

Galli-Curci Swayed by the Seer of Sweden



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 surprise, 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.'

Why don't they improve the detours a bit before closing up the main roads for repairs?—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Evidently the Paris crowds have no idea that France will ever need help again.—Philadelphia Record.

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 understand 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 audience, 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."

Picking wild flowers without permission brings a \$25. fine in Maryland. Why wasn't man constituted so that he would love to cut the weeds and let the wild flowers alone?—Houston Post-Dispatch.

A cow never loafs while out in the sun. She stays on the move grazing continuously which is another argument for clearing part of the woodland for pasture and leaving remainder to grow trees.

Milk producers of Buncombe County who sell their milk through the Farmers' Federation are getting \$4 per hundred pounds for 4 percent milk while unorganized milk producers around Charlotte are receiving \$2.80 per hundred pounds. What's the answer?

BAY VIEW ITEMS.

We are having some warm weather and plenty of mosquitoes at this writing.

Remember the ice cream supper Friday night the 3rd at the F. W. B. church. Come with a well filled pocket book.

The F. W. League from here went to Holly Springs Saturday night to attend the union and a banner was to be given to the largest number of leaguers present. Stacy was victorious in getting the banner by having two more than Mount Pleasant (our league). The next union meeting will be held here, which will be the 30 and 31st of October.

Little George Thomas of this place is very ill at present with colitis.

Mrs. Joe Small Sr. and Mrs. C. W. Graham represented Mount Pleasant church and Sunday School and Miss Maymie Dowdy represented the League in the Union meeting at Holly Springs Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Margie Haskett and son are on the sick list at present.

Quite a number of boys from Beaufort spent a short while in our berg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Gillikin and children of Detroit Michigan are here spending a few days with her sister Mrs. Alex Graham.

OBITUARY.

It is through much weakness and with a sad heart that I attempt to write the death of my dear daughter Dorothy J. Lawrence Willis.

She was born October 20, 1906 and died August 20 1926 making her stay on earth 19 years and 10 months. She was the youngest daughter of Bedford B. Lawrence and Emma C. Lawrence and the wife of Carlton Willis. She leaves a heart broken husband, father, mother, two sisters and one brother, four nephews and three nieces and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

We go mourning every day, we cannot help but weep; we are so sad and lonely since dear little Dorothy has fallen asleep.

She is gone but not forgotten
Nevad will her memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger,
Around the grave where she was laid.

Farewell dear daughter, we bid you adieu
Hope some day to meet you where all things are new.
Thy voice was so gentle, thy words kind,
We all feel so lonely since we are left behind.

Oh, we so badly miss you and feel the chastening rod
We can only stand still and know that thou art with God.
Written in much sorrow, by her loving mother
EMMA C. LAWRENCE,
Otway, N. C.

CORE CREEK HAPPENINGS.

A fishing party from Tuscorora were here at the steel bridge Thursday trying their luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Respass of Washington who have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Foreman, returned to their home

Saturday.

Mr. A. W. Foreman spent the week end visiting his daughter Mrs. Roy Respass of Washington. He returned home Monday night.

Mrs. E. C. Dickinson and children are visiting her mother Mrs. Lula Bell of Harlowe.

Misses Era Bell Eubanks and Mildred Sabiston spent a few days last week with Mrs. Elmo Taylor of Oak Grove.

Mr. Ray Dickinson and family motored to New Bern Sunday to see their son Mr. Doy Dickinson.

Mr. Curt Dickinson is suffering from an attack of mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Small and children and Mesdames M. A. Small and Lucy Fodrie and Miss Melva Fodrie spent Sunday afternoon at Oyster Creek.

Mrs. D. W. Bell of Harlowe spent Monday with his mother Mrs. G. M. Sabiston.

Mrs. J. P. Dickinson was a visitor at Beaufort Saturday night.

Mr. M. R. Whitley and sons Robert and Charles spent Sunday at Atlantic.

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