

FOETICIDE AND INFANTICIDE.

THE frightful and increasing extent of the crime of *Restellism*, is full warrant for honest, earnest protest against it, from whatever quarter. The following is entitled to be so considered:

Editors of the Revolution:

For the last twelve years I have been an investigator, and for the last nine or ten a firm believer in spirit communion ("strike" but read). In January, 1862, I visited, in company with a gentleman of high character, a Miss Irish, at that time a well-known medium who lived at 67 West Thirty-second street, New York. We were entirely unknown to each other. What purported to be the spirit of a daughter was presented to me. As a test I asked her name. A different one was given from that of the only daughter I supposed I had in spirit life, and who was accustomed to visit me in spirit almost every time I came into the presence of "spirit mediums." Supposing it to be some trifling or deceptive spirit, I withdrew from the table and asked my friend to take my place, which he did. His spirit friends, however, declined communicating, and I again took my seat at the table. A new idea occurred to me. I asked for a test, and my Christian, middle and surname were correctly given in full, together with the maiden name of my deceased wife. In reply to my query, the spirit said there were two other spirits like itself present, both boys. On the spirit manifesting affection, I said that if I could be sure she was really my daughter, I felt that I could return her love. Immediately the following sentence was rapped out by the alphabet: "Do you love me as well as *Gertrude* and the rest at home?" naming correctly the only daughter I then had at home, a distance of some two hundred miles.

A day or two after this, I called again on Miss Irish and sat with her alone, when the spirit of my deceased mother came and told me, in answer to my queries, that the foregoing communication was true. I then asked the ages of the three children who had passed from earth prematurely. She indicated by figures 15, 13 and 10 years. I asked why these children had not come to me before through other mediums. She answered in these words: "We could not impress the idea upon them, as they were premature births, and your wife said it was better for you to see them with her first, and if you had looked when you saw little *Robinson* you would have seen the other two standing near—now they will come to you equally with your other daughter." I asked what was meant by this, and was answered, "Your wife said you recognized her in a dream vision, but I do not know anything farther." I remarked that such things were hard to believe. It was answered, "Yes, it can be but belief to you, but it is reality to me. Realities are not hard to you, neither are they to me, but our realities differ. We recognize the law of reproduction, that cannot be thrown aside with its responsibilities, attractions and loves; and those spirits, whose maternal love has never been satisfied, take them as the mother would have done, and remain constantly near the earth mother with their adopted charge, until the natural period of parturition, when the foundation of the mind is built, after which the spirit guardian takes the responsibility of developing it."

I asked if my wife had assumed charge of these children. It was answered, "Yes, she has, and often other mothers do, but as often

not, for that depends upon the law of attraction, as it is developed in the child towards the earth mother." I asked if my wife was not greatly surprised at meeting these immature children in the spirit world. The answer came, "Yes, but not so much so as if she had murdered them." I said this revelation opens a fearful chapter in spirit life, for those who have been guilty of aiding in abortion? The reply came, "Mothers think so, when they meet little murdered ones here. That recognition becomes their punishment, and a terrible one, too; but no more than the crime for which they suffer deserves." I asked how it was that my wife showed herself to me in the vision spoken of? It was answered, "She says she held him in her arms as a nursing child."

This was the spirit revelation—now for the earth facts bearing upon it. Some few weeks before this, I had, in a dream, a vivid view of a female form resembling my deceased wife, holding a nursing child in her arms. My youngest child at that time was about nine years of age. A year or so previous to his birth, his mother lost an immature male child, thus agreeing in age and sex with the one purporting to be in spirit life. Two others, I knew, had been lost in a similar way, but when I did not remember, nor had I any means of ascertaining, until I returned home, when I found, by reference to a memorandum made at the time, that the accident that caused the miscarriage occurred in September, 1846, thus verifying the revelation. The other child named, I had no means of ascertaining, further than that I knew it was the second one lost about a year or two after the first, in a very early stage of conception.

Since then, these immaturred children have often been presented to me through various mediums by my spirit wife, and other friends in many localities, wide apart, who could not, by any possibility, have known anything of the circumstances that have transpired on earth in relation to them. Of their continued existence I have no doubt whatever—nor have I any that there are myriads like them in the spirit realms, that have been deprived of their earth lives by accident or design.

Now, spirits uniformly teach that "God has done all things well"—that this earth is designed as a sphere in which man should be educated in the rudiments of goodness, knowledge and wisdom, and that the joys and sorrows, the weaknesses, imperfections and varied trials and experiences of this life are all essential to his individualization and development, and fuller enjoyment of the endless life to come. If this is so (which for one I have no doubt of), how far greater is the injury inflicted on an immortal fellow-creature by cutting short his earth existence in infancy than it is to deprive one of life who has nearly, or even but partially lived his allotted time on earth! When men acquire a fuller knowledge of their destiny and the laws of their being, our lawmakers will, no doubt, so consider it, and the wilful taking the life of even an unborn infant be held to be a crime of as great or greater magnitude than the murder of a full grown man.

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WHAT CAN BE DONE.—All things are possible with—a resolute woman. The Western papers say a lady in Red Wing, Minnesota, became disgusted at the inefficiency of the carpenters who were building her house, discharged them, and has nearly finished the work herself.

LETTER FROM GEO. FRANCIS TRAIN.

A WOMAN SAVES HER LIFE BY SWIMMING HALF AN HOUR ON HER BACK WHILE TWO MEN SINK.—SERENO HOWEISM AND RESTELLISM CAN ONLY BE UPROOTED BY MARY WOLLSTONECRAFTISM.—THE NEW RACE OF AMERICANS IN NEW AMERICA.—SHOULD GENIUS EVER WED?

DUBLIN, FOUR COURTS MARSHALSEA, }
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DEAR REVOLUTION: All the world is a Revolution and all the editors therein are waking up to the slavery of woman. The mills of God grind slowly, but grind exceedingly fine.

WOMEN HAVE NO BRAINS FOR POLITICS, BUT THEY KNOW HOW TO SWIM.

"THE REVOLUTION" should teach all the girls how to swim, fence, drill, play base ball, walk, shoot guns, and kick foot ball. Never mind the in-door gymnastics, but take exercise in the open air.

A MAJOR OF THE CONFEDERATE ARMY DROWNED.—There has been an unusually large number of boat accidents on the Clyde this season. A Greenock paper of last evening reports a case in which Major Morgan, of the late Confederate army, and a Mr. Tweedie, of London, were drowned. The accident occurred in the Bay of Millport, Isle of Cumbrae. A Glasgow lady, Miss Brown, who was one of the party, kept herself afloat for half an hour by swimming on her back, and was rescued.

When I saw how this woman saved her life I thought she ought to have a vote. It reminded me of E. C. S.'s Bullet story and the "Head of the Family." Dr. Hosmer saved his daughter's life by keeping her in the open air and making her practice the games of boys. When she was at Mrs. Sedgewick's school at Lenox, Milly Fillmore, as they called the President's daughter, and Hattie Hosmer and Carrie Train used to romp the fields—fishing, hunting and climbing trees for crows nests. Fanny Kemble Butler will remember these days twenty years ago.

GENIUS SHOULD NEVER MARRY UNLESS IT WED A PRIESTESS OF THE SACRED FIRE.

Man wills. Woman loves. Man's affections are earthward, woman's heavenward. Man deteriorates, woman aspires. All great men are badly mated—all great women have a skeleton in their houses. A noble mind and generous nature married to a woman of narrow forehead dwarfs into mediocrity. Tennyson sings an eternal truth:

As the wife is, so the husband—he will sink down day by day,
What is fine within him growing coarse, to sympathize with clay.

That ocean nymph Undine was a mythical goddess, yet men seek the world over for Undines. She was beautiful but she had no soul; she was lovely but she had no brains. Those are the women who, to preserve their beauty practice RESTELLISM. Oh! that they would remember the fate of THELKA, the Swedish bride, described by "Sperenza."

LET US BREED A SUPERIOR ORDER OF MEN AND WOMEN.

Let us commence the world anew. Let cart-horses breed with cart-horses, and let race-horses beget race-horses. Blood will tell. Let "THE REVOLUTION" point the way. Let twenty-one inch heads marry twenty-two inch heads. But let twenty-three and four inch heads wed their own order. The world is ruled by twenty-three inch heads. Blood will tell in breed. Let narrow foreheads "herd with narrow foreheads," and men of intellect marry the women of "THE REVOLUTION" type, and build up a su-