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Where is the "Knower" of Thought?

BY EMILY PALMER CAPE

In an article entitled "The Mechanism of the Brain" by Carl Snyder, in "Harper's Monthly" for May, the old question of science is brought before the student, of the *Thinker*, the *Knower*, the "I," where does it exist in the human form? *Where is that I that thinks?* Step by step, has science delved more minutely into the dividing of material substance into finer divisions, each step seemed nearer the goal of surprising Nature in her deepest hidden secret, the *Thinker* the *Knower*. How do we think? Where lies the power to think? What organ is the seat of our thinking? The brain has long been looked on as the house of "gray-matter;" cells producing the machinery for thought, but Thought *itself*, what *is* it? Life—what is it?

"The world of science was a long time accepting the notion of a living substance, a chemically analyzable basis of life."

"Huxley's celebrated "protoplasm" lecture did much to reconcile men's minds to the materialistic conception. But it has been a great deal harder to bring man to concieve a *thinking*

substance, a form of matter, like salt or sugar or gunpowder, whose business it is to feel and think and dream."

The conclusion, however, seems inevitable. So far as we know, the process of thought and consciousness are associated only with a special form of living substance, a particular kind of Huxley's "protoplasm." Again these words are used:

"Whether it be a brain cell of a glow worm, or one trembling with the harmonies of 'Tristan and Isolde,' the stuff it is made of is much the same."

"And in this orderly evolution there is no break, no link missing anywhere."

For the scientists to conceive of a substance known as 'thought substance' is but a step nearer the inevitable stone wall all scientific investigation leads us to. We know no more to-day, than we ever did regarding the question, "What is *Life*?" "What is the thinker?" "*Where is the Knower of Thought?*" One can never think of a thought minus the thinker. If the idea of "thinking substance" were a possible truth, how could one explain the *Knower of that Substance*? Always do we forget the *Thinker* who is behind the very analysis of the thought power or avenue for us to receive it. No one can ever think of themselves as *not being*; to try to think of ourselves as *dead is impossible*. We but picture ourselves, our bodies lying there, but who, or what is that which contemplates that body? It is *that* which is the real Thinker. That which is never chained by matter, and can never be discovered by materialistic scientific investigation. Atoms, even down to the logical conclusion of such tiny indivisible particles which matter is brought to, but evades, and blunts deeper the search for that great question—What is life? Where is the Knower of Thought?

Until science begins to realize that this great universe is many planed, and that the laws of one plane are entirely inde-

pendent of those of another, we will not solve the problem which lies beyond the line of material interpretation.

If the " Society for Psychical Research " would but divide their investigations into the materialistic interpretations, for the material plane, and know the psychical plane never can or will be explained by any of the known laws of the materialistic sciences. Grand and noble is the king of the 19th century, Science, but the 20th century will proclaim a new science—an investigation of Nature on new planes, and under new laws, and new methods, and using other faculties than our fine material physical senses.

Material science is, and always shall be monarch of authority in the material world; but existence on land, above the ocean can not be truly experienced by a creature who has never lived on the land plane. Nature has not a few doors to her marvelous workshop, and wonderful panorama of life. There are planes upon planes, and man who is in his swaddling clothes of knowledge, tries to force the square, positive, exact and beautifully reasoned out discoveries on one plane to the round, and utterly different set of facts which are caused from an entirely separate state of laws on another plane.

A person who has studied even a little way along the road of psychic ether, may discover for himself the most interesting facts. With the smallest concentration along this line, one is met at once by the remarkable sight, that the most ordinary laws we all are taught in school are ever active everywhere, are absolutely not in effect at all on this other plane. Watching the life and formations in the so-called psychic ether, one notices most strongly that gravitation is not. That strong winds blowing do not in the least effect the particles and conditions of finer substances, living under their own plane of laws, and probably unconscious of ours.

This is but a hint, a suggestion, anyone may follow further

for themselves. There are teachers and classes of instruction in New York and other cities. Few minds who are wrapped up in the depths of material science, can give time, or even desire to know the laws of the existing other planes all about us.

The study of the psychic plane of finer material, and different laws from the plane we exist on, is one that has been so absurdly brought to prominence only through one small misrepresented corner of psychic experience, and usually through human beings born with certain untrained qualities, that it naturally turns a sincere and scientific mind away from the seeming unrealities and imaginings. But if men of science were to discover the actual truth, that Nature leads us through many planes, and the inevitable laws of our universe, are *not* the great laws of the next universe, and those laws are again entirely separate and possibly unknown to the next in order, and so on, the world of our day would not be wasting time trying to solve problems of "brain-cells of glow-worms" being of the same stuff as the brain "trembling with the harmonies of Tristan and Isolde." Science rightfully takes step by step, and has done marvels in her majestic and wonderful march to the exact and perfect discoveries she has made on the plane we are all cognizant of.

Chemistry, Astronomy, Physics, Geology, what studies and glorious triumphs has she given us from all !

But it is *because* the age of Science has accomplished so much, that it will naturally have to soon recognize the next step to learn of Nature's wondrous treasure-box, lies in new fields, and new methods and new instruments. All just as scientific and all to be followed with the same accurate and detailed study.

Then and then alone will the giant minds who lead mankind, put out their hand to help humanity over the wall we are now up against, when trying to solve the questions; "What is life?" "Where is the Thinker?" "Who or what is the Thinker of Thought?"

Criminology and Atavism.

BY SOPHIA McCLELLAND

In the MEDICO-LEGAL JOURNAL.

Can we not find in the past a starting point from which nature has fashioned descending generations ?

Can we explain the cause of the fearful increase of crime of every discription, intimately connected not only with the social conditions of the community, but with the country at large—the decay of faith—the besotted sensualism—the trampling upon the relations of husband and wife, parent and child, master and servant, ruler and subject—the impatience and restlessness under the just restraints of law—the looseness of government and laxity in discipline—the enormous increase in divorce suits—the swelling of our criminal lists, so that our penal institutions are crowded—the suicides, and the worship of devils ?

The early stimulation of character through the pioneer period has irritated the nervous system of the people of our country into impulses that have caused an abnormal activity and a serious disturbance of the general physiological balance, and that increased nervous nutrition demanded by the new life, and its consequences has tended to physical degeneration from the type of the parent race. Furthermore, forty years ago, the circumstances of the times were favorable to the development of morbid sentiments—four years of incessant war with its battles and sieges, exciting violent emotions of various kinds, quickened nervous sensibilities, which became exaggerated, like an hypertrophied organ, from excessive development.

The people were a prey to wild passions, tossed from

heights to depths, sudden as a thunder clap; they reasoned little but felt much.

During this feverish storm of emotions and of impressions, cool, calm judgment appeared at a disadvantage, the bravest and best of the nation were swept away, while we are to-day suffering from the deplorable consequences in the deterioration of its breed.

The brain must be used and nourished like every other organ, if its functions are to be fully developed. If this be neglected or cultivated in a wrong direction—if the organs of the understanding, reason and judgment are allowed to remain inactive, and the organs of feeling and imagination stimulated and favored, the whole brain is crippled, and one part nourished at the expense of the other. Revelations of scientific research have proven that there are conditions of the brain in individuals guilty of sudden and unexpected outrages of the laws of morality, beyond their control, as well as the suicidal or homicidal mania, which can be surely traced to the mental state of the parents, not only as relating to their repugnance to the conditions of maternity, but in their efforts to destroy the embryo. Motherhood in these days is looked upon as a burden too heavy to be borne. During the pre-natal period the mother wishes the death of the child, she has a revulsion to its life, and she puts into its being the thought of suicide, and when the time comes, as the years go by, without a hope in life or a trust in God, the disappointments break its heart, and the mother's thought that was given to it, in its formation years ago, takes hold of it and by its own hand dies.

No law can reach the moral nature of a people. No human social system of a large and complex character can exist and flourish without a religion.

When the religious sentiment is to any large degree enfeebled or destroyed, the social and political consequences are serious in the extreme—revolution, anarchy, disintegration—sudden revolutions against the dogmas and dynasties, strange to say, always assume a form of religious enthusiasm.

Over their cemeteries might be graven the assertion that death is an eternal sleep; but in the higher impulse when denied vent through the ancient and familiar channels of faith, forced utterance in another direction—liberty, equality, fraternity.

I have noted the inheritance of individual peculiarities, and found that they were illustrative examples of the heredity of morbid conditions, imperfections and anomalies in the intellectual and moral world, as the origin of the monstrosities which we see in the physical, are to be attributed to hereditary organic influences.

Civilization is a very complex condition, a moral atmosphere to which man has to become acclimated. There must be a correspondence between the moral man and his moral conditions, as between the physical man and his physical condition. Whoever cannot adapt himself to new conditions of social life must die out gradually, perhaps, yet surely.

The administration of law will be in a healthier state when science and judicial theory combine in administration. The state should see that those who are criminals through heredity, be imprisoned in an asylum arranged for the purpose, fed on wholesome diet, and made to work as much as their condition will allow. The detention to which they are doomed will favor the extinction of their class, as it will prevent the propagating of their kind.

We cannot prevent society protecting itself in its own way, but we should demand all the more urgently the radical reforma-

tion of society. The problem of heredity is to be solved in the working out of the problem of environment.

Until motherhood is happy and hopeful, the race must abide in the shadows.

Hypnotism as an Anæsthetic

Cases of its use in this Country—Major Surgical Operations Performed on Patients so Treated—A Ward in one of the City Hospitals Where Hypnotism is Regularly used for Nervous Disorders.

The dispatch from London announcing the first instance in England of hypnotic suggestion taking the place of an anæsthetic in a serious surgical operation, in this case amputation of the leg, recalls the fact that in this country hypnotism has been used a great many times to produce anæsthesia, and that in several instances major operations have been performed upon patients while under hypnotic influence.

During the period of Hypnosis the patients have retained consciousness, just as the woman mentioned in the London dispatch is reported to have retained it, but been quite insensible to pain.

In Toledo, in 1895, a railroad engineer who had been badly injured was placed in a state of hypnosis and his leg was amputated. Throughout the operation the patient smoked a cigar, entirely unconscious of pain.

In the same year in Minneapolis, hypnosis was used for so important an operation as laparotomy, a forty pound tumor being removed from a woman. As in the operation in Toledo the patient was conscious of everything except the operation the surgeons were performing upon her.

For the performance of capital operations a very deep hypnosis is obviously necessary but not more than five per cent of humanity can be placed in this condition. Some respond to the suggestion of the operator with remarkable celerity. Not long ago in Bushwick Hospital, Brooklyn, a hypnotic operator took the hand of a woman patient, telling her that when he had stroked it the third time she would not be conscious of the infliction of pain. The operator stroked the hand a third time, and then, without causing the patient to flinch in the least or evince any sign of pain, a needle was thrust beneath her nail.

Enucleation of the eye—that is, removal of the ball, an operation known to be attended by a great deal of pain—has been performed by means of hypnosis. Two years ago in Oswego it was successfully and painlessly performed under this condition.

Hypnotism has long been used in the treatment of nervous disorders of complicated character, those on the borderland between insanity and hysteria. At the New York Infirmary for Women and Children a ward is set apart for the treatment of such disorders by hypnotic suggestion.

The operation in London to which dispatches call attention was performed upon a woman of thirty-eight, suffering with an ulcerated leg, which had to be amputated. In accordance with her own wish, fearing the use of chloroform, she was hypnotized by Dr. Aldrich, of Clapham, a London suburb, after a series of experiments lasting several days.

On Wednesday she was operated upon by Dr. Aldrich. During the operation the patient retained consciousness, so the dispatches say, and chatted with the nurse and drank wine. The ordinary observer would have believed her to be in full possession of all her senses. But she was entirely unaware of what was being done to her. Once Dr. Aldrich said to her: "I

am cutting off your leg below the knee," and her cheerful reply was, "All right; hold my hand." One of the attending surgeons did take her hand and noted that she tightened her grip when the nerves were severed.

The operation lasted from 4:50 to 5:10, and when the patient was awakened at 5:15 she complained only of "pins and needles."

The City of Light Assembly.

ERNEST CAUCROFT.

The readers of this paper will learn with pleasure of the preparations that are being made for the coming season at the City of Light Assembly. Thousands in this country are familiar with the history and scope of the Cassadaga Lake Free Association, and it may be stated at this time that the former name is the title given to the institution located on this well known chain of lakes.

Since Mrs. Pettingill, purchased a majority of stock at of Cleveland, the termination of last season, it has been evident that alterations were to be made in the future policy of the institution.

Now that the assembly is on the verge of another season, the friends of the organization are observing with interest the measures that have been adopted to make this one of the most notable of the many Institutions located within the borders of the far famed Chautauqua. Even to the casual observer, it is apparent that a more progressive spirit will animate the institution in future, and those who are responsible for its management will endeavor to broaden its policy and widen the scope of its intellectual and spiritual activity. In order to furnish oppor-

tunity for the accomplishment of those desirable ends, it has been deemed advisable to extend the season to eight weeks, thus practically continuing throughout the month of July and August. Under the supervision of the president, Mrs. Pettingill, the arrangements for the forthcoming season are being completed.

In view of the interest taken in an institution of this character some resume of the plans and purposes of the management will be opportune. As many are aware, the institution located at Lily Dale, on the banks of the picturesque Casadaga lakes, has been recognized for two decades, as the leading center of the spiritualistic movement in this nation. In a word, it has been deemed the mother of those camps which have flourished in various parts of the Republic. It may be announced at this time that Spiritualism will remain as the corner stone of this Assembly; but the management has not failed to realize that every domain of liberal, religious and economic thought is entitled to recognition during the summer season at an Assembly of this nature.

It is the latter thought which dominates the members of the Executive committee in the preparation of the program for the prospective season. Although the program has not been completed, it is announced that such prominent speakers as Elbert Hubbard, Eleanor Kirk, Susan B. Anthony, Rev. Anna Shaw, Morgan Wood, J. Clegg Wright, Prof. Lockwood, and others equally prominent will appear upon the platform during the Assembly season. A consideration of this representative list of speakers will convince the liberal thinker that the management is according recognition to the various schools of advanced thought. In addition to the daily lectures, many of the speakers will add variety to the Assembly program by conducting private classes in various subjects. Altogether the completed program will appeal to Jew and Gentile alike, and the management is

warranted in assuming that the enlarged scope of the institution will meet with the appreciation of the public.

A series of special days will have a unique interest to the camp visitors during the season. The management is aware that a considerable number of those who visit the Assembly are adherents of some of the popular movements for human betterment, that have specially characterized this generation. During these special days, it is planned to have exercises in recognition of those movements. Thus the advancing cause of womankind will be considered on one of the special days; the interests represented by the Grange organizations on another; while exercises in honor of the veterans will be a feature of G. A. R. Day. In this connection it is the intention to devote several special days to honoring with appropriate exercises the visiting delegations from adjacent states and nearby cities. A feature of the middle portion of the season will be a Peace Congress, and that will afford prominent speakers an opportunity to trace the development of the movement designed to preserve the peace of nations.

The new management has been gratified by the evidence of approval upon the part of the public. It is the general belief that the camp has entered a new era, and that as a summer Assembly it will be an effective medium for the advancement of liberal thought.

THE HABIT OF DECISION.

The great thing in all education is to make our nervous system our ally instead of our enemy. It is to fund and capitalize our acquisitions and live at ease upon the interest of the fund. For this we must make automatic and habitual as early as possible as many useful actions as we can and guard

against the growing into ways that are likely to be disadvantageous to us as we should guard against the plague. The more of the details of our daily life we can hand over to the effortless custody of automatonism the more of our higher powers of mind will be set free for their own proper work. There is no more miserable human being than the one in whom nothing is habitual but indescision and for whom the drinking of every cup, the time of rising and going to bed every day and the beginning of every bit of work are subjects of express volitional deliberation. Full half the time of such a man goes to the deciding or regretting of matters which ought to be so ingrained in him as practically not to exist for his consciousness at all. If there be such daily duties yet not ingrained in any one of my readers, let him begin this very hour to set the matter right.—*Professor William James.*

Value of Telepathy.

IN THOUGHT TRANSFER DR. PARKHURST
SEES MARCONI'S MASTER.

“Mental telepathy is now a demonstrable fact. Thought can be transferred for a short distance by certain individuals, and soon we will do away with telephone, telegraph and cable lines, and even the sending and receiving stations by which Marconi is working wonders will be relegated to the junk pile.”

Thus spoke Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst at his home the other day to a reporter of the New York American. When asked to explain, he said:

“Years ago when we had a thought we wanted to convey to a friend in Europe, we put it on board a steamer. Subsequently, thanks to the patient cleverness of a former member

of our church, a fine electric line was substituted for the steamer. And now Marconi is thinking across the ocean from South Wellfleet, in Massachusetts, to County Cornwall in England, by the aid of a medium a million times finer than even wire.

“By and by we shall probably be able to think across the water without going to the trouble and expense of setting up apparatus at even the shore ends of the route.

“Do I believe in mental telegraphy?” repeated Dr. Parkhurst, in answer to an inquiry. “Yes, firmly. Why not?”

“Evidences of the existence of mental telegraphy are so common and so thoroughly authenticated as to cause me to regard it as a demonstrated fact. There can be no possible doubt that two persons or even a greater number may communicate thoughts to each other without any material medium of communication.

“Two men in the same room may communicate their thoughts to each other by telepathy. This much is known. In well known instances greater distances have been covered. The very fact that a thought may be communicated from one brain to another without material connection is the striking fact that we have to consider. From that all other things may grow and develop.

“Now we think across short spaces, from brain to brain, without wires or operating stations. This is the great fact. From that must be developed, gradually and slowly as these other great inventions have been developed, the lengthening of the distance over which two brains may communicate their thoughts to each other by mental telegraphy.

“There has been more thought devoted to this strange phenomenon of mental telegraphy during the past ten years than in all the ages that preceded. Great thinkers, men of strong

brains, are attempting to learn the secret of telepathy, to find the scientific basis of this phenomenon. That they will succeed eventually there is but little doubt.

"When we have learned all that there is to learn, we may prepare to throw away the useless instruments of steel and wire that have served us so long and communicate from brain to brain through the invisible ether with nothing of clumsy apparatus, sending a thought to a friend direct from the brain much more easily and quickly than can possibly be done by the world old medium of words.

"I have had brought to my attention so many instances of the actual exercise of telepathy that it is hard to select any single case as illustrative. Telepathy exists and is a fact. Its development is a thing of the future. How long we shall have to wait is as yet vague surmise."

Handling Fire—More Facts.

BY LYMAN C. HOWE.

I notice in *EltkA* for May—just received—that Joseph Stewart, L. L. M., is dealing with fire. It is a dangerous element to trifle with. Nevertheless, in some hands, it is innocent and well behaved. I also note a promise for "next month" of **Theories of Explanation*." As all theories are worthless without facts to support them, and many varieties of facts are often necessary to establish a theory, I thought I might help the "Theory of Explanation" by adding my testimony to a few facts.

The author thinks that "the best authenticated case is that found in the account given by the scientist Sir Wm. Crookes, F. R. S., of seances with D. D. Home."

* Owing to Mr. Howe's letter and other important communications the "Theories of Explanation" will be deferred another month.—Ed.

Prof. Crookes is good authority but no better than that found in the cases I herewith present. I have been a witness to several as remarkable experiments as anything reported in this case by Crookes.

I have not the prestige of Prof. Crookes; but my word is just as reliable as his. Besides, a score or two of other witnesses will support all I say.

Among them are doctors, lawyers, scientists and clergymen. In New York at the home of Henry J. Newton, and also in a public hall—or theater—several exhibitions of fire handling were witnessed, some twenty-five years ago; the medium being Mrs. Suydam. A committee was selected to examine her, and thoroughly wash her hands, arms and face, to be sure there were no chemicals on them. Then in presence of the audience she handled fire as freely as a boy handles a ball. Alcohol was poured over her hands and arms and set fire, and burned without scorching a hair. A lamp chimney heated until a touch would blister ordinary hands, and she handled it freely, rolling it on her bare arms, pressing it to her face, and carrying it about the room to let anyone try it that wished. No one could touch it without suffering a burn. She took charcoal from a hot furnace, blew it to a lively blaze and put it in her mouth and chewed it, spitting out the black deposit.

She was entranced during the whole time, and an Indian claimed to conduct the experiment. Now as a help to the "Theory of explanation" one fact is notable. If all were quiet she was never burned. But any sudden noise or expression of surprise or excitement from any member of the audience, was sure to cause her to be burned.

At Lily Dale some three or four years ago, Isa Wilson Kayner gave several exhibitions of a similar power over fire, but she was not—apparently—entranced. She not only

handled fire with impunity but used it for healing the sick. She took the hands of several persons and held them in the blaze of a lamp, and they experienced no injury, but without her contact they could not endure it an instant. She borrowed a \$5 bill from a gentleman present and held it in the flame of a lamp, the blaze parting and surrounding it, but the bill was unharmed. There were no suspicious appearances or anything suggestive of trick in the performance.

Any theory to be sufficient must answer *all* the facts; and even then other facts may appear that will require a complete readjustment of the theory accepted.

It may be a factor worthy of note that each medium, or agent, for these, and all other phenomena, brings into the problem some variations, that are liable to spoil any theory predicted upon Prof. Crooke's experiences with D. D. Home. It may be said that he, being a scientific man, was able to apply tests of a more thorough and reliable character, and that therefore his experiences are more trustworthy. But I see nothing in the report that justifies such a conclusion. It is important that all facts depended upon for the establishment of a theory, or science, should be out of the sphere of uncertainty. Facts must be facts, and not fancies or loose reports of looser performances. Many theories are abroad without facts to sustain them. Such are of no value but rather a hindrance to the attainment of knowledge.

He who, however limited may be his capacities, and however humble may be his social position, is true to the gift that is in him, and tries, with such help as he may have, to carry out the principles of religion and virtue in his daily conduct, has in him something akin to the touch of Christ, and is a fellow-

worker with prophets and apostles, reformers and saints,—
Thomas Sadler.

A Prediction.

W. T. STEAD, Editor of the London Review of Reviews, says
the Assassination of the King of Servia was
foretold by Mrs. Burchell.

In a letter from London, just after the assassination of the King and Queen of Servia, W. T. Stead says: "I leave the discussion of the political situation to put on record the remarkable fact that the assassination of the king was foreseen by a clairvoyant who was my guest as far back as March 20, of this year. The story with which all London is ringing to-day is quite true and is amply authenticated.

"On Friday, March 20, I had invited a number of distinguished guests, including Earl Grey, the Servian Minister and others to witness some experiments in Psychometry. The clairvoyant was Mrs. Burchell, a simple, unread, Yorkshire woman from Halifax, of whose psychometric powers I had heard good reports. My rooms were crowded, and whether on that account or for some other reasons, the experiments resulted in the most abject failure I had ever witnessed.

"As a kind of consolation for my disappointed guests, I invited a score of them to dinner at the restaurant Gatti and Rodesano, in the Strand. After dinner several of them left and about ten to twelve of them remained behind. As conditions were better I proposed to give Mrs. Burchell another chance.

"Various articles were placed in her hands, concerning

which she made statements more or less surprising but none of historic interest.

"At last a Servian gentleman present, whose nationality was unknown to the clairvoyant, handed her a sheet of note paper upon which was written the autograph of Alexander. Nothing was said as to the person from whom the writing came. No questions were asked and no information given.

"Mrs. Burchell did not open the paper but held it folded in her hand. She had hardly grasped it when she exclaimed:

"This belongs to royalty.

"Then becoming very excited, she fell from her seat and was only saved from striking the floor by her neighbor who caught her.

"She exclaimed in great agitation; "Terrible, terrible!" Then she collected herself and said: "This is a bloody scene. There is murder being done. I see the inside of a palace. There are a king and a queen. They are together alone. Then men, soldiers, burst into the room and attack them. They kill the king. He is dead. And the queen, oh, how she cries for mercy and begs for life. But I fear for her. I cannot see whether she escapes or not. The king he is killed! Oh it is terrible!"

"Only the Servian gentleman and myself knew that the sheet of paper bore the King of Servia's signature. As for the Clairvoyant, I doubt if she knows where Servia is or that such a monarch as Alexander existed.

"After the party broke up my Servian guest reported to Mijatovitch, the Servian Minister, what the clairvoyant had said.

"Mijatovitch came down to see me for confirmation. I repeated to him, exactly as possible, what had taken place.

"He went home and wrote urgent private dispatches to King Alexander, warning him and begging him to be on his

guard, not only when he went abroad, but especially against any attack that might be made upon him in the palace.

"The warning was in vain. The King and Queen were assassinated in their palace as the clairvoyant had foreseen three months before.

"Of the absolute truth of this I can vouch of my own knowledge. So can all my other guests. The evidence of the Servian Minister is conclusive confirmation as to the prediction and its date."

Clear your mind of every gloomy, selfish, angry and revengeful thought; allow no resentment or grudge toward man, or fate, to stay in your heart over night. Wake in the morning with a blessing for every living thing on your lips and in your soul.—
Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

A passion for growth, a yearning for a larger life, is characteristic of all great souls. A man is measured by his power to grow, to become larger, broader, nobler. The intensity of his desire to reach out and up defines his capacity for development.

We often find plants and trees that are not fully developed, but have reached the limit of their growth. They cannot be made to respond to the wooing of enriched soil or copious watering. The power for the extension of cell life seems to have departed.

There are many human plants of similar nature. Early in life they settle into grooves, from which nothing can displace them. They are dead to enterprise, to advancement along any line. New movements, new systems of business, larger conceptions of life and similar things in the living, moving present do not appeal to them. Immovably bound to the past, they can step only so far this way, only so far that way. There is

no further growth, no further progress for them. They have reached their goal.

Anyone, young or old, possessed by a passion for growth is constantly adding to his knowledge, always pushing his horizon a little further. Every day he gains additional wisdom, every night he is a little larger than he was in the morning. He keeps growing as long as he lives. Even in old age he is still stretching out for larger things, reaching up to greater heights.—*Success.*

HOME STUDY.

Including Informal Talks With Our
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spondence, etc



Preparations are being made to give our readers a series of first class articles upon the subject of Physical Culture. It is intended that they shall be thoroughly practical, recognizing the mutual action and reaction of mind and body. It is hoped that this department will be conducted by Prof. Albert Whitehouse, of New York, who has had a large experience along all lines of this work. It is too early to make a detailed announcement, however, we can safely promise a series of the best articles that has ever been published upon the subject.

The Home Study Library, through the efforts of the Illuminati, is doing more good practical work than has ever before been accomplished by any similar institution. It is doing just what was needed—it is furnishing literature, as a lady from

Oakland, writes, "which has always been my aim to procure, but concluded it was out of my reach."

We are thankful that the time has at last come when, through the hearty co-operation of the world's leading thinkers, the best literature need no longer be beyond anyone's reach.

GOOD THOUGHTS

From Books in the Home Study Library

The mind is the source of all power, and in its development lies the secret of strength. Thought is the force underlying character. Here are the springs of action whence may flow a healing stream, beneficent, purifying, good and gracious, a boon and a blessing to all within its reach; or else a turbid stream, poisonous, defiling, corrupting, debasing, a bane to humanity. From within, outwards proceeds all these things; therefore whatever you want your character to be, look well what thoughts you entertain.—From *What The World Wants*, by S. B. Moore. Presented to the Home Study Library by the Self-Culture Society, of Kenwood, Calif.

Where lies the road to usefulness? It is our duty as well as our pleasure, to succeed. Every man owes it to the world to become a useful citizen of the community in which he lives.

The most essential qualification for citizenship in this lofty region is belief in your own powers of achievement. 'What man has done, man may do.' Yea, more. What no man has ever done, some one may yet accomplish. There is no limit to man's development. The work of creation itself is in his hands and he is to perfect this world of imperfections. You must believe that your work lies here, and that it is possible to fit yourself for the doing of it. Unless you have these convictions firmly

planted in your mind; unless you make them your daily companions; your cloud by day and pillar of fire by night; you will not be able to overcome the lank spirit of failure that stalks abroad in the land. If fears be entertained; if friends be consulted; the spirit of achievement will wither and die within you.

Study the lives of successful men; breathe the atmosphere of success; get in touch with the spirit of the age and you will project, construct, create and achieve and outstrip all the prophets of progress. A true son of the twentieth century should not harbor a doubt nor 'strike sail to a fear.' Turn your face toward the dawn and greet the rising sun. Stand upright on the earth. Affirm your own convictions and follow them into the future.—From *Wildwood Philosophy*, by N. M. Zimmerman, Vancouver, Wash. Presented by the author.

Study yourself as a spiritual personality—exercise as such. Ask yourself—your other self, questions—not light and trivial questions, nor yet questions just for the sake of asking questions. Ask important questions—questions the answer to which will make you wiser and better; then send yourself out to find answers. If the answers cannot be found in one excursion, try another, and still another. No question can be asked, the answer to which is not in the universe, and it cannot be that you, if you are industrious and diligent, can ultimately fail to find it. You may fail once, twice, or a dozen times, but what is that to you; eternity is yours; don't give up, the answer is for you; search until you find it. An astronomer was once asked: "Are you sure you have made no mistakes in your calculations concerning the planets their sizes and their respective distances?" His reply was: "I do not know but I have, but I shall visit every one of them and if I find I have made mistakes I shall correct them and apologize to their inhabitants."

A little of that man's faith and perception will enable you to proceed in your investigations. You will search until you find the answer to any question you can ask. Having found it, it is yours—you have it by right of conquest and not by beggary; you also have many other important things you found while hunting for that; besides, as the eagle gains strength of wing by trying to fly, you have strengthened your spiritual faculties by your researches.—*The Spiritual Alps*, by Moses Hull. Presented by the author. [The Institution also wishes to thank the author for a copy of his work entitled *Encyclopedia of Biblical Spiritualism*.]

To detach oneself from every outward thing, and to rest securely upon the inward Virtue, this is the Unfailing Wisdom. Having this Wisdom, a man will be the same whether in riches or poverty. The one cannot add to his strength, nor the other rob him of his serenity. Neither can riches defile him who has washed away all inward defilement, nor the lack of them degrade him who has ceased to degrade the temple of his soul.—From *All These Things Added*, by James Allen. (The Savoy Publishing Company, 1 Savoy Steps, Strand, London, Eng.)

“Occult and strange will seem these devious ways,
 Their complex lessons deep and hard—for long
 —to read aright;
 But all my children—all—must learn to work
 In bonds of just and generous strong fraternity.
 To act from one's own plane, from hard won
 choice,
 Though taught in fires of sevenfold heat and
 hurt,
 Has satisfactions of the mightiest worth,—

Only real good for all who breathe and seek for
happiness,
Commissioned each to live and learn where gain
is sure.
Conditioned methods, framed in utmost love
and care,
Despite all penalties,
And through the strenuous aid of wisdom
which they teach,
Are sovereign remedies,
With time—made endless—working endless rec-
ompense.

“ Dependent each on all, as on the air they
breathe,
‘This they, themselves, must win the offered
heritage !
My children, helpless else, must help each other !
I cannot draw weak, gaining lives too close for
their own good.”

—From *Sea Drift*, by Antionette Brown Blackwell. (Kindly
presented to the Institution by the author.)

To meet success, you must have an Ideal that enlists your
full sympathy. You cannot be successful unless you feel that
you have a right to succeed. Feel that you have something that
the world needs. You can then feel that Dollars want you;
that through them you can give what you have of value to the
world. Feel that dollars wish you to use them for the accom-
plishment of your purpose to use them justly. With this ideal
you can conscientiously invite Dollars and they will come.
They need your heart, brain and hand that they may benefit the

world. Dollars are manifestations of the One Infinite Substance as you are, but, unlike you, they are not Self-Conscious. They have no power till you give them power. Make them *feel* this through your thought vibrations as you *feel* the importance of your work. They will then come to you to be used. They will not come, nor can you in this Thought draw them, to be hoarded. Use, Helpfulness and Happiness must be in your thought of Success.—From *Dollars Want Me*, by Henry Harrison Brown. ("Now" Folk, Publisher, 1437 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.) The author has also kindly furnished the Institution with copies of his works entitled:

How to Control Fate through Suggestion.

Not Hypnotism But Suggestion.

Man's Greatest Discovery.

BROCHURES IN PREPARATION.

Space allows of but a brief mention of the following Brochures which are in preparation, and of which a more detailed description will be given next month.

STAMMERING, AND ITS CURE; by George C. Pitzer, M. D., of St. Louis. This is one of the most instructive papers ever written by this well known author. Will be issued in Classes A and B.

A TRIP TO BABYLONIA; by W. D. Richner, M. A., includes some of the author's best work, and, especially to those who are interested in Spiritualism, it cannot fail to be of deep interest. Will be issued in Classes A and B.

HYPNOTISM AND ITS RELATION TO CRIME will be issued in Classes C and D (for circulation among members of the Illuminati only) and, having no schools nor theories to build up nor tear down, will be a plain statement of facts.