image of his Maker and knit into Him through the heavens, from which he has life in every organ of his body."

Swedenborg's 32 Volumes Read in a Single Summer "Now I understand," she said, and asked me for explanation of other things. Her intelligent questions, as well as her statements, left no manner of doubt that Galli-Curci had performed the stupendous feat of reading the thirty-two volumes of Swedenborg in a single summer season. She declared 'Heaven and Hell' a very attractive and popular title and concerns that about which people are most eager to know; but it is not one of Swedenborg's great works; although it makes a good popular and introductory work."

A Help in Her Work Galli-Curci understands the writings of Swedenborg even better than theologians, because she puts them into practice in the broadest life of loving helpfulness.

She said that Swedenborg had helped her in her work. She had no longer to think of herself but of her audiences, and let the music flow through her: regard herself just a medium for life to pour through. She felt with and for her audiences, and singing was no effort for her.

All Fear Vanishes "The more you do—the more you give forth—the more life and energy is poured into you, and you are stronger and not weaker for the doing, the working and the singing. I always feel stronger; I am not exhausted at all by my singing. Swedenborg shows the reason and how life comes in as you pour it forth usefully to others. You don't have to try worry or fret. You know it is not you but that it is just being done through you." Speaking further of the help Swedenborg had been to her in her work she said: "One gets so much more confidence. The other world and the one life, that comprehends all life, becomes reality and all fear and worry vanish."

HUNTS TREASURE SUNK ABOUT 1700

Logan Expedition Seeks Gold of Lost Vessel.

New York.—Maj. R. A. Logan, manager of the mapping division of the Fairchild aerial surveys, left New York for a treasure hunt in Nova Scotia, which, he says, may net him at least \$100,000 and perhaps \$2,000,000.

The treasure was the cargo of a French "pay ship" which fell into the hands of the English off Cape Breton island about the year 1700. After various vicissitudes the crew of the French vessel managed to sink the treasure in Canadian lakes, but were prevented by the English from returning to claim it. All trace of it was eventually lost and repeated searches failed to give a hint of its whereabouts.

Major Logan discovered last winter, in an old Spanish narrative, an account of how the treasure passed into the hands of a Spanish privateer. The captain of this vessel handed the Frenchman who gave him the information, but the captain was prevented by the French from salvaging the treasure. He left the records for his son, however, and it is this record which Major Logan is using as his guide.

Knowing the country well, Major Logan last spring bought up all the land on which the treasure can possibly be hidden if the Spanish records are accurate.

"All I have to do now is to dig," said the major just before his departure, "and I'm so sure I've got the right dope I'm willing to spend five months digging if necessary. I'll have two laborers helping me. That's all there is to my expedition."

"Man Without a Country" Has Many Allies in U. S.

Washington.—The "man without a country" of book fame would have plenty of company were he to set foot on American shores.

More than 1,000,000 persons in the United States, of approximately 1 per cent of the total population, are in the same fix and most of them don't know it.

This revelation was made by Harry E. Hull, commissioner of immigration, in discussing some of the queer workings of the immigration laws.

"You can safely say," he asserted, "that there are more than a million persons in this country today who cannot claim citizenship of any land. A great majority of them are unaware of it, but quite a few of them who are don't seem to care."

The commissioner explained that this huge total of "outcasts" was created largely by aliens who have overstayed their temporary entries, and by tourists, who, en route to some other country, stopped off here, found a job, and settled down. Many also came over the borders when restrictions were less rigid, lost their original citizenship by remaining here too long and then forgot or ignored American citizenship requirements.

Hull said his bureau never seeks out these noncitizens, but often comes in contact with them. Some are amazed to find out that they have no legal claim to any citizenship when they apply for passports or re-entry permits; others learn about their status when they go before a court to sue or in some other legal proceeding.

"It works the other way around, too," he asserted. "An American can go abroad and lose his citizenship here and there also if he is ignorant or careless about the law."

Has Self Arrested, but Can't Get Guilty Verdict

Council Bluffs, Iowa.—James Harrington, thirty-one years old, had himself arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting, charged himself with the offense and testified against himself in police court here.

He told the judge that he met two acquaintances on the street here and one of the men asked him where he was going.

"It is none of your business," Harrington testified, he replied. The fight ensued.

The judge took the case under advisement and later dismissed it. "I want to beat that fellow to it and get the trial over with," Harrington explained.

Noisy Radio Lands Owner in Jail Cell

New York.—Long Beach's midnight curfew law clashed with a radio belonging to a Long Beach resident, and at last accounts the law seemed to have the better of the argument.

The radio belongs to Edward H. Dobbs.

When Dobbs retired, weary with the strain of the holiday, the "juice" was still turned on. A while after he had gone to bed the radio picked up some jazz orchestra somewhere and began to relay the strains to the neighborhood.

When the strains continued until twenty minutes after midnight a neighbor telephoned the police and had a detail sent to the Dobbs home.

According to the police Dobbs was peeved and refused to stop the radio. It was turned off by one of the policemen and Dobbs was taken to the police station attired in his pajamas.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me under the terms of a deed of Trust executed to me by John Crawford, dated April 26th, 1921, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County in Book "F S" Page 455-466, default having been made in the payment of principal and interest of the notes secured by said Deed of Trust, and demand having been made upon me by the holders of the notes that I advertise and sell said property under the Deed of Trust to satisfy said notes, notice is hereby given that I will sell at Public Auction, for Cash, the following described real estate, at 12 o'clock Noon, September 18th, 1926, at the Court House Door in the town of Pittsboro, Chatham County, N. C.

"BEGINNING at a point on New Hope Creek, same being on the county line dividing Durham and Chatham Counties, and at the south-east corner of land belonging to Richard Nunn on May 17th 1916, and running thence West along said county line 264 poles to a stake in said county line; thence south 156 poles to a stake and pointers; thence West 158 poles to a post oak and pointers; thence south 50 1-2 poles to an old stump and pointers; thence west 48 1-2 poles to a stake; thence south 196 poles to pointers; thence west 29 poles to Morgan Creek; thence along the meanders of said Morgan Creek in a southwesterly direction about 120 poles to a stake; thence west across Morgan Creek 166 poles to a stake; thence in a southerly direction 133 poles to a stake; thence east 53 poles to a stake in public road; thence along said public road 58 poles to a hickory pointers; thence east 152 poles to Morgan Creek; thence along the meanders of said Morgan Creek in a southerly direction about 170 poles to a stake on the bank of Morgan Creek; thence East 152 poles to a post-oak and pointers; thence north about 7 chains to a large sweet gum; thence east 126 poles to a stake on the east side of the Durham and South Carolina Railroad; thence north 124 poles to a stake; thence East 298 poles to a sweet gum on the bank of New Hope Creek; thence up and along the meanders of New Hope Creek to a stake at Northwestern corner of the lands of Jack Seagroves on said New Hope Creek; thence East along the line of the land of the said Jack Seagroves 171 poles to a stake; thence North 112 poles to a stake; thence West 194 poles to New Hope Creek; same being the Southwest corner of the lands of G. W. Upchurch; thence Northerly along the meanders of said New Hope Creek to pointers of beginning and containing 1373 acres more or less according to the plot of said land made by R. B. Clegg, Surveyor for Chatham County and filed and recorded April 11th, 1907, excepting from the above, one acre of land upon which is located the Merritt burying ground, and about 40 acres of land disputed by one McCauley along the West boundary of said prop-

erty extending the measurement of 50 1-2 poles south a sufficient distance before the measurement of 48 1-2 poles west, to contain said acreage. And further excepting from the operations of this conveyance that tract of land deeded by John Crawford to Wiley Yates by deed duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Chatham County bounded and described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a point on Morgan Creek, William Cheek's south-east corner, and running thence with said Cheek's southern boundary line West 166 poles to a stake; thence in a southerly direction 133 poles to a stake; thence east 53 poles to a stake in the public road; thence along said public road 58 poles to Hickory pointers; thence East 152 poles to Morgan Creek; thence with the meanders of said Morgan Creek in a Northerly direction to the point of beginning, containing 60 acres more or less and being as the "John Crawford tract" of land in Williamstownship, Chatham County, which lies across and West of Morgan Creek as shown on the above mentioned plat and survey of R. B. Clegg.

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