

THE LATE MADAME LOTTI WILMOTT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREETHOUGHT REVIEW.

SIR,—I have to address you on a subject which is very painful to me, viz., the death of the Freethought lecturer, Madame Lotti Wilmott. I know she was not a member of our local organisation, but surely it seems heartless and cruel—contrary to the principles of what I conceive to be Freethought—when she, who had been a worker in our great cause, was ill, penniless, and dependent for bread on strangers, that no one connected with us offered to help her, especially after the appeal in the 'N. Z. Times.' She has left a daughter, penniless, I believe. Could nothing be done to help her? At all events, let us subscribe to place a headstone over Madame's grave. I am not very rich, but, if you will receive subscriptions, I promise 10s. Hoping, in the interests of charity, you will publish this letter,—I remain, &c.,

ERNEST LEVY, C. F. A.

Christchurch, June 19, 1884.

[There is reason to believe that the story circulated by the Wesleyan Minister is not a true account of the circumstances, and it would be well that the Freethinkers of Wellington ascertained the facts; whereupon, if a subscription should be found necessary to assist any person connected with the deceased, we shall place our columns at the disposal of any responsible person or committee for raising sufficient funds for the purpose.—Ed.]

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3. Thursday—Leibnitz, born, 1646.
4. Friday—Garibaldi, born, 1807.
5. Saturday—Georges Sand, born, 1804.
6. Sunday—John Huss, burned, 1373.
8. Tuesday—Professor Cairnes, died, 1875.
11. Friday—Lalande, born, 1732.
15. Tuesday—Carl Vogt, born, 1817.
16. Wednesday—Beranger, died, 1857.
19. Saturday—Petrarch, died, 1374.
20. Sunday—H. D. Church, died, 1859.
21. Monday—Robert Burns, died, 1796.
27. Sunday—J. Dalton, died, 1844.
30. Wednesday—Diderot, died, 1784.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C.T.—That is just the difficulty. Cases of fraud on the part of mediums are continually being exposed. But against this we have the undoubted fact that there is a vast number of people of great intelligence and high character who bear witness to spiritualistic phenomena. There is something that has to be accounted for. The force we believe to be neural.

Received: ‘The Vaccination Inquirer,’ ‘The Presbyterian,’ ‘The N.Z. Methodist,’ ‘The Liberal,’ ‘The Liberator.’

Received several contributions which we hold over for want of space.

TO OUR READERS.

With the August number of the ‘Freethought Review’ will be published, on toned paper, as a supplement, the likeness of Mr. Joseph Symes, the distinguished Freethought Lecturer. The picture will be in the best style of lithographic art. It is intended to issue with the ‘Review,’ from time to time, likenesses of the leaders in the Freethought cause, and it is hoped that Freethinkers generally will appreciate the design. Agents are required to send in orders as early in the month as possible, as only a certain number will be struck off.

The Freethought Review.

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COMPULSORY VACCINATION.

THE advocates of the repeal of the law enforcing compulsory vaccination are presumably in the minority, or the law would not be on the statute book. But there is a position midway between the two poles of thought which tends to maintain the *status quo*—the attitude of indifference. The vaccinationists have law, prejudice, and vested interests on their side. Both parties make claims to facts, figures, and logic. The field of operations for the opposing forces is the ‘general public,’ not yet sufficiently informed on the subject.

It is not our intention in the present article to quote statistics—a vain research indeed in a forest. Vaccinationists and anti-vaccinationists produce their respective budgets of figures, and we can only attempt to arrive at conclusions from general considerations and the reason of the thing. If it be urged that the statistics of the great hospitals have shown conclusively that vaccination has afforded immunity from smallpox, how are recent epidemics which have occurred since compulsory vaccination became law to be accounted for? If it be said that vaccination has been badly performed, or that frequent vaccination is required, the reply is, that the question being still in the experimental stage, compulsion is unjustifiable. Every reasonable person has a right to ask for certainty before the law shall compel a man to act under penalty. If the statistical argument requires revision, the law of compulsion must be revised at the same time.

The medical argument, though medical men do not generally own it, is based on the homœopathic law of *similia similibus curantur*—likes are cured by likes; a principle which is finding acceptance in Allopathic