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Dispensations Measured by Law of Cycles of Human Life.

THE PROCESSIONS of time are marked by divisions or periods, definitely fixed and identified. The Noatic age or dispensation was distinctly limited to the beginning and ending, which specifically determined its significance. At the end of the Noatic age, began the Jewish dispensation, ushered in by Abraham and culminating in the manifest personal Lord, who matured at the time fixed by the immutable laws of cosmic perpetuity. The generation of the Lord Jesus, the Christ and person of God, began with Abraham and ended with the manifestation of the Christ. His perfection in humanity as the Son of God culminated at the appointed time, and his crucifixion was coincident with the great eclipse which marked, in the physical (alchemico-organic) cosmos, the event as it transpired in the organo-vital cosmos. These coincidental events came according to and in fulfilment of law, and in the eternal purpose of God, who could not evade nor divert the operations of law as they inhere in Deity.

The kingdom of God in its least form matured in the personal Lord, who was Jehovah Elohi, or the Lord God. This was Jesus the Christ, who said:

Verily I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death until they have seen the kingdom of God come with power. * * * And after six days, Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them; and his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow. * * * And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. * * * and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. We here assert that in this transfiguration he (the Lord) did show them the kingdom of God come with power; that he then and there fulfilled the promise which he had made to them.

And Peter answered and said to Jesus, [not knowing (realizing) what he said] Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

These tabernacles were John, James, and Peter.

The kingdom of God came in still another manifestation; namely, in the transmission of the Holy Spirit and its operation with such as received it. The Spirit came as the result of the theocrasis of the Lord; it proceeded from him, and was his substance. All who were ripe enough then to receive it, absorbed and appropriated this Holy Spirit. From that time to the present, there has been no Holy Spirit. The Spirit shed upon the world at that time was the seed sown or planted by the Almighty, who was Christ the Lord. It was the seed-sowing at the beginning of the age or dispensation; its fruit will come now at the end of the age. This fruit will be the natural divine kingdom in its greatest form, as the Lord was the firstfruit of the kingdom in its least form. After the seed was sown, the dark ages followed the death of that seed. The firstfruit of the kingdom will be the sons of God. This fruit will mature through a religious, social, and scientific revolution.

Christianity was in the Lord and his church. That Christianity died. Its fruit will arise, mature, and culminate now at the end of the age, not through a gradual evolution, but through a sudden revolution. So called Christian socialism is one of the grand farces of this age. There is no God nor Christ in it, and those who pursue it, are following after an ignis fatuus. Korshanity is the unfolding kingdom of the germ planted in the beginning of the dispensation. God Almighty has authorized it; he will protect and consummate it.

Application of the Koreshan Science of Etymology.

IN THE last number of THE SWORD, we made the statement that the term serpent is derived from the word *sapiens*, which means to be wise. We are taken up on the statement. For the further edification of the party questioning it, we will say that both the words, *sapiens* and serpent, originate in the same thought. The word serpent means to creep, so does the term wisdom; so does the term *sapiens*.

No one can read the story of the instrument employed by the Almighty to initiate man into the principles of knowledge, and not perceive that this instrument embodied the elements of wisdom. The initial character of the Hebrew word rendered serpent, is *nun* (noon), fish. The fish is the product of water; the character in the Hebrew alphabet follows *mem* (water), in the alphabetical order. Water is the symbol of science, and the root of science is wisdom. "The pure river of water of life, as clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God [intellect] and of the Lamb" (will), is nothing more than fluent mental energy, knowledge, originating in wisdom.

The fish is the symbol of the life proceeding from the water of life. The second character, *heth* or (*cleth*), of the word *nahash* or (*nachash*), signifies enclosed; hence *haba*, or (*ehaba*), to conceal, to hide; following *nun*, the initial, it implies hiding or containing the wisdom which the initial symbolizes; hence, the subtlety of

the serpent, *nahash* or (*nachash*), is involved in the root letter or character of the three entering into the formulation of the term. The third letter, *schin* (*scheen*), represents the teeth. It signifies tooth, and the tooth is the sign of the rational principle.

It will be seen that in the analysis of the term *nachash*, serpent, that nothing else is signified by the word, but the three principles of understanding; namely, wisdom, reason, and understanding or knowledge,—the three elements of Neptune's trident. Neptune is the god of the waters, and his trident (three teeth) symbolizes the elements of rationality through which he attains the all science of the universe.

Should it be conceded that the name *nachash* is given to the serpent because of the hissing sound it emits by its tongue, it does not alter the truth of the above analysis. The copulation of elements in alchemy produces the same sound. The tongue is the analogue of the generative organ, and transmits the word. The Logos, Word, is the origin of the waters of life, these having their source in wisdom, the serpent principle. We knew what we were saying when we denoted the common origin of the terms *sapiens* and serpent, both signifying wisdom. We never stop with superficial analysis and synthesis. We can trace all words back to ten primitive roots, and these still further back to one. We are never far from the truth in what we utter!

CONTRIBUTORS' AND EDITOR'S DEPARTMENTS.

Scientific Demonstration vs. Hypothesis.

BY PROF. U. G. MORROW.

EDITOR OF THE FLAMING SWORD:—Our discussion should by rights have terminated with your confession in your issue of May 27, that unless one believes in the concave earth first, "the conclusions of the Koreshan Astronomy can never be satisfactory." Now I cannot imagine anything that would convince me of the earth's concavity through my intellect alone; and I hope and trust that I have outgrown all liability,—if I ever had any,—to being psychologically converted to anything. The latter process is entirely non-intellectual, and is not in the least degree facilitated by truth.

Nevertheless, there were many very plain and easily observed naked-eye phenomena which seemed to me to point clearly and conclusively to the substantial truth of the Copernican system, and I had a great desire to learn how their lesson could be set aside, and what suppositions set up instead, and, thanks to your candor and courtesy, my desire has been gratified. The key to a solution broad enough to cover all possible phenomena,—known or yet to be discovered,—consists of but two words: "optical illusion!" And, of course, if when we look at the sky and think we see many things very plainly and unmistakably we are badly deceived, and what actually exists there is very different from what appears, then indeed is our sense of sight, however assisted, of all things the most utterly deceptive and misleading. But I must still continue to believe my eyes, subject to what I may know of the laws of perspective and refraction, and so trusting them, the Copernican system becomes self-evident.

Another evidence may be cited, (but the key above will amply cover it,) namely, the moon presents the same side to us,

from rising to setting, and always; which fact necessarily requires it to be at a great distance. If it revolves inside the shell, as shown, leaving all observers outside of its orbit, it should show all sides during passage, and different sides to widely separated observers at the same moment. But then, the moon itself may be only an "optical illusion," or at least its markings may.

But if, owing to the illusory nature of celestial phenomena, the Copernican theory cannot be proved to a certainty, it is certain that the Cellular Cosmogony cannot be, for if all phenomena must be discredited, there is nothing left to prove it by, and the believer in it who may have retained a few fragments of intellect in working order, must wonder exceedingly how it was ever found out!

I don't forget the alleged instrumental demonstration of the earth's concavity, but did not the belief antedate the demonstration? If so, and the instrument was made and used to prove a foregone conclusion, its alleged readings cannot command much credence. But being in ignorance of both the date and nature of its construction, I can only say now that your cosmogony and the assumptions made in its defense are infinitely more improbable than the supposition of the unreliability of the most perfect instrument possible to human skill. The engineer's transit level is, at its best, the most perfect instrument possible, but in running a level it would go badly astray were it not that by taking "back sights" its errors (due mainly to varying temperature) can be detected, measured, and allowed for.—Prof. J. W. T., Salem, O.

THE PTOLEMAIC System of Astronomy satisfied the so called scientific world over fifteen hundred years; it seemed to explain all of the phenomena of the physical heavens, and was in agreement with what appeared to be self-evident, when the eye was trusted to reveal the truth concerning the form and motion of the universe. When the Copernican hypothesis was evolved and promulgated, it met with stern resistance from the astronomers of the old school. They argued that the earth was stationary, while the sun possessed a diurnal motion; they claimed to know that the sun was in motion, because they could *see it move!* "Many very plain and easily observed naked-eye phenomena seemed to point clearly and conclusively to the truth" of the Ptolemaic system, but these were finally all overcome. The eye was *not* to be trusted in the matter, and the apparent motion of the sun was only an *illusion* of the senses. In the acceptance of the Copernican system, it was found that all such appearances as were claimed by the old astronomers to prove the Ptolemaic system, had to be "discredited" and "set aside," and their place taken by a few intellectual conclusions. Of course, if the sun was stationary, while it appeared to be actually moving, certainly the "sense of sight, however assisted; is the most utterly deceptive and misleading!" As far as appearances go, the Ptolemaic, the Copernican, and the Tychoic systems are equally capable of explaining the usual astronomical phenomena.

We would remind our astronomical friend that in the promulgation of the Koreshan System, no phenomena of the heavens nor of the earth are "discredited" or "set aside," but interpreted from the basis or premise of tangible reference. A proof of form or function cannot become *proof* to the mind which does not comprehend the factors involved; therefore, to the astronomical mind which is at sea concerning the universe at large, and phenomena at small, a proof in the physical heavens appeals to him in *but one way*, and that is the way he has always looked at it! A man that undertakes to blindly interpret what he sees without regard to the media of transmission of light existing between the eye and the objects observed; without regard to refraction; without knowledge of optics beyond limited observation upon the earth's surface; without regard to the curvature of that surface, whether convex, flat or concave; without regard to the laws of form and function, and in the face of hundreds of mysterious and inexplicable things about the origin and the destiny of the universe, or the laws of being and existence—the man who ignores all these factors, is not a scientist! Concerning the basis of interpretation of the Koreshan System, we have endeavored in past replies to be explicit; we have shown that before the *true* interpretation of the physical heavens is possible, the character of the surface upon which we live must first be determined; that the shape of the earth can be demonstrated to investigators only by reference to the earth's own tangible surface; and that if the earth be concave, it follows as an inevitable conclusion, that all of the

phenomena of the heavens *as we see them*, do really obtain in the cell!

We cannot make our statements any more emphatic, definite or specific than we have made them in our past replies. We have made no confession! What we did say in issue of May 27, 1898, we here emphasize: "We have demonstrated our premise, and can demonstrate it again. The only way in which the Koreshan System can be made absolutely satisfactory to the astronomer, is to prove to him absolutely that the earth's surface curves concavely at the ratio of about eight inches to the mile." We certainly appeal to something more than mere intellectual processes; but we certainly must involve the application of a few intellectual conclusions—the intellect alone must determine the conclusion. If the astronomer must look into the heavens regardless of all other factors of conclusion; if he must evade all terrestrial evidences of terrestrial form, we can do nothing for him, because he is out of the reach of *not only our methods*, but above all premise, and consequently, beyond all rational conclusion! If the earth be concave, there can be no question about the phenomena of the heavens; neither could there be any improbability about our explanation of them. If our friend will read again our article of June 24, and imagine it to be appended to this one, he will have complete, just about all we think is required to be said about the difference of methods of interpretation that exist between the two systems. The Koreshan System is not founded upon appearances, and therefore does not appeal to the appearances for the benefit of those who cannot interpret them, which cannot be done until they are made referable to some tangible basis.

It can be clearly seen from the above letter, that its author regards the Copernican System as founded upon the *appearances* of the physical heavens; that there is nothing definite nor absolutely conclusive in the realm of the tangible, to prove beyond the possibility of a doubt that the earth is convex. As long as the astronomer refuses to submit the entire question for settlement upon the evidences that are susceptible to test—proofs that are accessible by man, right here upon the earth's surface, it will do him no good to consider our conclusions or to endeavor to reach the truth. If Prof. T. desires to continue to trust his eyes, he will be compelled to change his mind upon observations upon the water's surface. We would invite him to repeat the scores of experiments conducted on the Old Illinois Drainage Canal, Lake Michigan, Gulf of Mexico, and Bay of Naples. Within the range of vision of objects upon the water's surface, we have trusted the eye sufficiently to observe vanished ship's hulls by applying the telescope; have seen targets on the water's surface too far removed to be visible over a convex arc. We have challenged the world to meet us where these experiments could be repeated, but so far we have not been able to induce an astronomer to become a party with us in such experiments.

It does not matter at this juncture how the fact of the earth's concavity became known; it is sufficient that

it is known, and is susceptible of demonstration by actual experimentation to the rational mind. It might be a good thing to remember that the idea of the earth's convexity was conceived long before there was any attempt to prove it so. The theory of the earth's rotary motion was believed in long before Foucault undertook to demonstrate it. Did not the belief antedate the effort at demonstration? "If the instrument (Foucault's pendulum) was made and used to prove a foregone conclusion, its alleged readings cannot command much credence."

In explanation of the appearance and phases of the moon, we refer to answer to correspondent concerning the subject in issue of July 8; and we refer to our article of June 24, concerning the fixity and motion of the stars, in the apparent concave dome, as sufficient answer for the present, to the question raised in the above letter concerning the position and appearance of the moon in the east and in the west. We do not go into the subject lengthily, as we would if the Professor's questions had not resolved themselves into a line of combat instead of inquiry. We took to his questions kindly, and have taken some pains to answer them

clearly. It was not our object to demonstrate our assertions, because it is difficult to explain clearly, points in question and follow a line of demonstration at the same time. Our answers seemed to interest our friend, and especially our readers. In making these replies, we did not take the attitude of defense of the Koreshan System, because we did not consider that it was attacked. If it is, and the purpose is to combat the Koreshan System of Cosmogony, we are ready to declare diplomatic relations suspended, and to measure swords to the finish! Otherwise, we shall be glad to continue to receive questions concerning the Koreshan Astronomy, and we will kindly reply. We might suggest, by way of diversion, that our several thousand readers would be interested to learn of some direct, definite, and positive proof that the earth is a *convex* surface. If our friend desires to refute the Koreshan Cosmogony, of course he would have to begin with just such a proof. If the Salem astronomer can prove the earth's convexity, why, of course, it would be a settlement of *our* case, and we would have to look for some other job; and we might say ditto for him, as the matter now stands!

The Coming Theocracy is the Genuine System of Papacy.

BY REV. BERTHA S. BOOMER.

THE "no-papery" cry of the Christian socialist, the social democrat, and his ilk, occasionally reaches the ear of the Koreshan, and provokes thought to the following remarks: Axiom.—"Everything in the universe has its antithet." There is not a fallacy in existence without an exactly opposing truth with which to confront it.

Without the power of an organic unity, formed according to the eternal plan of universal construction, revealed in the anatomy of man and of every living organism, not one dream of a Golden Age to be will ever be realized. Nothing calling itself Christian, should presume to pray for any form of organic unity less than a kingdom. A kingdom implies a genuine king.

The organization of the physical universe presents for our consideration, a positive polar center and a polarized circumference, manifesting an interdependence that insures the perpetuity of both. It is an eternal truth, that neither can exist without the other. The polar center is necessarily the vitalizing point, the mighty one of forces, the generator of all regeneration.

Social democracy, Christian and otherwise, seeks to be a magnificent evolution without the recognition of any involution from which to evolve. It wants to be a "dom" without a king,—a fatherless, motherless, Godless brotherhood. The Lord Jesus, in the seed time of the Christian era, taught his church to pray: "Thy kingdom come." The absolute folly of anticipating the realization of the answer to this prayer, without the

recognition of the pivotal power of organic unity as an essential factor to its answer, is so patent to the rational mind, that one can hardly feel concluding that the people who fail to recognize it belong to a distinct and desolate class needing compassion.

We are told by the Divine Seer, of a city which hath foundations, and that without its organic walls are dogs, and whoremongers, and whosever loveth and maketh a lie. Since there is nothing in effect which does not inhere in cause, we know that God is personal, that he is man; for he made man in his own "image and likeness." The first cause or source of being, is Father-Mother in unity.

"No papery," forsooth! Because the devil, the reflex of Divinity, has had the sense to have popes during his reign, to hold his corrupt and corrupting kingdoms intact, the great principle of popery or personal and universal fatherhood is condemned. No government can exist, strong and prosperous, which has not the father-mother principles represented in its heading up, and honored and obeyed,—the mother representing the ecclesiastical power.

Had it not been for the power of a fallacious papacy, satan's dominion could not have continued long enough for the world's education in the ab's of sin and its consequences,—so essential for every living soul to experience. Believe it, a pope is a supremely desirable institution, IF he is the right kind of a pope. What could be better for a family, a nation, or a universe, than a great-hearted, wise, firm, tender, loving, Father-Mother being, as the centrality of all power?

The true man who has parents of like quality, reveres and appreciates them as long as he lives, and is not above consulting them when his own hair becomes hoary, and his limbs weaken with age. Every human brain has its father-mother polar points, for the perpetuity of its organic life and functions. These are known as the conarium and the glandula vitæ. These primary vital centers establish and perpetuate the entire human structure. They begin operations in the depositing of the essences of the bony fabric, which constitute the framework and foundations of the material body. This foundational framework corresponds to the foundations of doctrines in spiritual or mental life.

Soundness of bone or doctrine is an absolute essential to perfect superstructure. In such foundations inheres the power of attracting and attaching to themselves the deposits of muscular tissue, nerve fiber, and all that goes to make up the structure of the entire man.

The pope of the physical universe is the bright, outshining sun, vitalizer and organizer of all that is in our alchemico-organic environment. Without him, there would be chaos beyond conception. What humanity needs more than all else at this moment, is a recognition of the visible, tangible, knowable, lovable, intelligent, all-wise, enthroned and empowered divine pope, Father-Mother, head of church and state. We want him to be one of us, and we want to be one with him. We want him a God-like man, in practical touch with the practical life of the humblest, grimy, black toddler that wallows in the vilest slums of the most remotecity; so in touch must this Father-Mother be with even such, that the everlasting arms of the law of his love will reach that toddler, to cleanse and feed and teach him, and environ him with all that can make him realize the full possibilities of his small being, whether he be of heaven or hell.

O fatherless, motherless, disintegrated and disintegrating, disturbing, social democrats! so far from the truth are they, that crazy demons would be a good name for the spirits that are leading them to the chaos of the final destruction. They are all self-centered; *each wants to be pope*, prophet, priest, and king. It is because of this fact that all their heroic efforts to institute a better condition of things, have so far failed and will fail. They can do nothing of permanent value without obedience to the law of polarization, by which they can secure the power of organic unity as a motive for every vidual effort. The most effective thing they are doing now, is the disintegration of the conservative old orders of Christendom, the devil's popery, and the kingdoms and republics of the money power. Having rendered this most essential service, may they live to repent—like the prodigal son—and be led by a kind providence to a Koreshan primary school! There they will study primary cosmogony, and comprehend the laws of polarization and transmutation operative in the physical universe; study anatomy and physiology, and learn that man is the microcosm, or the universe in its least form, and the focalization of his environment, which is the macrocosm or great universe.

There is much to learn, and much to unlearn. A scientific analysis of the Lord's prayer might help them; also a careful study of the history of the Jewish theocracy. This last portrayed in types, all the fundamental principles of organic unity. Thousands of the Lord's people, wandering sheep, blind and led by the blind, are being led into pitfalls innumerable, nor will they heed the voice of Truth till the crash of the disintegrating old heavens and earth arouses them from their sleep of death in sin. Who is the Pole Star of the great outshining glory of the Lord's day? The signs of the heavens, the Scripture of the seers, and the voice of the Sign, Jonah the prophet, can answer.

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Each age, each great cycle of evolution and involution, each new cosmos or order of things, has its seed, which is both harvest fruit and source of being. When the old heavens and old earth pass away with a great noise, God (its ascended spirit) doth not leave himself without a witness, in whom his new heavens and new earth will be found involved as in a seed, rolled up like a scroll. This witness is to a waiting people as a heart out of which shall proceed the issues of life, and into which all progressive life may be gathered. If with all your hearts ye truly seek him, ye shall surely find him, and be enabled to say, Lo! this is our Hero, we have waited for him.

There shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it [him] shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

This Sign for the Gentiles, God's new name, the temple and living epistle of our Father-Mother Deity, Jehovah, can alone meet the desires of all nations for the great day of rest. He alone has the science of the life and light of the Lord Jesus, the seed sown for the reproduction of the kingdom of the Gods, the Theocracy. Nothing short of the Theocracy can give to the world to come, the equitable distribution of the ever-increasing, marvelous products of its industries.

None but the Supreme Theocrat can vitalize the world that now is, with the Godhood of love that alone can create and preserve the establishments of equity. Nothing but the divine science of the Decalogue can reveal equity and her throne of judgment. Science is power. It is the final factor of apostolic arithmetic: "Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge"—of fallacy and of truth, of good and of evil. The sum total is truth. Eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and ye shall become as Gods. The Gods know both good and evil, and *choose* good, the life of truth.

The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord. Find the good man and you have found the God, the Pole Star of our age and race. Center in Him, and the power of the All-Wise will magnetize you, and jointly with him will you be the heir of all things, and electrify a new world with the glory of the Gods. Polarize, organize; this is the order.

God hath given you all things richly to enjoy.

Bring ye all your tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

God dwells not in temples made by hands, but in the generation of the righteous. The laws of the universe eternally justify the prophet of the Lord. He is the righteous one of his day and generation; the sure word of prophecy foretells his name and lineage; the science of truth that makes all else darkness, reveals

him. This light of truth is from the indwelling spirit of the Lord, whose temple is to the world the *person* of the prophet, priest, and king.

Truth has one supreme duty—that of giving to the world the science of universal law. This science depends primarily on a knowledge of the form and function of the universe, in which law operates for its perpetuity. This science is the *unquestionable credential* of the man, in this age, to be denominated Almighty Hero, "Wonderful, Counsellor, ever [age]-lasting Father, Prince of peace." To the Vicergerent of the Eternal Unity should we bow submissive, that His exaltation may be ours.

Spain's Bad Marksmanship.

BY PROF. O. F. L'AMOREAUX, A. M., PH. D.

WHAT APPEARS to be the unaccountable failure of the best of modern guns and projectiles, when used by Spaniards, must have some adequate cause in the nature of things. Fired at random in the direction of an enemy, they could not fail sometimes to kill. Spaniards have evidently lost their nerve, so necessary to careful and accurate aiming in the excitement of battle. A neighbor of ours was an artistic sign painter; he loved beer but could not drink it and succeed in his occupation. If he used it at all, the steady hand and eye, so needful to him, failed him, and failure in his work followed.

It is reported that the Spanish commander at Manila is almost daily having to court-martial and shoot his officers that go into the ranks drunk. Wine is one of the supposed necessary supplies; it seems to be getting scarce at Santiago. The man who drinks is always drunk, and this is doubtless one of the reasons why Spanish gunners aim so badly. Dissipation and lust, induced by the gold of which Spain has been for centuries robbing the labor of others, have corrupted the very blood of the nation, with the result that she cannot shoot with effective aim, and so in a conflict of arms must go to the wall. And this is but one side of the story. Carranza reveals the rest when he expresses the fear that God is not on their side. When Israel fought with God on her side she always won, and usually, when she herself had not been greatly at fault, with little loss. When a nation fights on a line with God's purposes for humanity, she will always win.

There is no superstition about this. With the mightiest of all forces, the unseen, God forces fight, and forms an impenetrable protective sphere around him. David knew what he was talking about when he said:

Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war and my fingers to fight.
When America becomes intoxicated with victory, and

wages war not for humanity but for conquest, to swell the amount of vast possessions; when she celebrates her great exploits with wine, and worships her greatness, she too, soon or later, will come to the time when she will make the discovery that Spain is now making, that her right hand has lost its cunning and her eye become wasted in its socket. The Spanish fathers have eaten sour grapes and their children's teeth are set on edge. Long and wanton have been the revel and the dance, but now the claims of the fiddler must be satisfied. Retribution sometimes comes late, but it comes, and there is no reprieve nor evasion. It is in accordance with the eternal fitness of things that, bringing up the rear of the long line of innocent victims who have walked the death-plank under the orders of her pirates and bandits, the nation herself should take the fatal plunge.

In Southern Florida we have one of the most obvious indications that war is on,—the absence of the small Spanish smuggling craft that swarm along the Florida coast to demoralize and destroy our people with their deadly firewater, following a more despicable calling than her pirates of old. Spain is an adept at all that demoralizes and destroys, just as rottenness taints and corrupts all things within its reach; but when it comes to shooting, that requires nerve and skill and the most perfect use of the senses, she fails, since she has destroyed these by her vices and crimes. The attitude of injured innocence that she vainly seeks to take, now that judgment for her crimes is at last overtaking her, is but another example of the fact that:

No rogue e'er felt the halter draw
With good opinion of the law.

In this time, when judgment for their crimes against men is beginning to overtake the nations, Spain leads the column because of the magnitude of her offences. The others will follow, each in its own time. God's aim is unerring.



The seed of all things contains the first and last

principles of the structure in which the seed is produced.

In the Editorial Perspective.

BY THE EDITOR.

A NEW YORK SCIENTIST has reached the conclusion that ordinary sunlight is utterly incapable of traversing the space between the sun and the earth, and suggests an explanation which he thinks will revolutionize all existing theories of light and of astronomy as well. Ninety-two millions of miles are claimed to exist between the visible sun and the surface on which we live. Heretofore, it has been thought that actual sunlight was propagated throughout the entire distance—that light was the same in quality from the time it leaves the solar orb until it strikes the earth. By what means the light was thought to be propagated, has never been settled among the physicists of the world. If the sun produces light by alchemical effect upon the atmosphere, the conclusion is inevitable that the sun we see is a focalization of energy at the upper surface of the atmosphere in which we are. This is, in truth, the actual fact, discovered by KORESH twenty-eight years ago. He then announced that the universe is a cell, with the real sun at the center; that two atmospheres exist between that sun and our atmosphere; that no energies from the sun are visible to the eye until they effect alchemical union with the air; that all energies descending from the sun to the environ of the universe, are gravic or cathode energies; that such energies are expended, utilized and materialized in the various strata of the atmospheres and earth from the center to the outermost environ; that the energies which enter the earth's shell are ultra-penetrable rays, passing through opaque substances until the limit is reached. Prof. Woodward has made no discovery; he has simply undertaken to make a popular theory of the X-ray fit in a popular system of astronomy. The form and function of the universe, the cathode ray, the science of the propagation of light and all other energies, alchemy, and all physics, were discovered over a quarter of a century ago, before any other mind in the world had even thought of any X-ray theory of the sun! Modern scientists, chemists, and electricians are making no new discoveries; they are simply botching what is already known. Fallacy will seek to compromise with truth, rather than surrender unconditionally.

Scientific description of the animal kingdom is zoology; the science of the next lower kingdom is botany. These two kingdoms are governed by the same laws of existence and propagation of life; they have co-ordinate functions. It would be an absurdity to undertake to apply a description of the animal kingdom to the vegetable, without a knowledge of the laws of transposition or transmission of life from one domain to the other. Such an absurdity would be no evidence that zoology is false, because it would not apply to botany, would it? There are two kingdoms of humanity: One is humanity as it exists today; the other periodically manifests itself in the world. The individuals composing that kingdom are perfect; present humanity is segregated. The Bible scientifically describes the laws of generation, existence, and manifestation of the humano-divine kingdom in the earth; the experiences of the energies of that kingdom when absorbed or planted in the interior of the divided man; it is the science of being and existence as directly traceable to Cause; it does *not* apply to the lower human kingdom! To undertake to make it apply to man and to his relations as he exists in the world today, is as manifest a perversion and as palpable an absurdity as mistaking botany for zoology. To the mind making such a mistake, the Bible is full of absurdities; applied in its proper sphere and interpreted from the standpoint from which it was written, it is perfect and scientific. The

Bible was not written for devils; it can be understood only by the *then* *anthropos*, the God-man, for and by whom it was inspired.

Some one who poses as a scientist, has made the announcement that modern science has brought to light not only the fact that worry is the agency that kills, but tells how it kills. It is thought that worry injures beyond repair certain cells of the brain, and the brain being the nutritive center of the body, the organs become gradually injured, and disease and death result. This announcement will suit most people coming as it does from supposed scientific authority. It is welcomed, because it affords a loophole of escape from responsibility for the real cause of death. Of course, worry worries; and other things have worried the scientists. The inconsistency of modern science is in reasoning from effects, and making discoveries of symptoms, while the real cause of the real disease is ignored. Millions of times as many brain cells collapse from sexual dissipation and prostitution as from worry. The insidious tendency of the human mind universally, is the gratification of sensual desire. The period of abuse of the functions of generation and the waste of the energies of life extend from youth to senility. The very central desires of humanity, the real heart and nature, born in blood and bone, are sensual. It is therefore consistent with the desires of the pseudo-scientists, and compatible with their possible fame, to excuse the world on some other ground. Koreshan Science alone locates the cause of mortality and death, and demonstrates the science of longevity.

A new system of scientific spiritual culture is being devised by a modern scientist. It may become a *fad*, for it does not involve any rational, mental activity, and has no relation whatever to reason or to logical methods of reaching conclusions; and is therefore admirably adapted to the modern mind! In the first place, it is neither scientific, nor spiritual, nor is it culture; the method consists in simply looking—and looking with the eyes closed! If you close the eyes you will seem to see light spots, rings, and clouds, and other peculiar figures moving about. The idea is to interpret oneself by the character of the images seen in this way; to form different images by putting the mind into various mental states. It is claimed that by persistent employment of this method, one can change his entire character, concentrate the mind and become more spiritual. The inventor thinks the Bible was written by men who looked at spots seen with the eyes closed, and jotted down in the form of language what they saw. He thinks he has found the avenue to the solution of all mysteries. It is simply another vagary for modern hoodoos. Let the retinal sensations be interpreted to be manifestations of spirits, and a foundation is laid for another popular delusion. This suggests that some one might make a fortune listening to noises in the ears, or tasting imaginations with the mouth shut!

Spain is not the only nation that is doomed to destruction—not the only nation that is low in the scale of human civilization. There is no righteous government where the people are oppressed. Long ago the nations forgot God, and they have all been turned into hell. Man today is segregated; the governments of the world are mere perverted fragments. A stupendous, world-wide revolution is at hand; that revolution will not consist in the peaceful federation of existing powers, but in the destruction of the old and in the formation of the new. Judgment is being visited upon the kingdom of Spain in a natural, rational, and tangible manner. In their order, all other oppressive systems will experience the reaction of the crimes of the past.

It has long been boasted that the Copernican system of astronomy is adequate to explain all the phenomena of the physical heavens, the motion of the planets especially, because the entire system is founded upon an hypothesis devised to explain the phenomena of the planets. It has not developed that there are many things about the movements of the planets that it has not satisfactorily explained. In proof of this we quote as follows from the pen of astronomer Newcomb, in *Self-Culture*: "The mysterious motion of the perihelion of Mercury, which is greater than that which calculation shows to be produced by the action of all the planets, is not yet satisfactorily explained." The Copernican System succeeded the Ptolemaic, for the simple reason that Copernicus expressed greater ingenuity of fallacy. If modern astronomy were a science, there would be no mysteries in the system to consider!

You cannot interpret the Bible from the standpoint of your own observations, any more than you can interpret the universe from the appearance of one horizon. To comprehend the Bible and the universe of nature, there must be a center of circumspection reached by the possession of the central key to the solution of the great problem of being and existence. The light of absolute science must illumine the pages of the Bible. It is an expression of the mind of cause on the plane of written symbols and words, just as the physical universe is an expression on the plane of form and function. Fallacy is the result of false life; neither the Bible nor the universe can be interpreted by the mind filled with fallacy.

Every man today who credulously accepts the Bible, thinks it is his right and privilege to interpret the Bible. Jesus alone of all the teachers of his day, was able to "tell the truth about the Bible." He came for the purpose of interpreting the Old Testament Scriptures in himself—he was the interpretation and expression of the writings of Moses and of the prophets. He was the expression of truth in its philosophic degree, and expounded it from that standpoint. Truth, at the end of the dispensation, is expressed in the scientific degree, the ultimate expression of the truth of all cycles. Today, the Bible must be interpreted by the involved genius of the age, the light of science.

If any man had come to Jesus nineteen hundred years ago and said, "I am one with the First Great Cause, let it be what it may," Jesus would have informed him that he lied! Jesus said, "I proceeded forth and came from God; * * * ye are of your father the devil." Jesus was the *only* man who comprehended humanity in his day. In the dawn of the new era, order will not be restored by the "discoveries" of the many, but by the discovery of the *one* man who involves the whole truth.

The science of immortality is the science of the resurrection. No man can be resurrected who does not understand the processes by which it is to be accomplished. When understood, the processes are just as rational, natural, and scientific as seed-sowing and harvest. The harvest of the age is at hand, and a new humanity is about to be manifest as a result of the application of the principles of science in the world today, in the life, mind, and heart of man.

In an exchange we see the following: "The sole vocation of science is to interrogate our mother Nature, and place upon record as sacred truth, all the answers she gives. She has no preconceived theory of things, and then calls upon Nature to confirm it by prestige of authority." The word science means knowledge; therefore, science is not an interrogation point!

It has been said that war is hell; but it is not the only hell there is in the world. Neither is hell to be confined to the competitive system. The fires of hell are burning in the mortal temples of humanity. Their worst form is in the lusts of man, where the elements and energies of life are consumed.

It is a false philanthropy that steals millions from the people, and gives pittance to the poor through what is called charity. Philanthropy does not mean love of the poor, but the love of mankind. Koreshanity is the only system of philanthropy in existence.

"Science" that is simply inquiring into the mysteries of the universe, is not science. True science has *already* inquired and *knows*. Science is knowledge.

The world's peace is the mere absence of actual clash of arms; national peace is preserved only at the point of the sword and mouth of the machine-gun.

The orthodox people believe that death is the road to heaven; but they cry and put on mourning when a friend starts on the journey!

The cure for the world's ills consists in the removal of the cause.

No man can judge the truth; truth comes to judge the man!

Koreshanity is the science of primitive Christianity.

Immortality does not lie beyond the graveyard.

Discipleship without discipline is a pretension.

Some modern "cures" are curious.

Hell is chaos; heaven is order.

The humming flies everywhere!

Query, Chat, and News Departments.

BY THE EDITOR.

Automatic Picture Projection.

I agree that we cannot always be sure of a fact from the visual appearance. To illustrate, I will relate what came under my observation repeatedly in Colorado. A neighbor lived one mile to the east, whose house was obscured by a slight swell in the ground; I could see a part of the roof from the second story. This was the ordinary appearance, but occasionally the appearance of the whole roof would show from the ground floor. I might say that on these occasions my vision was curved down. The roof certainly looked as natural and real as if I had not been more than five rods distant. There are many similar phenomena

that have been reported by credible observers in different parts of the world. I do not believe that my vision was bent down at these times, or that the house was raised up, but simply that the appearance or picture was projected up so lifelike that neither I nor any other party could detect it from the real.

If we admit this explanation as the true one, we can easily suppose that the targets in the Old Drainage Canal, near Chicago, were carried up under the operation of the same law, which would annul the value of the experiments made at that place. The same reasoning would apply to the disappearance of ships from the view of the naked eye, and bringing them up again by the aid

of the telescope. Let us remember another thing: Ships disappear from the telescopic vision in precisely the same order that they do from the naked eye, and can be brought to view again by occupying a higher elevation. These experiments are interesting as showing the aberrations of vision; but they tend to confirm the idea that the earth is convex.

I do not deny that vision is exactly on a straight line. If Prof. Morrow has any evidence that our vision curves upward at the ratio of 13 inches to the mile, or any other ratio, better than I have here given, that it curves downward, I would like to have him present it for my inspection and criticism. I believe that vision extends in

perfectly straight lines; but as it is an important point, I am willing to be convinced. I am discussing this question in the interest of the truth, and not for personal triumph.—SAMUEL BLODGETT.

Then the writer of the above has not truth *definitely* settled in his mind concerning physics and optics; if he is open to conviction, it is an admission that his conclusions are not absolute. Upon the demonstrated premise that the earth's surface is concave, curving concavely at the ratio of eight inches to the mile, the ratio of curvature of visual lines radiating from the eye, is determined by looking horizontally over the vertical points of staffs set at given distances from the eye. Perspective and curvilinearization necessitate the elongation of each succeeding staff in recession from the eye, at the ratio of about five inches to the mile. The first point to be settled is our *premise*, in the mind of the investigator; then our conclusions follow as a necessary consequence.

The author of the above can easily insinuate, as he has in past letters, that the experiments of the Koreshan Geodetic Staff are bogus; and yet he attempts to explain some facts we observed. Were we *truthful*, then, regarding the phenomena on the Canal, Gulf, and Bay? He can ask the reader to doubt all our long array of evidences, obtained for the public by two years' painstaking effort, and at the same time ask our readers to accept not only his statements concerning an alleged phenomenon, but also his conclusions as the "true explanation." We might take it from the above, that the neighbor's house was in the automatic picture business, that raised and lowered its projection or image, regardless of any visual relations to the eye. Something seized the image and carried it up under the operation of the "same law," (?)—something tugged away at it until it stood as a banner in the breeze, the mere *ghost* of a thing! We infer that the writer of the above never studied refraction, nor any scientific explanation of the phenomenon, and for that reason, employs the schoolboy method of explaining it—why, the picture or image just raised itself up!

We were not aware that a one-sided admission of an explanation was capable of annulling the value of any scientific fact. If we undertook to admit such conjectures, we might easily *suppose* anything; but as direct demonstrations, or as direct methods of disproof of statements, we have no use for such admissions nor consequent suppositions, and inasmuch as the writer of the above affirms that "vision is straight" under all circumstances, and consequently cannot rationally explain his own observations, it is obvious

that he cannot touch a single argument we put forth, nor weaken a single fact which we have observed. Before asking for any *more* things to criticize, we think it would be well for him to finish up what he has already undertaken.

Besides, what is the use of arguing the matter if he has a proof that will *settle* the whole question? It would be a saving of time and space, if the proof were presented *right away*; settle the question at once and for all, with the *one* thing that will do it! It would not then matter that other "similar phenomena" have been seen by others. Suppositions, inferences, and admissions are foreign to logical demonstrations. All that reason could suggest to our opponents under the circumstances, is to present evidences of fact in opposition to our premise; combat our *premise*, not our conclusions! Arguments about facts, denials, or doubts inferred or insinuated, can never overthrow the facts which we *know* to be true, and have proven over and over during past years. No man can logically deny our demonstrations until he has as carefully and persistently entered, by actual test, into the details of the experiments we have conducted, and has found our testimony to be false. Our opponents who have never conducted the same or similar experiments *cannot know* to be untrue, the facts which we *know* and have observed to be true! A fact will remain a fact; and no amount of explanation or argument can change it. We know what we know; and knowing that the facts are as they are, we laugh at any and all attempts to overthrow our premise or conclusions! We are *not* open to conviction; we challenge the world to disprove that which is true.

We await the "simple, inexpensive method," which we are told will settle the question for every one of our readers. At this juncture, some readers of THE FLAMING SWORD are becoming anxious to know what is left of the evidences that the earth is convex, after the scientific world is robbed of all the usual "proofs" through the western attorney's wonderful rays of vision which can go in absolutely straight lines and in curves at the same time! Our facts still stand as they were; they do not need defense.

The Science of the Human Mind.

What is your opinion of "mental science" as taught in *Freedom*? Does it not teach some true conclusions concerning the science of the human mind and its power over the body?—J. T. C., Chicago.

We are not aware that any scientific conclusions have ever appeared in the pages of *Freedom*, from the pen of its editor. We know that it is not possible

to comprehend the human mind without a comprehension of the science of the human structure and all its functions, nor without a knowledge of man's origin and his destiny. An inquirer is not a scientist, and should not pose as one. It is not false egotism to claim to understand man if such comprehension be a fact; but it is bombast to claim to teach science without knowledge. The publication referred to claims to teach the truth, and announced that it is "the only," etc., and that soon or later its system will be the one to be recognized by the world as true.

But it gives itself away occasionally, and we think we can best answer the above question by a quotation from its issue of May 18, 1898; in the editorial department: "I do not wish to be understood as saying that I understand man. Such a claim would be the height of egotism; I have *studied* man, and my consciousness has become awakened to his immense capacities for endless development. What that development will be I do not know; but I am trying to find out."

We hold that *no one* who is simply "trying to find out,"—still searching for truth, is a teacher of truth. There can be no true conclusions where truth is not concluded—where the legitimate, logical, and rational processes are employed to interpret the meaning of a known premise. There can be no true explanation of a part without a knowledge of the whole.

The Flaming Sword a Scientific Publication.

Please send me a sample copy of THE FLAMING SWORD, and a copy of the NEW GEODESY if it is out. Does not KORESH publish a monthly Scientific Journal? I want to investigate some of KORESH's new theories.—H. E. S., Stephenville, Tex.

In December, 1886, KORESH began the publication of THE GUIDING STAR, a monthly publication devoted to the exposition of Koreshan Science. This Journal was succeeded in 1889 by THE FLAMING SWORD, which has continued from that time until this, as the official expositor of the System. We send you copies of THE SWORD, and enter your order for the CELLULAR COSMOGONY, the new astronomical and geodetic work now in preparation; we will forward it to you as soon as it is issued, which will be in a short time. It is a book of about 200 pages, and contains demonstrations of the fundamental premise of the entire System of Koreshanity—the fact of the cellular form of the universe, or the concavity of the earth's surface. We welcome your investigation of the one true scientific System in existence.

Chat With Readers.

Logic is useless as a factor of arriving at truth when it has a false premise under it; logic is simply a vehicle to carry thought from premise to conclusion. It is possible to ship the worst material in good vessels. Some people have nothing with which to reach conclusions of any kind, and they have no premise. The hardest work in the world is to make such people see a point; you cannot reason with a man who has no settled or fixed premise. THE FLAMING SWORD always predicates conclusions upon fixed premises, and consequently is emphatic where no one else is—it is emphatic on everything. It is no evidence that the System is untrue because it is hard for some people to comprehend. If everybody understood it, so that it could immediately become a "fad," it could be justly suspected of being a fallacy! The masses never accept any theory until it has deteriorated to the plane of their comprehension. Truth is first for the wise, then for those who are not wise, and who have to be taught.

What indicates the divisions of time? There are revolutions in the physical heavens—of the sun, moon, and stars in their orbits. Time is measured by natural means in the natural world. Ages are larger divisions of time; they are also indicated in the natural world in a natural way. Epochs in history are made by changes in humanity, in the anthropic world. Dispensational changes result from specific changes in the human world; there are cycles in humanity that are just as definitely marked in time, as sunrise and sunset, or winter and summer. In demonstration of the end of the Christian dispensation, the Koreshan System points to the evidences in the natural, human world. For a quarter of a century KORESH has pointed to the great dial of the universe, visible to all. We have in this number a profound and excellent article on the cause of Dispensational changes. Read it critically and study the situation carefully.

It is impossible for those who live on the "outside of the earth" to reach our premise on the opposite side of the crust! The interior surface is a fact; it is concave. Men have tried again and again to make it curve the other way, but without success. The astronomical world will attack us in vain. However, what others may have to say is interesting; it is a means of education to our people, and it certainly is to others! We are always glad to reply to objections, criticisms or questions, and to argue the points with others—that is, we are glad to tell them the facts in the case, and to demonstrate what we say, and to let them reach whatever conclusions they wish. The two letters to which we reply this week, will be entertaining to all our readers.

If the church is false, it is false only by reason of the fact that it is a perversion;

fallacy is the opposite of the truth. The great papal system of Rome is a counterfeit of the true system of unity of church and state. The world is endeavoring to believe in a universal brotherhood, without a fatherhood. The world today, to tell the real, plain truth, is the brotherhood of death, and not of life; it is the devil's brotherhood—that is, it is the brotherhood that is perpetuated in the state of evil and mortality, and it is not God's. You will study with interest the excellent article on "The Coming Theocracy is the Genuine System of Papacy," by Rev. Bertha S. Boomer, of THE SWORD Contributing Staff.

Yes, the New Book is all right—getting along as rapidly as possible. Be patient a little longer; the mechanical work will be finished in a short time; so you see it cannot be much longer until it is out. It is simply a question of time in which the mechanical work, the printing, and the binding can be done. We are more anxious than you can be to have it ready, for we have pressing and impatient demands for it from many, while you have only the matter of one or more copies to wait for! We are doing the best we can, and are determined to please you when it is ready for mailing!

Life is too short to undertake to read everything that is published in the world. If you think you will get wise by filling the mind with a score of different theories, you are mistaken! You can never learn any truth in fallacy, and only the truth will give you any real information concerning the universe in general, and the mysteries of man in particular. You can learn more from THE FLAMING SWORD than from all other publications combined! Don't you think so?

Some natural minds are endeavoring to live in the spiritual world; they are full of air castles, with long faces. Be natural; study natural science, for it alone is rational. You do not like to see people who are not reasonable.

THE FLAMING SWORD burns truth into the minds of its readers. The heart is not truly wounded until it has been pierced by the weapon of Truth.

Some people are afraid the Koreshan cause is going to succeed; cause always produces effect. Koreshanity is the cause.

The World's News.

Wednesday, July 13.—Pence rumors alternately affirmed and denied in newspapers; Washington correspondents contradict their own reports.—Santiago situation hanging fire; Gen. Toral again refuses to make unconditional surrender.—Sagasta, at Madrid, who resigned last week, is compelled to remain in office.—Spanish troops ordered to Spanish coast cities for defense against American invasion.—Sampson or-

dered to enter Santiago harbor.—Toral given one more day to decide.—Admiral Dewey defies German warship, and captures 500 Spaniards at Subie bay.—Yellow fever attacks U. S. Army at Santiago.—San Wilson goes to Cuba as military governor.

Thursday.—Newspapers have Spain defiant again today; attributed to "mysterious change at Madrid."—Gen. Blanco directs Toral at Santiago to "resist Americans."—U. S. Army at Santiago at noon.—Philippine insurgents making raids on suburbs of Manila.—Shafter preparing for bombardment of Santiago unless authorities capitulate.

Friday.—Santiago surrenders to Gen. Shafter; includes 25,000 soldiers, forts, guns, and ammunition, the city and large part of the province; U. S. government agrees to transport prisoners to Spain at once.—Cuban insurgents want to make Santiago the capital of the Cuban republic.—Two U. S. vessels successfully land food and arms for Gen. Gomez at Palo Alto, Cuba; landing accomplished by defeating Spanish troops.—Rejoicing in America over success of army in Cuba.

Saturday.—Newspapers have Spain ready to ask for peace today, and fix up Washington terms; fakes busy writing war rumors.—Little ripple of excitement over report that Toral had withdrawn surrender, and would fight; commissioners to make terms wrangle over Spanish demands; surrender finally made, and reports confirmed.—Gen. Olives San Francisco with 800 men, for Philippines.—Dr. Sonn, with U. S. army in Cuba, announces fear that one fourth of army will be attacked by yellow fever in two weeks.—Refugees from Santiago, new in outfitting towns, permitted by Shafter to go back to Santiago.—Mutiny of Spanish prisoners on board cruiser Harvard covering Cervera and prisoners to U. S.; prisoners attempt to secure rifles from the ship stores.—Three more prizes captured by blockade fleet, off southern coast of Cuba.—Schley's warships enter Santiago harbor.—Watson's fleet ready to attack Spanish coast.

Sunday.—More newspaper peace for Spain today.—U. S. flag hoisted over government buildings, barracks, and Moro Castle, at Santiago.—Spanish soldiers stacking arms in actual surrender; evacuate the city; held prisoners at El Caney.—Cervera and marine prisoners arrive at Annapolis, Md.—Blanco insists on fighting to the end.—Plans being devised for taking Porto Rico at once; Gen. Miles to lead attack, in co-operation with Sampson.—English press praising McKinley's war policy, and success of American army.—France refuses to ask for peace for Spain.—Autonomist party in Cuba planning to institute a republic of its own to defeat the Separatists or insurgents.

Monday.—Shafter enters Santiago and takes possession of all stores of arms and ammunition; Americans cheered by citizens; American generals banqueted by Spanish officers at the official palace, and made objects of polite attentions.—Mines removed from Santiago bay.—10,000 Spaniards at Holguin, Cuba, to be taken by Shafter.—Newspapers put Spanish peace a long way off today; may change before night.—Armistice proposed by newspapers will not be considered at Washington.—Assize court at Versailles, France, senten-

ees Emile Zola and Perreux to one year's imprisonment.

Tuesday.—Admiral Dewey demands explanation of action of German admiral in Manila bay; asked to declare their nation friend or foe to U. S.—Gen. Miles starts for Porto Rico with 10,000 soldiers; 20,000 reinforcements to sail from Tampa; Sampson to bombard cities from the sea.—Kinckley issues official documents for government of Santiago province, and the Ladrones in the Pacific.

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In Reform Journals.

THE NEGRO IN AMERICA.

The Afro-American the Foundation of the New Humanity.

The negro is really virgin soil in politics, religion, and sociology. So far he has been more talked about than he has talked for himself. In politics he has never spoken for himself—he has simply followed his leaders. In religion he has never been reached or disturbed by Higher Criticism, or the various doctrines which have occupied other people in this country. Ninety per cent belong to two convictions growing out of intelligent investigation. What part the negro will play in the religious reforms which must come in the course of the general development of mind, remains to be seen. That he will think for himself is pretty certain. Already he is doing so. The strong effort to hold the young negro to old denominations without reasons for it other than inheritance, is working evil. Many of the educated young people are drifting away into a kind of mysticism. Yet this temporary darkness is just before the dawn, as the deep religious nature of the negro will never permit him to be Godless; and he will seek a religion which will accommodate both his deep religious emotion and his expanding intellectuality.

In politics, the negro will be found a staunch ally of the party of reform in government. He is no longer wedded to any political party. He has no hobby. He has no set scheme. He is a hard working, good-natured, God-fearing person. The negro is not a wilful, malicious violator of the law, and is not a natural criminal. His violations of law have been the result of ignorance, and his blackest criminality an imitation of a race in superior and overshadowing conditions. The negro is a genuine American. He knows no other country, and is undivided in his devotion to the Stars and Stripes. Notwithstanding the charge to the contrary, it remains a fact that the negro drinks less intoxicating liquors than any other race of citizens. Taken all in all, there is no more inviting field for reform movements than the negro element of the South. He forms one seventh of our national population, and in thirty-five years has become owner of one seventieth of our national wealth. His strong black arms still hold aloft King Cotton, who shakes his snowy locks and waves his golden scepter over the commercial world. The negro may be misrepresented, slandered, abused, flattered, but he is still one seventh of the nation's numerical strength, and holds the balance of power for good or ill. He cannot be counted out. He cannot be set

aside. He must be recognized. He is growing up—a young giant. His sinews are hardening into steel—his heart is growing brave and stout. His eye flashes in search of truth, and he stands ready to associate himself with those movements which tend toward it. No one who knows him fears violence at his hand. None know him that do not trust him, for he is every man's friend. While trustful and confiding, he cannot be led into wholesale crime. He stands ripe and ready to enlist under the banner of reform and higher social conditions for the masses.

The higher thought of the White South is daily making open acknowledgment of the value of the strong black, industrious arms and mild, humble, forgiving, law-abiding spirit of the Black South. Slavery kept the White South untainted, the purest American blood. The signs of the times indicate that the Black South is to be the purest, truest, and best American blood; and who can doubt that it may yet redeem and save our blessed land from evil innovations, political corruption, and "old glory" from dishonor?—W. H. Council, Ph. D., in *New Time*.

BARRICADES.

Have we explained why life and the renewal of life is accomplished in turbulence? Blood stained was the field which next year gave the most copious harvest. Through the pale lips of the plague passed the grateful command of resurrection. Charged with the substance of identity was the destruction of personal desire. Flooded in the subsidence of love was returned more than love could contain. Cruelty, dissolved by its own chemistry, was lead to the law and the light. Nor has pain once come to the earth but brought in its issue a meaning not of pain.

Why, then, do men weep, children die, the incomplete vanish in incompleteness? By what demand is man entombed in his own follies and transgressions? Why do I aim in violence to reconstruct man in the letter of my initiative? Hosts, hating, face each other in fatal resolution.

In the chasm are thrown all powers that appoint a fresh play of fragments to the end of union. The man submerged, his aspirations lulled in wreaths of nirvana, The dead really dead, the finish of man in failure.

Have the gods confided such secrets to you as you stood trembling in borders and listening for voices? In battle destroyed, in peace ostracized, for loyal acquiescence in sacrifice, are you apprenticed to demonic powers?

Faces of hate and love face faces of hate and love,

Behind the barricades weapons of defense and challenges of defiance. The nether voice escaped to utterance; The key that usurpation thoughtlessly left in its lock turned by a strong hand.

Two forces are now having between them a long delayed settlement. The barricade is their desk, their grim pens are rifles, their ink is the scarlet of sacrifice: Yet behold, the hour and place are

a long delayed settlement. From the streets of Paris I descend to Socrates, and yet behind Socrates to Jesus and the Buddha. Barricade is hemlock, cross, betree—across each magna charta reached.

In your heart are barricades, there forever are prepared dire battles for supremacy.

The most desperate battles are fought without blood, unseen, in awful silence.

And well do you know that every man is the hero of a thousand barricades—Not less Fox than Hugo, not less he who, fighting, led degraded by some sin, than he who, triumphant, was immortal in his triumphant virtue—Lincoln and his assassin, Burr and Andre, and in every man all his faculties, not one inopportune.

All success involved in the one defect, all beauty scarred and transmutation checked.

The hero of the barricade knows he has not been deserted by fortune—that no vicissitude can reduce his appraisal to ciphers.

He does not desert the line because some martinet stands pale at the sound of the drum.

For he has made peace with everything, even with the enemy he is about to meet and fight.

And the hero note divinely echoing replies to him from more than earthly hills.—Horace L. Traubel, in *The Conservator*.

A National Anthem.

My country tis of me,

Bo\$\$ man of liberty,

Of me I Sing;

I am the nation's pride,

For me my party died;

In every bank's inside;

My \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ ring.

I own your plains and hills,

I own your store\$ and mills,

I run the Trust.

I want more bond\$ this week—

Bond\$ that are for debt and sleep—

With interest eat them reek

Or I will bust.

My Senate join my list\$,

And don't be anarchi\$ts,

For three per cent.

Ere patrioti\$ in pause,

Put through that bonding clause,

\$o that in freedom's cause,

My gold i\$ cent.

My army, tis of me,

Bo\$\$ man of liberty,

Of me I Sing.

Ain't you ashamed to fight,

When I am dead with delight,

Come back and with delight,

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ I'll fling.

—James Syme Hastings.

Legislation Not a Panacea.

Our age has run wild with the idea that right legislation is the Moses that will lead us out of our Egyptian bondage into the land of promise; that in some way what we call legislation will bring us all, with very little effort on our part, into health, wealth, and happiness; that the ballot you hold in your fingers is the safeguard of liberty and the panacea of every ill. We are mistaken.—Rev. George B. Vosburgh, Baptist, Denver.

Cats and Men.

If you will take one cat by himself and pinch his tail he will bite and scratch your hand. But take two cats and put them side by side and pinch both their tails at the same time and they will bite and scratch each other. Placidity has learned this trick. So it gets the people arrayed in two parties and then pinches their tails and they fight each other. Like cats, they never turn to fight the hand that pinches them.—Kaufman Leader.

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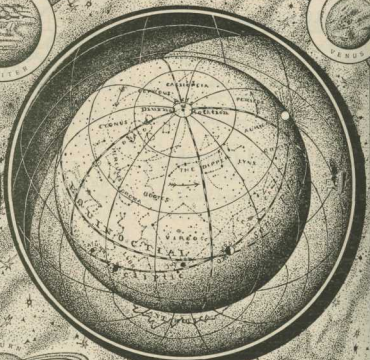
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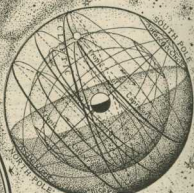
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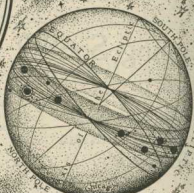
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