

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 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,'

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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 the 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."

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Notes and Comment

By CHAD ALTON

A writer commenting on hero worship abroad tells with what enthusiasm the Ederle girl who swam the English channel was received in Germany, and points out no such demonstration would take place here. No, our enthusiasm bursts forth in climbing over the backs of others to get sight of a man charged with murder of his daughter, and spilling sympathetic tears over flowers intended for presentation to him. Something like that is our estimation of a hero.

The city of Seattle has appropriated \$1000 to pay the expense of sending a man to Europe to measure the width of streets in the principal capitals. It is a sign of the prosperous times we are enjoying and what easy marks the taxpayers are to let go of their dollars when a two-cent stamp would have brought the information desired. No small wonder Europe itches to get over here and reach a hand in our pockets.

It would be impossible to make any law looking to the benefit of mankind based on the laws of moral, ity and right, that would please a certain class. You can educate an Eskimo or an average South Sea islander and make a fairly decent sample of civilization of them, but the white race has many where this rule will not apply.

The Ederle girl who swam the English channel attributes her strength and endurance to house work. Well, we may console ourselves that out of a population of one hundred fifteen millions one has been found.

So many pictures of shapely young women are appearing in the papers these days one begins to wonder what Eve, modest female, would think about it were she to visit us.

The Coolidge administration proposes to cut the appropriations for army and navy to the very marrow and increase those for enforcement of the liquor traffic laws. This appears a quite sensible thing to do, as this country is in much greater danger from law violation than from any prospective war.

The ancient habit of referring to Oregonians as "Webfooters" must be called off. The light rainfalls the country has been having of late years has changed them to regular land animals and their toes to normalcy. If it be desired to place the blame for this on the increased use of water for drinking purposes, let it go at that.

A French law requires a citizen becoming possessed of a dollar to spend it for francs within ninety days. In this land of do about as you please no paper weights are needed on our dollars.

What is said to be world's largest airplane has been christened "Cyclops." It is for the U. S. army, has a speed of 135 miles per hour, carries two machine guns and 4000 pounds of bombs. That looks like preparing for peace, doesn't it?

The growth of the Pacific North-

west cities may be gauged by the fact that many of them in making provision for water supply now find themselves suffering for want

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