

count of the meeting between the two hermits, Antonius and Paulus, of Thebes:

"Antonius had received a revelation that far away in the desert there was a man holier than he and that he should go and find him. He commenced to walk without knowing where to go. But he was led to a grotto into which he crept and finally found the hermit. Paulus, who had been living there for ninety years. The two men, although complete strangers, embraced each other in a friendly greeting."

The wonderful faculty of the human mind of which we are speaking shows itself more universally active in dreams than in a waking condition. The suspension of the functions of the body seems to leave this faculty a greater liberty of action. Very few persons are to be found who have not some experience of having had coming events made manifest to them during the quiet hours of night. A great many such dreams have been recorded on the pages of history, both sacred and profane.

The church father Basilus had a dream in which he saw the martyred Macarius receive a commandment from God to go and kill the emperor Julian, the apostate. He saw Macarius vanish and again appear, saying: "Lord, Julian has been killed as Thou hast commanded me!" When Basilus woke he felt so convinced of the death of the emperor, that he announced it as a fact to his congregation. Melancthon relates the following:

"When I once was with Doctor Justus Jonas I received a letter announcing the death of his eldest daughter. I did not know how to communicate the sad news to him in the most gentle manner, when it occurred to me to ask him what he had been dreaming lately. He said: 'I dreamt that I went home and that everybody came to give me a welcome except my eldest daughter.' Then I said: 'Your dream is true. Your eldest daughter will never meet you except in a life to come, because she has left this world.'"

The London Times of August 29, 1829, published the following dream and its fulfillment:

"In the night of May 11 one Mr. Williams, of Scorrier House, Redruth, Cornwall, dreamt that he was in the forehall of the House of Commons, in London, when he saw a man with a pistol shoot another man to death, and that he was told that the murdered man was the chancellor. He dreamt this three times in one night, and felt himself very much concerned about it. The person of the chancellor, Mr. Perceval, the murderer, and the locality were all minutely described by Williams as if he had seen them in reality, although he had never seen either. In the evening of the same day the intelligence came that Perceval had been murdered by Bellingham."

But this perception of distant objects and events is not confined to dreams. Sometimes it takes place

when the person is perfectly awake. It has then been called the Second Sight. Appolonius, of Tyana, was delivering a lecture in Ephesus, when suddenly he stopped and cried out: "Stab him! Stab the tyrant!" and then, turning to the audience, he said: "Take comfort, the tyrant has been killed." Later it was learned that the Emperor Domitian had been killed in Rome at the very hour when Appolonius had made the announcement.

Swedenborg was in a company at Amsterdam when the Emperor of Russia, Peter III., in the year 1762, died. He announced the death in the following words: "Now, this moment, is the Emperor Peter dead in his prison." On another occasion, Swedenborg then being in Gothenburg, described a conflagration in Stockholm in the year 1795. Kant has preserved this incident in his *Traume eines Geistersehers*.

Those that obtain perceptions through a second sight are for the time being in a condition of ecstasy. Their senses are turned as it were from their present surroundings, and they receive probably through the medium of the spirit real perceptions that are conveyed to their minds without the help of the senses.

There can be no doubt that the oracles of the ancient Greeks knew means whereby to neutralize the functions of the senses or to suspend them in such a way as to render themselves in a condition to see things far away. A remarkable instance of this is the Delphi oracle. Croesus wanted to test her once. He sent a messenger to ask what he had been doing on a certain day. The oracle answered in substance: I can smell lamb mixed in earth with turtle, and boiling: earth is laid under it and with earth it is covered. Croesus had that very day been boiling a piece of lamb together with turtle in an earthen pot, just to test the oracle, and the answer of Pythia cannot reasonably be supposed to be a guess. There must have been something more in it. Nor can there be any doubt that many uncivilized nations who practice secret arts really attain wonderful results. A very interesting instance is related by one of the followers of Wrangel on his expedition to the arctic regions in the year 1820, a translation of which will be given in a following article.

It is stated that miners down from the Nabob, Big Cottonwood, report seven feet of snow up there.

DOESN'T LIKE THE TRUTH.

THE "Liberal" organ does not relish the positive proofs we have given of the abuse of Delegate Calne dealt out by the "Liberal" ex-candidate. We proved a number of his assaults upon the Delegate to be wilful falsehoods, and showed that lying about a man is abusing him. We did not expect the libeller to apologize, or to retract anything, or to act like a gentleman in any way. So we are not disappointed that he resents our evidence without touching upon the facts presented, but would have been very much surprised if he had either "acknowledged the corn" or attempted to rectify one of his errors. And by the bye, if we have made a mistake in calling that train failure a "champaign tour," we hasten to correct the word, and offer "whisky" as the proper term and nearer the naked fact. We are willing to let it go at that.

"OPPOSITON TO SEWERS."

SEWER District Number Two is abolished, on petition of certain of the taxpayers therein. No wonder they resisted the additional burden sought to be imposed upon them. The provision which puts it within the power of the majority of the taxpayers in a Sewer District to stop an assessment on their property which would be oppressive, and which is not a public necessity, was a wise limitation placed by the People's representatives on the levying power of the City Council.

But for the exorbitant valuations placed upon property by "Liberal" officials, it is quite probable that these already afflicted taxpayers would not have tried to hinder the extension of the sewer system. That has had a paralyzing effect upon property-owners and is the cause of obstructing many local improvements.

It is now in order for the press ruffians of the "Liberal" organ to assail the protesters against the sewers for District Number Two, and call them the same vile names with which they pelted the protesters against the sewers for District Number One. But will they do it? Scarcely. The chief objector is a noted "Liberal," the "Liberal" City Attorney endorsed the protest, and a "Liberal" City Council has abolished the District. So what was akin to a crime when the sewer scheme was mooted, will doubtless be turned into a virtue now that it is