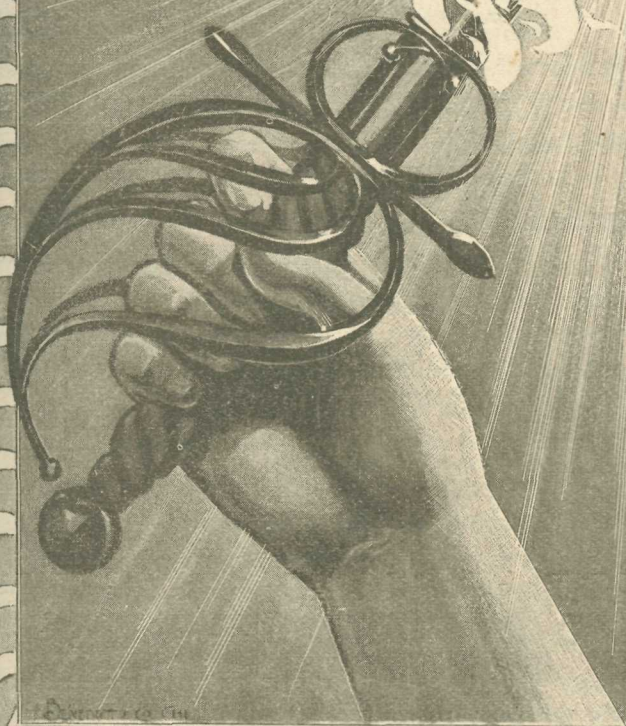


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*"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."*

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## The Science of Mental Therapeutics.

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IT WILL be noticed that in the vibration of the second string, it has come in contact with no perceptibly tangible substance; whatsoever force excites it to action is projected from the impulse communicated to the first string, the motion of which is the result of visible material contact. This result is not produced by the vibration of the atmosphere. The science of the projected vibration can be explained in few words. The friction of the atoms of oxygen and nitrogen composing the atmosphere reduces those atoms to energy, so that they no longer exist as material substance. When they are destroyed as material substance, they become the substance of energy. This energy is of such a specific character, that it possesses distinctive powers from either light or heat. It is specifically sound energy. It not only has the power to oscillate the string, but in addition to this, to vibrate the tympanum of the ear. It does not affect the retina, nor communicate the sensation of heat to the physiological sense of feeling. It is a distinct energy, and as such, is a distinct substance.

If we were writing in the parlance of the theosophist or the advocates of the "objective" and "subjective mind" theory, we might be tempted to remark that the strings possessed dual characteristics, or that they had souls capable of independent existence, as some internal thing not visible left the first string and passed to the second and produced unaccountable physico-psychic

phenomena;—for we saw the second string vibrate and heard the sound of the vibration, and know that there was no possibility of any conscious external and material impulse. How is it that a material thing can be moved at so great a distance from the cause of the motion, without any material connecting medium? How shall we account for this great mystery? says the empirical investigator of the psychic science.

The string has a soul; that soul is the result of its activity, and that soul reaches out from the vortex of its energy, projecting its radiations to the limitations of its force. If we institute a correspondential analysis of this law, we may discover the secret of psychic phenomena upon the basis of a much more consistent and rational hypothesis than any presented by the advocates of the common mental theories. Every cellule of the brain is an elaborator of energy, the force of which is a thousand times more subtle and potent than that generated by the vibration of the violin string or the tuning-fork. Not only does every cell generate an essence which passes toward and supplies with nutrition the organs of the body, but it generates electric and magnetic energies which contribute to the electric and magnetic action of the organ, while at the same time and by the same action, it evolves the energies of mental force.

As the alchemic action which unites the oxygen and hydrogen in the precipitation of water also generates



the energies of light and heat, electricity and magnetism, so the action of a cerebral center in performing that function which elaborates an essence with which to supply the organs of the body, at the same time and by the same process elaborates the exoteric and esoteric mental energies, the outer currents of which are communicable through the external expression, and the inner or subjective currents transmissible by the more subtle mediums and channels of communication. As illustrative of this law in a more specific application of the principle, suppose we take that group of cortical cells situated just in front of the ear,—the seat of the mental desire for food and drink, the center for alimentation. It is primarily a mental function, but while it is a mental organ, it is the pivot of that cerebral activity which controls the alimentary tract. It is the hub of the inferior convolution or gyrus of the frontal lobe of the cerebrum; a gyrus divided into as many centers as there are divisions of the digestive or alimentary canal. This gyrus or convolution embraces the organs of individuality, form, size, weight, color, order, and number; those on the right side of the head constituting the affections or desires of the functions, and those on the left, the science of the functions.

Now, if we consider one distinctive group of cells, or one organ of the mind, say for instance the organ of order, we deal with the center which presides over the physical functions of the colon of the alimentary canal, a physical portion of the tract of alimentation which is in direct communication, through the inferior mesenteric vein, with the *lobus quadratus* of the liver. The organ in question is a physical organ in one direction, but a mental organ in another.

The laws of vibration governing the action of the violin string or the tuning-fork, are correspondentially the same in the mental tensions to which the mind may control and shape its organs, and through it their functions. If we may locate any given center of the brain, comprehend its functions, and associate in our knowledge its physiological relations, we possess the mental key to the channel of connection between the organ of the brain and its corresponding organ of the body; but if we possess not this key, our knowledge is speculative and uncertain, and our practice that of the empiric—the quack.

### The Three Schools of Hypnotists.

There seems to be three distinct schools of hypnotism noticed by Hudson:

The Mesmerists hold to the fluidic theory of Mesmer. \* \* \* The theory of the Nancy school is, that the different physiological conditions characterizing the hypnotic state are determined by mental action alone; that the phenomena can best be produced in persons of sound physical health and perfect mental balance, and that this mental action and the consequent physical and psychological phenomena are the result, in all cases, of some form of suggestion. The Paris school holds that hypnotism is the result of an abnormal or diseased condition of the nerves;

that a great number of the phenomena can be produced independently of suggestion in any form.

"The Mesmerists hold that \* \* \* the hypnotic condition is induced, independent of suggestion, by passes made by the operator over the subject," and that the concentration of the will of the subject is an essential factor in the production of the phenomena. According to Hudson's theory, the whole subject of psychic phenomena is summed up in the one word belief. He says:

When, therefore, Jesus proclaimed the law that belief was a condition precedent to immortal life, he formulated a scientific proposition then new to the world, and at the same time proclaimed himself master of the science of the soul.

When the hypnotic mountebank places the Lord Jesus, the Christ of God, on the common footing of the hypnotist, and ascribes his powers of physical and spiritual restoration to anything in common with the hypnotic force as believed in and practiced by the charlatans of today, whose only incentive to heal the sick is the money there is in it, he is reducing—in his own estimation—the Godhead to a very degraded moral standard.

### Psychology, or the Science of the Soul.

The term psychology is from *psyche*, soul; and *logos*, word or discourse,—a word on the soul. Jesus himself was *the Word*. There were two broad phases of his powers to impress himself upon his disciples. The first was while he was among them; the second and greater, was after his absence, through his theocrasis. Neither of these powers was similar to the operations now variously named Mesmerism, psychology, faith cure, hypnotism, and "christian" or mental science. He was distinctly *the Holy One of God*. His power to lay down his life and take it up again demonstrated this. This he manifested in his own resurrection, and subsequently in his power to dissolve his body and convert it to that which has been recognized as the Holy Ghost or Spirit, and which, subsequent to his theocrasis, was shed upon thousands of his followers.

Jesus said: "I perceive that virtue [dunamis] is gone out of me." What was the source of this virtue? It was the result of his own immaculate life, the great potential power of which was manifest when the Logos himself, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, rested upon and entered into the soul of his people; when the soul of the Godhood made conjunction with the soul of sinful humanity. Will the modern hypnotist, putting the mind to *sleep* (for this is what the term hypnotism signifies), pretend to assure us that this is identical with the *awakening* of the dead? The power of the Christ was the power of the resurrection. "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light," is quite distinct in character from, "Go to sleep under the hypnotic power of some empiric, and you shall be made alive!"



# The Metropolitan Center of the New Civilization.

"Behold, I Make all Things New."

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

THE VERY word *new* gives a sense of refreshment to the mind weary and heavy laden. The effete civilizations of today, reeking with corruption and maintained by institutions that are the macrocosms of the "whited sepulchres," denounced by Jehovah as "full of dead mens bones and all uncleanness," need to be swept out of existence by the force of a universal cataclysm. It would seem that nothing short of the birth throes of a universe pregnant with the sons of Jove, each one full armed with the thunderbolts of his divine vengeance, would be sufficient to awaken this present evil world, this final hades of mortality, to the real nature of the so called civilization of which it boasts.

Viewed by the light of that eternal commentary on the nature of sin,—the science of the law,—the civilization of today lacks one redeeming feature. It serves just one essential purpose perfectly,—that of being a background so dense in its blackness, that it enhances the gleaming whiteness of the purity and the glory of the true civilization that shall be.

All forms of present civilization lack primarily the scientific application of a single righteous basic principle. They are like the viduals who formulate them,—conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity, children of their father the devil, nourished by their mother satan. The tap-root of all their evils is that dominant passion of passions, the love of money. The new civilization will be ushered in by the annihilation of that love, through the destruction of the necessity for the use of its object, money. That octopus of the money power, the trust system, will finally so clutch at the vitals of the people that they will turn with hatred from it, and leave it to its own destruction by its own inherent enemies.

A voice is destined to be heard in all lands, saying: "Behold I make all things new." "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." A cry is destined to go forth and reach the people of the Most High, bidding them escape out of Babylon, that they be not partakers of her sins, nor visited with her plagues. This Voice of one crying in this wilderness of sin, this forerunner of the Jehovah, to be revealed in the majesty of imperial glory, is the voice of true science, the science of truth. This Voice, this Messenger, this anointed one, is destined to lay the foundation of the new civilization, and to build its central city. He will operate in and through and by the living stones of His living temple, the redeemed from among men, to fill the whole earth with the Magnificat of its glory.

The final ushering in of the new civilization will be with cataclysms—physical and spiritual—so marvelous, so overwhelming, that only the divinely wise can understand their origin. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him, with them that call upon his name. Already, a few have been found receptive to wisdom and understanding, that his name may be declared and his

revelations heralded.

While the present evil world is absorbed in maintaining its abominations, its leprous social system, its adulterous church, and its industrial sausage factories for grinding the poor, one Man treads the wine-press of the wrath of God alone. He it is who scientifically proclaims the day of doom to all that's old; he it is who heralds the descent of the New Jerusalem from God out of heaven, adorned as a bride to meet her husband,—the Spirit of Jehovah, the progressive spirit of the race—ascending to receive her.

It is written that, primarily, the kingdom cometh without observation; that primarily the King himself comes as a thief in the night. When he comes, he comes with the faith of the Son of God, that faith by which his race is saved; he comes with the hope that maketh not ashamed; the hope that the glory of God shall fill the whole earth; he comes with love divine, all other loves excelling, the love of the science of truth, light and guide of Jehovah. "Behold the king cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass." He comes, the sole representative of the power of God unto salvation; the cross of Jehovah with the mortal human, supremely the "man of sin," our burden bearer.

This involves a universal kingdom, to be expressed by a city whose builder and maker is God. This city is the New Jerusalem, the true daughter of Zion. This new city will find fitting expression in every plane of existence, primarily geographically, on the surface of our mother earth. This earth is said to be God's footstool. By the agency of his physical manhood, God's feet tread the earth; with the plumb-line of the mason, God's hand determines its form and its boundaries. With the square and compass of the Master Builder, in the hand of man, God squares the circle and plans the city of the great King.

With the wisdom of the Ancient of Days, he reads in the stars the destinies of nations, and for one—a holy nation, a peculiar people, the whole house of Israel—he casts a horoscope befitting the heirs of the universe. He locates the centrality of their future national power, and finds Elen, the new East, the point of sunrise, in the West of a past dispensation toward which the empire of the Gods wended its way in the days when earth was made young with the youth of Jehovah. This is no poetic dreaming; cold Science, with *the flaming sword* of divine truth in her hand, has rent the veil of the mystery of human destiny, and quietly, firmly, persistently, tells the world the simple truth concerning the past, the present, and the future, and concisely and plainly, as a table of weights and measures, does she present her potent facts and define their details.

Science has led the Messenger of the Most High to the exact location of the New Jerusalem, the earthly pediment of the heavenly descent. The world unconsciously



awaiting the transformation of the new respiration to be given it by the breath of a new-born Deity, has seemed to sense the call of Abraham, and is impulsed toward the future sphere of perpetual day. It centers its thoughts, as never before, upon Cuba and Florida, and the isles of the southern seas which lie within the zone of radiance that will crown the Golden Age. The central city of the new civilization has been located, by the unerring indications of true science, on the west coast of Florida. As an act of faith in the prescience of its prophet, Koreshanity has unfurled its standard on the spot to which he was led by the Divinity that shapes the destinies of men and of nations. This standard bears upon its foundation of white, the colors of Joseph, in lines formulating the plan of that city to be built as the Guiding Star and Central Sun of all future civilization. The diagram of plan reveals the central nucleus of a series of geometric harmonies that will command the admiration of master builders for ages.

This sun city of divine science will be the Zion of the future, from which the knowledge of the law shall go forth to all the confines of earth. In this city, the temple of the Grand Man in God's image and likeness, will find typical expression as a legacy to mortals, in a temple of precious stones so rarely combined to reveal the beauty of holiness, that the temple of Solomon will be reckoned but the far away foreshadowing of a dim perception. In this city, the new commandment—that ye love one another, will be obeyed in the noblest, broadest applications of the fulness of its meaning. In this city, equi-

table commerce will find its motory center, in the heart of the divine Motherhood of Jehovah, revealed. Merchants will traverse the seas in ships that will be winged messengers of peace in earth, and God's good will to men. They will fly, energized by the most subtle and potent forces of nature, to meet the human needs in every land laden with every comfort and luxury of life, to be distributed without money and without price.

To this city will all eyes turn in far away lands, with longing; with "windows open toward Jerusalem" will all knees bend in prayer, that her peace may never be disturbed, who has spoken peace to all the world. To this city will the aspirants for the wisdom of the Gods be led, for Minerva, there regnant, will turn the stars in their courses and unite them to the sun. To this city, the velleus of the divine expression of all arts, all sciences, all uses, will souls hungering for the beautiful, the true, the kind, turn as to the bosom of their Mother God, to rest and be nourished.

We would that we could command a voice so penetrating in quality as to compel the dullest ear to hear this call of God, this Elohistie prescience of Koreshanity; or pen trenchant enough to open the blind eyes of torpid minds to the handwriting upon the walls of the universe, proclaiming the destruction of the world that now is. We would that we had an arm strong enough to carry all the weary and heavy laden out of the old into the new civilization, which the supreme heroism of the Koreshan movement is preparing to make life glorious for ages to come.

## Unreasoning Zeal for Human Liberty.

LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

**I**T WAS the eve of the New Year. The solemn stars were shining in the wintry night. I found myself alone upon the summit of a lofty mountain that rose, solitary, in the midst of a wide plain. The air was vocal with a thousand cries ascending from the earth that lay dimly stretched below, and as I listened I understood that these dreary sounds were the voices of the suffering throughout the whole world, calling upon God to let the New Year end their anguish. I heard the groans of the broken-hearted mingled with the piteous pleading of little children. There was one strain of agony from those whom death had robbed of their loved ones, and another from the host of those afflicted with grievous and manifold diseases. The sobs of the weary and oppressed rose in unison with the wail of the hungry. Scarce could the heavy air convey the mournful sounds, and as I listened to the mighty plaint, my heart cried out, "O God, is there not one note of happiness in all this swelling chorus of pain?"

Low in my breast, a voice replied, "not one."

Weeping, I flung myself face down upon the rocky height, begging the merciful to banish sorrow ere the

dawning light of a new year should flood the world.

"Man is not ready for the boon," the same low voice replied, "but at thy wish 'tis granted. See to it. Thine the awful risk."

"Gladly I take it!" swelled my heart in praise.

Then a strange, new thing befell the earth. With the shadows of the night, its sorrows fled away, yea, carking care, the vampire pain, disease with its foul train, and last of all the giant spectre death itself, veiled his grim face and turning, sped. When the sun arose, it seemed new splendor in his beams proclaimed "the world is free"! Man rejoiced, glad, strong, and full of hope. No wasting sickness to devour his strength, no haunting fear of death to blanch his cheek, no pale hand laid upon his shoulder as he quits the feast, no baleful whisper telling him his days are numbered ere he taste their sweetness. My heart exulting, leaped.

"This joy," I murmured, "at my wish awakens."

"Wait but a year, till time shall prove thy work," the voice commanded.

So it chanced that when the year had sped, I stood



again upon the mount, and once again that strain of anguish rose, the mighty heart-throb of a world in travail. Myriad voices praying for surcease of sorrow mingled in sad plaint. Where the joy, the freedom, all the gifts of my desire translated by kind heaven to reality? None the less did sorrow reign, and death with kindred woes. Perplexed, amazed, I questioned in my heart, seeking in vain to understand the swift return of banished ills.

"If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God." Enlightenment I craved, and found it through the inner voice whose accents speak peace to my troubled soul.

"Know, foolish one, thy zeal unthinking, touched but the outer circumstance of mortal state, extended not to change man's nature. In his heart the germs of evil lie whence issue death, disease, and every lesser ill. Twofold his nature; from above kinship he claims with the Divine, but Ah! the roots of the great tree Igdrasil

strike deep to the nethermost hell. Now the wheat and tares grow side by side in the heart soil, until the fires of pure love, unquenchable, destroy the evil germs. What avail to pray that suffering cease, since being the effect, its cause remains? So long as man clings to his lower self, not the All-Merciful himself can check recurring pain. Freed from his ills today, tomorrow he will generate fresh evils springing from his wayward will. Pray, then, that man be changed. Pray that the covenant of life may be fulfilled and man, transformed, bearing no more the image of the earthly, may be filled with heavenly love that breeds no sorrow."

With bowed head I owned my folly, recognized how fruitless was the zeal that, lacking wisdom, wrought so far amiss. In humility I prayed, and while the mournful chorus still assailed my ear, took glad assurance that a Messenger had come preaching the Covenant of Life fulfilled in his appearing.

## Signaling the Hour of the Coming Catastrophe.

AMANDA T. POTTER.

The single gold standard is the great question for the Shylock who holds bonds by the billions, worthless as the means to oppress the people except as paid in gold. The safest man to trust with the single standard purpose of Wall and Lombard Streets is the man for the occasion. The time is not fully ripe for the catastrophe. The single standard idea will be firmly fixed and seated on the throne of the world before the crisis matures. Then and not until then is the signal of the cataclysm; then it will be the pound of flesh for Shylock,—but not one drop of blood.

Gold will reach its apparent and final victory. Its triumph will be the signal for the culmination of the crisis, then will come the end. Selah.—KORESH, in THE FLAMING SWORD.

**C**UBAN finances—under the strain of two valuations for the same piece of money—show the truthfulness of KORESH in asserting that the valuation of coin lies in the stamp thereon, rather than in the value of the metal. The Spaniards had inflated the value of their standard coins, says the journalist, but he does not add that every country under the sun has done the same thing. But every country has not faced a vicissitude that makes a gold coin of a stated weight satisfy an old contract of \$5.30, while the recipient must pass the same coin at a valuation of \$4.82. The writer naively remarks that if the United States coin is used in the settlement of debts it will have two values also, to correspond with the distinction made in the Spanish money.

The method that governs the use of an American coin in Cuba, is more frank and outspoken than obtains at home. Here we are not put in possession of the fact that a gold piece will depreciate on our hands. With us money is dear today and cheap in the coming time with out warning. Under the existing conditions, the Cuban's ability to know of the depreciation certain, does him no good, unless, indeed—a contingency altogether unlikely—he be thus able to read the true nature of money and

become minded to assist in its abolition. It is quite safe to assert that not one inhabitant of the fair "Queen of the Antilles" will harvest any additional knowledge, or form any noteworthy resolutions from the double dealing.

That money is capable of inflation and depression in service of the interests of those who command the mass of it, and who by so commanding add to the hoard of it, is just foundation for its banishment; that it is a perfected weapon in the hands of the driver of the wage slave, the prime means which enables the rich to become richer to the proportionate deprivation of the poorer, is just basis of its death sentence.

On the theme of the Cuban money tangle, Commissioner Porter skims the surface with swallow-like lightness in the expressed opinion that this process by which the existing stress is tided over, is an artificial and arbitrary one which can only be justified by the peculiar conditions. Said "peculiar conditions" are a lamentable effect of an adequate cause—the *existence of money*. Commissioner Porter adds that steps toward disinflation in Cuba must be taken slowly to prevent a serious financial disturbance.

It is poor policy in the apologists of the world's money system, to admit the possibility of financial disturbance through the handling of money; but here is the admission, and we are justified in concluding that Cuba will suffer a financial crash or not, just according to the interests of those capable of precipitating or averting such calamity.

The coming era is woman's. Now, near the close of the old era, a woman is jeered for proclaiming that the silver question is dead. It is not dead because a woman—Mrs. Lease—proclaims it, but because it is to the inter-



est of the gold combination that it be so; it is because the gold combination—the more powerful twin thief—has throttled its brother.

The death of the silver question will tighten the thumb screws upon that portion of humanity in the capitalist pillory, and hasten a fearful day of reckoning.

It will scatter to the four winds an upper class structured upon the "mud sills" of humanity. It will unclinch the hard, cruel fingers that have tightened upon and lacerated the beating heart of commerce. It will expose that fabrication of the evil one—the brotherhood of man pretendedly existent in a sensual humanity!

## In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

EDUCATIONAL institutions all over the civilized world are becoming alarmed over the prospect of a general astronomical and geographical revolution, growing out of geodetic operations which have been in progress for the past twenty-five years, and but recently completed. For a long time the astronomers have considered the earth round like an orange, slightly flattened at the poles; they have calculated the difference of the equatorial and polar diameters to be twenty-six miles and some feet. The terminology of the orange earth is familiar to all school children, and it would be a pity to have these exact figures and popular impressions disturbed, and the school-books rendered useless! The results of the latest survey seem to indicate to the modern geodesist (who begins with an assumption), that the earth is tetrahedral,—bounded by four triangular surfaces and shaped something like an irregular spinning top. Dr. Gregory and others are creating sensations in all geographical and astronomical circles, and a revision of all modern astronomical hypotheses is admitted. In case the tetrahedral earth becomes the prevailing idea, all previous popular conclusions concerning cosmogony and astronomy will be destroyed. It will demolish the nebular hypothesis in the popular mind, the theory of Newton, with its convenient gravitation ever present to explain all phenomena; the idea that the form of the earth is analagous to a drop of liquid and the planets; it will render useless the "proofs" of the pendulum, the theories of the earth's rotation, and throw the precession of the equinoxes into a darker realm of mystery, and wipe the round shadow from the surface of the moon in eclipse! Men have been thoroughly satisfied with the assumption that the earth is round and convex, before the geography of the earth was known, and long before any proofs were attempted. After such a lapse of time since the idea originated *without proof*, to have new facts throw the whole thing into such apparent contradiction and uncertainty will only pave the way for the true solution. There is no true solution outside of the Cellular Cosmogony; and a greater alarm and a more stupendous scientific revolution is to confront the observatories and schoolboards than that rising out of the myth of the tetrahedron!

An exchange wants to know why the Bible never speaks of the printing press, the circulation of the blood, electric lights, steam-engines, and the typewriter. A child looks at the multiplication table and asks, why doesn't that table say something that I can understand? The Bible was written as it is, to keep the agnostics from thinking it was inspired; it would never do in the world to have an agnostic champion the Bible, for the Bible is a book of knowledge, while the agnostic, according to the meaning of the word, is a know-nothing. Suppose a man a hundred years ago had described all the modern inventions; the people would have thought he was insane. Why, Koreshans cannot describe the civilization of the twentieth century, its inventions and progress, without being called fools! Take for

instance, Newton foretelling the railroad train traveling fifty miles an hour, and Voltaire, the great apostle of agnosticism, laughing at him! If the Bible contained a complete description of all these things in language that could be comprehended by the world at large, there would be nothing left for the modern mind to originate and pervert in use in favor of the millionaire; such inventions described in the Bible would have rendered them ridiculous to the modern agnostic, and he could not boast of modern civilization! In the language of scientific symbolism, the Bible does contain all these things,—the science of progress of the nineteenth century, as well as for all ages of the past and future; but it requires a Gnostic to read it!

THE FLAMING SWORD is continually giving its readers new and brilliant points of information concerning the science of man and cosmos; every page of this Journal is strikingly original. You can find rational and logical conclusions from beginning to end, from week to week, and withal, the correct interpretation of current events, and their bearing on the world's future. THE FLAMING SWORD correctly diagnoses the world's diseases, casts its true horoscope, and arranges its stars for future success and progress. The world is feeling the strength of Koreshan mental force as never before; the vibrations are sweeping wider fields of humanity, changing, with every wave, the mental character of the modern world in all phases of beliefs and conclusions. Its mental rays are being reflected everywhere, and new inventions, new theories, new projects, springing up all over the world, are directly traceable to the thousands of suggestions from the Koreshan center. 1870 was the year of the founding of the Koreshan System; that year marks the beginning of a remarkable mental acceleration and activity in all spheres of thought. The battle of truth and fallacy began then; the positive mental pole is active, and the negative antitheses are correspondingly vigorous.

Ever since the decline of the church in the early centuries, theologians have found the Fatherhood of God and the sonship of Jesus, the Christ to be an inexplicable mystery. The so called early fathers of the church were unable to solve the problem; discussions and dissensions concerning the subject have been numerous. In the most popular churches of the present time, discussions have ceased altogether; the subject darkens with every attempt of ignorance to discuss it, and they have decided to leave it alone, and be charitable! But in the small sects there is much still said. The Adventists take it up occasionally; they are divided as to whether Jesus lived before he appeared nineteen hundred years ago. Why, of course he lived, and lived billions of ages before, just as wheat has always lived, just as humanity has always lived. Theology is as simple in its fundamentals as the functions of a planted seed. The seed is the son of a previous planted seed, and the father of the coming crop, and by virtue of its function of self-perpetuation, is the *mother* also. Jesus was the Father, Mother, and Son in



one, Jehovah, God Almighty in his most potent and causative form of manifestation, the man Jesus, the head of all things, the Creator of the universe.

The strength of the demonstrations of the Koreshan System in the mind of the investigator, depends entirely upon the character of that mind. The perception of evidence is an intellectual process; there can be no proof apart from mind. There are some minds in the world that can grasp the System from consideration of the laws of analogy and their application to the most commonplace facts; there are thousands of logical proofs from other premises than mechanical surveys. The mechanical demonstrations of the Koreshan System are the most external forms of evidence, but they are by no means more forceful than the thousands of evidences observable in all parts of the world, in all lines of human thought. To the mathematical mind, there needs to be no demonstration of the multiplication table; but to the child, the demonstration of its correctness is often a tedious process by the most external means. But even with external demonstrations, unless the mind is exercised to the extent of comprehension of the simplest principles of geometry and mechanics, they remain powerless. Some time soon, the modern world will blush to think of its ignorance and indifference to the discovery of truth, which has stirred the hearts of men in all ages of light!

The science of form and function is the science of cellular life. There is no life outside of form; and every form that is a container of life is cellular. Every structured unit is a cell; every organic structure is a cell, from the animalcule to the great cosmic form in which we live. There is no exception to this law. If the universe exists, it exists as a unit; an organic structure, having center and circumference. The very fact that it is a unit, forces the rational conclusion that it is cellular. This is the foundation of the entire Koreshan System, a fundamental premise so thoroughly demonstrated in the most commonplace expressions of the inherent laws of perpetuity, in every feature of existence of everything that we are able to observe, as to be absolutely impregnable. The discovery of the laws of cellular activity constitutes the greatest discovery in all the history of the world. Carried into all its ramifications, there can be no greater revelation in heaven or in earth, because it is the revelation of all mystery.

Flammarion, the great French astronomer, predicts that the universe, which has existed from all eternity to the present time without serious interruption of its existence, will sometime shut down its extensive electric light plant, and thus blot out the sun; and that the result, as manifest to the astronomers on millions of worlds in infinite space, will be the mere record of a variable star, finally disappearing altogether. As the sun dies out, the animals and men on the earth will crowd to take up homesteads on the equator until they crush each other; then the Almighty will attend the funeral of the planets. Flammarion makes a true prediction, only he is mistaken in the kinds of worlds that are going to pieces. He sees the failing of the central sun of fallacy, the waning of the influence of Copernicus and the dependent human planets and stars in the astronomical world which have revolved around him. The Almighty will attend the funeral of the Copernican solar system!

Hall Caine is an observer of human nature; he is an artist in portraying human character upon the literary page. He finds mankind much the same the world over. If he takes the smallest group of humanity and represents it faithfully and fully, he has spoken for all the race. The human heart is the same everywhere; the Japs differ from the Chinese only in color. If

the observer strolls through New York and sees the poor and the homeless, he can imagine himself in London, or in the poorer districts of Paris or of Rome. The tragedy of human life and the problems of human misery are the same wherever witnessed. He fails to find a universal brotherhood, but everywhere a hell of humanity, full of the same corruption, ruled by the same passions, guided by the same evil genii. Everywhere, it is the same story of oppression and tyranny and misrule by the few, and the consequent suffering and slavery of the many.

"If the people require leaders, it is a self-evident fact that they are not competent to choose them." It is a fact that the people of the world need a leader, and need him badly; it is also a fact that they are not competent to choose or recognize him. Jesus was a leader of humanity; he did not ask the people to choose him—he forced himself upon the world, and passed down through the age leading a host through the avenues necessary for their development. They would never have chosen him—never would have chosen the route of persecution, but he nevertheless led them there. The forces that fix the destiny of humanity are never voluntarily chosen by the multitudes. The people do choose their leaders—theological, scientific, and political—leaders in fallacy. They are not competent to choose the man who will lead the world into the truth!

We often hear the objection against the Koreshan Geodetic Survey, that the "air line" at the initial section was so inclined as to extend the rectiline into the water at the proper distance. We started 10 feet and 8 inches above the water, and extended the line into the water in four miles; the rectiline as the chord of arc, converged with the arc at a distinct angle. Suppose instead of starting as we did, we had begun at an altitude of 4 feet and 8 inches, and inclined the first section of 12 feet at an angle of about .11 of an inch; the line would extend into the water in about seven miles, and relate itself to the arc of 8 miles concavity according to the ratio demonstrated in our survey. We can start the line and run upward, and strike the surface!

Dun and Bradstreet, the two great American commercial reporters, declare that a period of prosperity is upon us. The volume of business for 1898 was greater by far than any previous year in the history of America, and the present year begins with signs of promise. Of course, they feel the pulse of the money concerns; the prosperity is confined to the class of men who are becoming more and more skilful in manipulating the wealth produced by the millions of slaves. It is not a sign of prosperity for those who labor; it is a sign that the avenues and channels of commercial activities which lead to the vaults of the millionaire, are less obstructed than ever before. McKinley promised this, and has fulfilled his promise!

The modern church loses its reputation for morality when the statistics of the prisons and criminal dockets of the civilized world are examined. Out of 1,348 convicts in the Joliet (Ill.) penitentiary, 756 are Protestants, 508 are Catholics, while only 15 are Jews; one is a Buddhist, and 68 are of no religious belief. Does not this properly represent the moral status of the modern church in contrast with those outside her folds? If so, why has the church demoralized her members to this extent? If not, why is not the greater percentage of the nonchurch people represented on the prison records?

What the cause of truth needs, is staunch characters who will march against fallacy as valiantly as the American soldier marched against the Spaniard! We have the cause of human liberty in its truest and highest sense at stake; and Koreshanity needs fiber and cell, vim and vitality, through which to operate and express itself as a power in the world. It needs thousands



of the courageous and daring who will be true to principle, and who will sacrifice as much for it as others have sacrificed for country. Can *you* be one of them?

In the great civilization of Babylon, the idea was entertained that the earth was *concave*; it was taught in the Noatic civilization of Egypt, and found its way into the Hebrew Scriptures—there expressed in the highest possible form of expression, in the language of symbology. The hundreds of references to geological, astronomical, and anthropological science cannot be explained from any other standpoint than the Cellular Cosmogony.

The various phases of modern reform are but so many different colored patches on the worn-out garments of the Christian dispensation. What a grotesque world this would be, should it conclude to wear its old garments for another season of the great cyclic year. Tear off the patches! Discard the clothing of the old dispensation, and dress the religious, scientific, and economic world in entirely new styles!

The astronomical world was once wrought up over the moon hoax; and now comes the "electric eye" of Prof. Coles, a Pennsylvania weather prophet, with a power of 40,000 diameters, with which he has taken photographs of men, trees, and landscapes on Mars. It is promised that it will startle the world whenever the Lick observatory gets ready to commit itself on Martian affairs!

The remarkable growth of the Anglo-Saxon peoples in 500 years, is summed up in the following contrast: In the fifteenth century they numbered about 4,000,000, and occupied 125,000 square miles of territory; today, they number about 475,000,000, and occupy over 15,000,000 square miles,—a gain of over one hundredfold in population and territory.

Even republicans do not act as though all men were created free and equal. Either they are not equal or their rights are not recognized. There is a shade of difference—mentally, socially, and financially—between the unprosperous tramp and the prosperous McKinley; the American nation has one head, but many toes!

Koreshanity reads the language of nature written in the forms which exist, the language and laws of cause expressed in effect. The records of life are tangible, and what is written there is infallible, the product of the operation of immutable law.

Anarchy wants every man to have the privilege of doing as

he pleases. That is the trouble with the world now; the millionaires have everything their own way, and their liberty is the world's oppression.

It is as impossible to reach correct or logical conclusions without a premise, as it is to make intricate mathematical calculations without a knowledge of the relations of numbers.

There is a warmth of love that is lacking in the modern world. For the neighbor, every man is *zero*, away below the freezing point; his temperature indicates his value also!

"Christian science" is not positive, but entirely negative; it is founded on denials of things that exist, and affirmations of conditions which have no reality.

Bellamy's idea was, that better conditions of society would make better men; the Koreshan idea is, that it will require ideal men to make the ideal society.

The oppressors of humanity will never be permitted to cross the bloody river of revolution, to monopolize the business of the New Age.

Agnostics who are so anxious to have the existence of God proved to them, never think to ask for proof of modern astronomy.

There is a striking likeness between the church organ and the clergyman; they are both full of wind.

The smoke of battle has cleared away, and reveals the corruption of America as well as of Spain.

In the race for money the millionaire comes out a-head; the others remain at the foot.

Prophecy is the mental Zodiacal light preceding the rising of the anthropostic Sun.

The spur of competition is more severe and cruel than the whip of negro slavery.

The church members are bad eggs, but sing of hatching out with wings!

Every man is not a king who can put his hand on the crown of his head.

Man's conduct reveals that which he endeavors to hide by silence.

The New Jerusalem will not be paved with gold dollars.

The man is lost who does not know himself.

## Editorial Discussions, Chats, and Correspondence.

THE EDITOR.

### Why Christianity Does Not Capture the World.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—What is wrong with the Christian religion? Only think of it! As this is only the 1316th year of the Mohammedan era, Mohammed must have been born some 583 years after Christ; then, as to time, the Christian church has some 583 years the advantage of the Mohammedans—quite a considerable advantage. Yet it is said that there are not only more Mohammedans in the world today than Christians, but that there are more converts to Mohammedanism every year than to Christianity.

Now, with all the advantages of the Christian church over the Mohammedan religion, not only as to time, but in civilization, wealth, learning, printing, rapid transit, postal facilities, etc., why is it

thus? It has been fifty years since spiritualism sprang up at Hydesville, N. Y.; yet it is said that there are more spiritualists in the world today than there were Christians 500 years after Christ.

It is now nearly 2,000 years since the Christian church was established; and with all the learning and wealth of the civilized world backing it, it is supposable that in this long period of years it would have planted the seeds of Christianity in every home in the world; yet when we look over the map of the world, only a very small portion of it has been Christianized. Why is this? There is certainly something wrong somewhere in the Christian church. Is it possible that the seed sown by the laborers was bad, and would not sprout? Will some of the learned Christian theologians please explain it?—J. ISAAC HOLINGSWORTH, Va.

Though the above letter is intended by its writer to be answered by the modern Christian clergymen, we must make the reply, because we know that the representatives of the corrupt church will not diagnose the disease. To understand why Christianity has not spread throughout the world as a mighty movement in the world's progress, the purpose of the founding of the primitive Christian system must be comprehended.

During a single dispensation of the world's history, the Almighty operates in one constellation of the anthropostic Zodiac. Through Abraham God raised up



the Hebrew people, and he chose them as the channel of the transmission of his life throughout the period of the Jewish dispensation. To them he said: "You only have I known of all the families of the earth." At the end of the Jewish dispensation, so far as that people could be located, they were confined to the comparatively small area of Palestine. Why did not Judaism spread throughout the world? It served its purpose as the basis of operations of the Almighty during one entire age, and it was impossible for him to operate in any other than the channel prepared through lines of special development. The Jewish church constituted the "book of the generation" of the Lord Christ, the specific line in which the life of the Lord was developed, and out from which he was resurrected as the perfect man.

Jesus was the door between the Jewish and Christian dispensations; he was the seed of the new order, the new age. He was the seed sown at the beginning of the Christian age, and the sowing of his life was the founding of a new channel of activity for the specific purpose of regenerating the one seed into many seeds, the sons of God to appear at the harvest of the dispensation. During the present dispensation he has been passing through the anthropotic constellation of Pisces, a twelfth division of humanity. His life has been active only in the *field* in which it was sown. The Christian church was never established to convert the world of mankind, but that through the specific channel of divine operations, a new genus might be developed,—Saviors to come up on Mt. Zion, to rule the world.

The seed planted in the race nineteen hundred years ago, like all other seed planted, passed into corruption. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." The death of that seed in humanity was manifest in the apostasy of the church in the early centuries of this dispensation. A form of this apostasy was received by Mohammed, who was taught by the Nestorian Christians and the Jews; from this basis, Mohammed put forth the diluted and polluted doctrines to a larger circumference of humanity.

The apostate church has never planted any seeds of truth. "While the men slept the enemy came and sowed tares in the field." In the field of Christianity truth died, and the rank weeds of fallacy sprung up quickly. There has never been but one sowing of truth and life in this dispensation, and that was at its beginning. The reason there is no more Christianity

in the world today than there is, is because it is limited to the *size of the field* in which the seed was sown. The effort of the modern church to spread itself into foreign lands, is on a par with the effort of the Jews at the end of the Jewish dispensation to proselyte the world,—compassing land and sea to make proselytes, and when made, they are twofold more condemned and corrupted.

Another sowing must take place ere the truth reaches the whole world, and the knowledge of the Lord covers the earth as the waters cover the sea; the new sowing will be in the propagation of the life and truth of Koreshanity as emanating from a central personality as the involution of the age, the harbinger of the Golden Age. When the new System prevails, the old church and state will have passed away.

#### Communism of the Primitive Christian Church.

(1) How long did the Christians live in the communistic idea? What history will give it, and where can it be obtained? I want several copies of it, especially for the preachers here who do not believe in the idea. (2) Has there been a Master Mason since the days of Jesus? If so, who was he? (3) How may the seventh sense be improved? What are the evidences that one possesses it, and what is it?—S. H. C., Kingston, Tex.

The church maintained its united life system during the first century of this dispensation. Its highest form was confined to the first groups of converts, where the remarkable influence of the Holy Spirit was manifest; but the custom, variously modified to suit the classes of people, spread with the church of the first century. The original Christian communism was the spontaneous expression of love for the neighbor, an evidence that their hearts responded in unison to the supreme impulses of divine love for humanity. The motives of such a life were, of course, too high to be understood by the world generally, and hence it has not found its way into the records of popular history. Reference is made to the fact, however, in all accepted church histories, such as Mosheim's, D'Aubigne's, and Pressense's, which can be obtained from any denominational publishing house. James Pott & Co., of New York can supply them, or the Methodist Book Concern, Cincinnati.

The most reliable authority on the early Christian communism, however, is the New Testament. The disciples who followed Jesus had one common treasury; Judas was appointed treasurer, and it was his duty to make all of the purchases for the disciples. (John xii: 6; xiii: 29.) After the translation of Jesus, the united life system spread rapidly to thousands;

there were 3,000 converts on the day of Pentecost, and 5,000 a few days afterward. They formed *communities*, subject to the regulations of the apostles, who presided. Properties were sold, and the moneys given to the apostles, who made the proper distribution of goods to the members as was required. (Acts ii: 41-47; iv: 32-37; vi: 1-4). The duties devolving upon the apostles became so great, that special officers were appointed to look after the comfort of those who joined the communities.

The early church had to do with the temporal welfare of its members. The advice of Paul to the communities he established was, that members among them who were too lazy to work should not be permitted to eat. This of course could not be made applicable, if the members of the early church continued in their old pursuits, each supporting himself! Many of the so called church fathers refused to admit persons who desired to hold private property. If your ministerial friends are not satisfied with the records of the Book they preach from, they would not accept the evidences of church history, founded for the most part on the records of the disciples of Jesus.

(2) There have been no real Masons in the world, since the order lost the genuine meaning of the symbols of Masonry. Koreshanity scientifically interprets the symbols and rites of the orders.

(3) The seventh sense belongs exclusively to the female and her functions; it is the maternal sense in gestation, travail, and birth. You were thinking, perhaps, that it is some sort of an occult sense. All of the seven external senses are perfectly natural; corresponding to the seven natural senses are seven more interior senses, such as clairvoyance, clairaudience, etc.

#### Not Summer All Over.

(1) I see nothing in the CELLULAR COSMOGONY to account for the ice at the poles, nor heat at the equator. (2) I never deny anything; but for my part, I will wait even to take such a theory into consideration till I am satisfied that a man standing on the sea shore can be made to see with a strong telescope, a shore a hundred miles away; and that to see it he will have to raise, not lower, his telescope.—READER.

(1) It seems to be quite difficult for the modern mind, after years of belief in the gigantic sun of the Copernican solar system, giving light and heat to planets millions of miles distant, to conceive of the change of seasons in the hollow globe, 8,000 miles in diameter. It seems to be the impression among the thoughtless, casual investigators of a few Koreshan conclusions, that the sun in the center of the earth should cause even temperature all



over the world, day after day. This is the result of endeavoring to carry into the Koreshan System, concepts formed while under the delusion of the Copernican fallacy.

Light and heat, cold and darkness, are the result of specific polarizations of energies. In the visible sun, a projection of the central solar sphere, we have the light and hot poles of the universe in unity. The field of spirations of the visible sun is the zone of the tropics, while the cold poles are connected by an axis at right angles to the tropical annulus. The action of the substantial energies of cold in the north and south causes the ice at the poles, while the radiation of the energies of heat causes the warmth of the equatorial regions.

(2) A man looking into a large mirror placed at an angle of 45°, will see in a horizontal direction the objects that are directly in the zenith of the mirror. He might say that if the objects are above the mirror he will not believe they are there so long as he can look horizontally and see them directly in front of him. If he were to ascend in a balloon to an altitude of five miles and place his telescope in a horizontal position and see the horizon all around, he might become convinced that the earth is *concave*; for perhaps, were it convex, the conclusion might be apparent that the telescope would have to be lowered a little in order to see the horizon, or the rounded offing in the distance.

Perspective foreshortening must be considered when it comes to looking at objects beyond the vanishing point; for if reduced in size, they would be correspondingly shifted from their true position in appearance. Look at a balloon nearing the vanishing point, through a transit instrument, with the cross-hair just cutting the point. Does the instrument have to be moved in order to place the cross hair in line with the *sides* of the balloon, as distinct from the center? The cross-hair covers the point, the entire balloon! The telescopic field embraces a vertical area large enough to take in a mountain five miles high, if the distance is great enough; and the telescope does not have to be raised or lowered in viewing base and summit—it embraces them in the one view. Objects in the horizon, and beyond, when restored to view through the telescope, appear lower than their real position, just as the top of the balloon appears drawn down to the point.

#### Not Published Yet.

Will you kindly inform me how much the work on Koreshan Astro-Anthroposophy or Bio-Astronomy costs, and if you have it in paper cover, cheap edition?—S. A. S., Carlisle, Pa.

This work, by the Founder of Koreshanity, was once announced as being in preparation, but as a complete work it has not yet been published. We purpose issuing it in a series of volumes, as the Koreshan Scientific Series, of which the CELLULAR COSMOGONY is a part. Then when the series is completed, it will be made up into one large volume. It will be one of the most profound scientific works of modern times, fully illustrated, fully demonstrated. As the numbers of the series are issued they will be announced in THE FLAMING SWORD.

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### First Impressions of Investigators of Koreshan Universology.

**Koreshanity Scientifically Vindicates and Defends the Bible; It is the Gospel of Perfection and Purity.**

DEAR FRIENDS:—You are asking for "First Impressions" from the readers of THE FLAMING SWORD. I will give you my impressions—what they were eight years ago, when I first began to read THE SWORD, and what they are at the present time. My first impressions were that Dr. Teed was a conceited pretender and false prophet; but my opinions have changed, and I see things in an altogether different light. I am convinced that he teaches the truth, because he teaches proven facts. Guesses and opinions prove nothing; we must accept only what we know, not what we do not know or only assume. The so called modern scientist forms a theory of guesses and opinions, then gathers a few facts to fit his theory; while you gather the facts and form the theory to correspond.

Is it not strange that people are constantly seeking the truth, and when found they will not accept it? that when the evidence is produced they will not investigate it? Is not one perfect proof of the concavity of the earth more convincing than ever so many assumptions? You have tested, vindicated, and defended the Bible scientifically. The teachings of Koreshanity are the teachings of Jesus the Christ; it is primitive Christianity revived. It teaches that knowledge is useful only in its application to the understanding of life; for what good is knowledge if not used for the good of mankind?

Koreshanity also teaches that man, through disobedience to the divine laws of life, or laws of nature, brought suffering and death into the world, and that if he could overcome evil and keep the law or commandments (loving his neighbor as himself, or do to others as he would be done by, thus following the golden rule which will bring the Golden Age), he would transform this earth into a heaven, where sin and suffering will be no more, and where diseases are unknown. A system that teaches prevention of disease, is better than one that seeks to cure by putting all kinds of plasters on the outside. An ounce of preventative is worth a pound

of cure. If by disobeying and disregarding the laws of life, man degenerated into ignorant animalism, which obscured his wisdom and knowledge of the world, bringing all sorts of misery upon him, can he not then, by following and obeying them, regain his former paradise?

If one lays aside prejudice and uses judgment he must say, if he be not a thoughtless dummy, that THE FLAMING SWORD is *multum in parvo*, much truth and wisdom in little space and few words, but convincing proofs. It goes straight to the point, calling things by the right names, not calling good that which is bad, or true that which is false. It teaches practical religion, not only for Sunday, but for every day. How can a thinking man say he agrees with the economic and cosmogonic principles of Koreshanity, but not with its theology? Is not religion the theory, and economics the practice of it? Politics without morals is corruption. The cosmogony, economics, and theology of Koreshanity constitute a triunity of things that belong together in an integral whole. It is the gospel of perfection and purity. The form of the universe teaches us the form of government. Where there is a circumference there must also be a center; therefore, let us be patient. It will not be long before the outcome or result will justify and determine the claims of Koreshanity.—Mrs. ANNA WALDER, S. Dak.

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### As Others See Us.

**The Industrial Co-operative Union Viewed From the Standpoint of Its Customers.**

While busily engaged partaking refreshments served at the I. C. U. Restaurant, I heard the name of the Industrial Co-operative Union mentioned; the voices came from the other side of the curtain, and I naturally grew curious as to what they had to say about us. The curtain was drawn so that the speakers on the other side did not know but that they were the only persons in the room. As a rule, I do not believe in nor encourage eavesdropping, but in this case I think it was excusable, as I shall give you all the benefit of what I heard, and which, under the circumstances, I could not help hearing.

The two gentlemen were evidently strangers to each other, and had met on common ground; namely, they were both very hungry. Stranger No. 1 had never before partaken of lunch served at the I. C. U. Lunch Rooms, and was a little curious to know all about the organization, as you will learn from the following conversation which took place:

"By the way," he asked, "do you know what the letters I. C. U. mean?"

"Yes," said stranger No. 2, "they mean Industrial Co-operative Union, an organization which has recently made its appearance in this neighborhood."

"Do you know anything about them?" queried stranger No. 1.

"Well," replied stranger No. 2, "all I know about them is that they serve the best lunch for the money; everything looks nice and clean, and is served in first-class style, and better and cheaper than you



can be served in any other place around here. And the people seem very obliging and courteous."

(Oh! thought I, this is indeed getting interesting and very encouraging, coming from entire strangers; so I listened more attentively.)

"Well," asked stranger No. 1, "have they many people connected with their organization?"

"I do not know how many they have," was the reply, "but they seem to have quite a number whom they employ, and I believe they have quite a little community among themselves. They have a grocery store and a meat market; a broom factory, this bakery, and lunch room," (evidently the stranger had not yet heard about our sausage factory in connection with our meat market, which is rapidly growing in popularity because of the superior quality of goods manufactured,) "and by the looks of things they must be doing a good business. I see Mr. W. every day, almost, loading up wagon-loads of brooms from their factory and sending them somewhere."

"By the way," chimed in stranger No. 1, "that Mr. W. is a hustler. I am acquainted with him; he is a bright sort of a fellow, and understands his business."

"Yes, that is true," replied stranger No. 2, "but it seems to me that if I were these people I would not advertise this thing very much."

"Why not?" inquired stranger No. 1. "Haven't they a charter?"

"I do not know," answered stranger No. 2, "but it seems to me that they will bring down upon their heads the enmity of all the other business houses."

"Well," replied stranger No. 1, "I do not know of any law that can prevent them from carrying on their business. Have they a government of their own?"

"I do not know," replied stranger No. 2; "but if they haven't, they soon will have, and a country of their own as well; and there is nothing to hinder them from having it."

The conversation then drifted to other things, and I arose from my chair with a determination that, so far as I was concerned, I should try harder than ever to do my best, knowing that our movements are not only criticised, but watched from every side; and that it behooves us to demonstrate to the world that it is possible to apply the principles taught in our System for the advancement and perfection of humanity. Although we are not aware of it, our influence is being felt. If we desire unselfishly to help the Founder of Koreshanity in this grand and glorious work, we must be up and doing, with a heart ready for anything, leaving the results to show for themselves. If we are soldiers, let us not shrink from duty; but press onward and upward, ever bearing in mind that we have nothing to lose but everything to gain.—A MEMBER OF THE I. C. U.

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Wednesday, February 1.

Parkhurst begins another hypocritical crusade against crime in New York.

Congress planning for census of 1900.

Prediction of warmer weather fails; thermometer at zero all over North and West.

Princess Marie Louise of Bulgaria, dies.

Thursday.

President may punish Gen. Miles for participation in the Miles-Eagan scandal. Sweden and Norway endorse Czar's peace plan.

Trolley-cars are being introduced in Egypt. Whiskey trust, involving 55 big distillery concerns, forming in New York.

The ground-hog sees his shadow!

Friday.

Gen. Gomez conciliated; accepts \$3,000,000 from U. S. to pay Cuban soldiers; will co-operate with provisional government until permanent arrangements are made.

Church factions in England are fighting over the ritual and politics.

Natives of Hindustan planning a desperate attempt to throw off English yoke and gain independence.

Saturday.

New York soap trust in view; Leiter of Chicago forms a milk trust; trusts hatching everywhere.

Regular physicians question regularity of practice of Dr. Schenck of Austria, author of sex determination theory.

Winter cyclone visits Alabama.

Sunday.

U. S. forces at Manila attacked by insurgents; repulsed by army, and shell from Dewey's fleet; battle still raging.

Latest trust is the cereal trust with \$100,000,000 capital; ten big trusts formed in a day.

Samoa is a bone of contention; disposition of islands uncertain; turmoil among natives.

Monday.

Senate ratifies Spanish-American peace treaty; 57 to 27, on more than the required two thirds majority; close call; war news made votes for treaty.

Agoncillo, Philippine representative in America, flees from Washington to Canada for safety from arrest.

Results of battle of Manila not yet known; 20 Americans killed, and 125 wounded.

Russia more tolerant toward the Jews.

Anti-Dreyfus riots in Marseilles, France, and Algiers.

Tuesday.

Insurgents completely routed at Manila; latest reports place insurgents killed, 2,000; wounded, 3,500; taken prisoners, 5,000; Dewey reports everything quiet.

European nations blame Philippine leader for trouble in archipelago.

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