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He who dares assert the I May calmly wait While harrying fate Meets his demands with sure supply .- HELEN WILMANS. I am owner of the sphere, Of the seven stars and the solar year, Of Casar's hand and Plato's brain, Of Lord Christ's heart and Shakspeare's strain .- EMERSON.

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### MENTAL SCIENCE AND THEOSOPHY.

One of the hardest things seems to be to deal with exact justice towards others who are climbing the evolutionary path with shorter or longer steps than ours.

Even "our Helen" seems to stumble a little here.

I do not pretend to be an advanced student in Theosophy, having studied it less than two years and being obliged to overcome much prejudice against it, but Karma is, to me, far from being the pre-ordination she would have us believe she thinks it is. That some writers, not having yet gotten from under the theological umbrella, may have so written concerning it, I do not doubt, and that some harp upon the word "in season and out" may be equally true, but I am not acquainted with such. In truth I think she gives a far better theosophical definition of Karma in her own words than she has unfortunately gathered from somebody's writings, and more in accordance with the leading teachers of the "Cult," as the following will testify.

Mrs. Besant in "Ancient Wisdom" says, "Karma is a Sanskrit word meaning action; as all actions are effects flowing from preceeding causes, and as each effect be-comes a cause of future effects, this idea of cause and effect is an essential part of the idea of action, and the word action, or Karma, is therefore used for causation, or the unbroken linked series of causes and effects that There is no such thing make up all human activity. as 'chance' or 'accident;' every event is linked to a preceding cause, to a following effect. When at first the idea of inviolable, immutable law in a realm hitherto vaguely ascribed to chance dawns upon the mind, it is apt to result in a sense of helplessness, almost of mental and moral paralysis. Man seems to be held in the grip of an iron destiny, and the resigned 'kismet' of the Moslem appears to be the only philosophical utterance." That this is not so she proves from this same inviolable law ruling in moral and mental worlds as in the physical and that in those as well as the latter, "the ignorant is a slave, the sage is a monarch; here also the inviolability, the immutability, that was regarded as paralyzing, is found to be the necessary condition of sure progress and of clearsighted direction of the future. Man can become the master of his destiny only because that destiny lies in a realm of law, where knowledge can build up the science of the soul and place in the hands of man the power of controlling his future." "The chains that bind him are of his own forging, he can file them away or rivet them more strongly; the house he lives in is of his own building, and he can improve it, let it dcteriorate or rebuild it, as he will. We are ever working in plastic clay and can shape it to our fancy, but the clay hardens and becomes as iron, retaining the shape we gave it."

"We are masters of our to-morrows, however much we are hampered to-day by the results of our yesterdays." In her manual on Karma she says: "Nothing can touch us that we have not wrought, nothing can injure us that we have not merited. Only our own deeds can hinder us; only our own wills can fetter us."

Mr. Leadbeater in Vohan Oct. 1897, says: "I take it no reasonable astrologer would deny the power of a man's will to modify the destiny marked out for him by his gent among the Theosophical Cult. I am very glad to

Karma. Karma may throw a man into certain surroundings or bring him under certain influences, but it can never force him to commit a crime, though it may so place him that it would require great determination on

his part to avoid that crime."

Mr. Mead in same issue in answer to a query says: "We are tired of the blessed word 'Mesopotamia' no matter in what protean garb it presents itself. But even were we not, we should not juggle with the meaning of words, and say first of all 'karma is a law' then 'karma is a mass of something,' and then 'karma is bad.' Many imagine that because the Logion, 'As a man sows so will he reap,' is employed more frequently as a deterrent from evil than as an incentive to good, that the sowing refers exclusively to tares and not to good seed. The sooner we get this elementary error out of our minds, the better shall we be able to understand the first axiom of the doctrine of Karma."

Speaking of the ignorant and the wise man, Mrs. B. says: "The ignorant man stumbles helplessly along, striking himself against the immutable laws, and seeing his efforts fail, while the man of knowledge walks steadily forward, foreseeing, causing, preventing, adjusting and bringing about that at which he aims, not because he is lucky but because he understands. The because he is lucky but because he understands. one is the toy, the slave of nature, whirled along by her forces; the other is her master, using her energies to carry him onward in the direction chosen by his will."

There! it seems to me I have quoted enough to show that Theosophy, as taught by some, is climbing the golden stair of evolution along with the rest of the I think in many respects it is the hardest thinkers. study I ever attempted, so perplexing in its many intricacies, but ever and always is the truth held before its students of the certainty of "man's kingship, rulership, over all things, even over so-called destiny, fore-ordination and Karma."

While in many respects there is a great seeming difference between Theosophy and Mental Science. (I think it is because of the detail, the minuteness, critical exactness of explanations in the former) yet to me there is the charm of unity in the foundation principles

of both that is very helpful to me.

Theosophy explains the why and wherefore of many things that nothing else has been able to do satisfactorily for me, but Mental Science takes the same things for granted in a grand way and goes right along up the hill at a pace none need be ashamed of. "The path is one for all, the means to reach the goal must vary with the pilgrims."

"Karma is the law of causation, the law of cause and

Here's to the teachers in all the advance lines of thought, who are showing man the possibilities latent within him and may we recognize the unity that runs like a silver thread through each and all.

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The above very clear and lucid statement of the writer's understanding of Theosophical teachings is, possibly, that of the clearer thinking and more intellibelieve it to be so. It is not, however, the commonly held view regarding the law of Karma, neither is it that taught by the ancients who held that the only road to happiness was absolute negation, the killing of every personal desire and the final absorption of the individual into the universal. In other words, highest good was to be found in the annihilation of personality by absorption into the infinite which is understood to be without sensation.

It is against this teaching of the founders of the Cult, and against the commonly accepted idea that nothing must be done to interfere with "The Karma" of others, that I protest. As against the views expressed by the author of the above article I could have nothing to urge. They are the teachers of Mental Science pure and simple. H. W.

### REMARKABLE CURE OF AN INDIANA CONSUMPTIVE.

Mrs. Lucy M. Campbell of Shelbyville, Ind., has been recalled to life under such extraordinary circumstances that not a few devout persons think a miracle of God has been performed.

About three years ago, reports the New York Herald symptoms of pulmonary consumption began to develop in Mrs. Campbell. Previous to that time she had been a particularly robust woman, with a comely face and fine figure. Her life was an active one, she being always foremost in church and charity work.

Two years age prominent physicians who had been lung was entirely gone, and that a permanent cure was almost hopeless. A few weeks since Mrs. Campbell dreamed she was dead.

As the days passed she became weaker and weaker, Mr. Campbell being constantly detained at home, fearing to go out of town. One day recently Mrs. Campbell was very low. She was reclining on a couch, endeavoring to secure some rest, when she felt she was sinking away. Summoning her husband, she requested him to assist her to her bed. In a few moments she was in a sleep or a stupor. She remained in this comatose condition only a short time when she awoke with a start, calling to Mr. Campbell, who was quickly by her side.

With an exclamation of joy she inquired repeatedly if he could see any change in her. He gazed into her face attentively and longingly for some indication of a change. He noticed the eyes grow brighter, and so told

"Oh, I have had such peculiar sensations and experienced such strange feelings!" said Mrs Campbell. "And I am not sick: I am well; I have been cured!" she

Mr. Campbell was astonished and the more so when his wife suiting action to her words, arose from her bed and, going where her clothing was, dressed herself, washed her hands and face, combed her hair-function she had not performed without assistance for months.

From that hour she has been constantly improving, gaining in health and strength. When Mrs. Campbell went into her trance-like condition it was with the great est difficulty she could breath; when she was restored in that "twinkling of an eye" her respirations were deep and regular, and continue so. If her left lung was entirely gone, as her physicians told her, it has been restored by some mysterious power, and, as Mrs Campbell says, "Nobody furnishes new lungs but God."

What has caused this wonderful transformation from death unto life; what power has snatched this woman from the grave and breathed into her a new life, the doctors do not say. They have no opinions to express, no theories to advance. That Mrs Campbell is getting well there is no doubt. She says she is, and the nurse who has been with her for a year confirms the statement. Her greatest physical disability now is an extremely nervous condition, which seems to be gradually disappearing.

No Christian Scientist has had anything to do with this case. No persons other than reputable physicians have ever been called in consultation. The restoration and healing of this good woman is a deep mystery. Mrs. Campbell is now able to ride out. Her old pains of suffocation and distress have left her, her happiness being of a kind that passes the understanding of man.

### REACHED FOR A NAIL.

A Pittsfield man, as proof that plants reason, offers the history of a morning glory vine on his premises. The vine grows in a box on the window ledge. While watering it recently his daughter noticed a delicate tendril reaching out toward a nail in the side casing. She marked the position of the tendril on the wood, and then shifted the nail about an inch lower. Next day the little feeler had deflected itself very noticeably, and was again heading for the nail. The marking and shifting were repeated four or five times, always with the same results, and called in consultation told Mrs. Campbell that her left finally one night the tendril, which had grown considerably, managed to reach the coveted support, and was found coiled tightly about it. Meanwhile another bunch of tendrils had been making for a hook that was formerly used for a thermometer. Just before it reached its destination the young lady strung a cord across the window sash above. It was a choice then between the old love and the new, and as a morning glory always seems to prefer a cord to anything else, it wasn't long in making up its mind. In a very few hours the pale, crisp little tendrils-which, by the way, convey a surprising suggestion of human fingers-had commenced to lift toward the twine. Next day they reached it and took a firm grip. - Exchange.

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### BIBLE CLASS.

By C. C. Post. FORTY-THIRD WEEK.

I feel that my work of reviewing the Bible is nearly done. I see but little more to interest or instruct my readers. If the "lessons" have not been what my readers expected I can only say in extenuation that neither have they been what I myself expected. I was totally unacquainted with the larger part of the vast mass of testimony, of which I have submitted to my readers some small portions, proving the unreliability of the "inspired" volume.

With this mass of evidence rising before me at every step of my investigation, I could not do otherwise than I have done-present the facts as they appear to exist and permit my readers to judge for themselves as to the extent to which they will allow it to affect their former

I say "will allow" because I have observed that there exists a class, (rapidly diminishing in numbers it is true, but still a class) that resolutely refuses to see any light not reflected from, and bearing the image of, the old. It is a characteristic of some natures to resent as a personal affront any new presentation of truth. That which is old has a kind of sacredness about it that must not be disturbed. The Arabs have a saying that a live dog is better than a dead lion, but there are those who appear to reverse the precept and who prefer a dead dog to a live lion-prefer still to cling to an ancient belief, proven to be destructive of life, rather than to acknowledge their error and accept a new faith proven to be life-giving.

No one has any right to object. The first step towards progress is an acknowledgement of the right of every human being to freedom of belief. Had society granted this to its members from the time when society began to exist up to the present hour the race would have solved the problem of existence, and have become a race of gods. If, now, it will consent to lay aside its prejudice in favor of the old, if men will read the Bible of the Christians in the same spirit in which they read the Bibles of the Hindoos, the Arabs or the Chinese, then indeed may good come of it, but so long as the Bible is forced upon rising generations as the inspired word of the creator of the universe just so long wil the minds of men hold confused ideas of virtue and honesty and life, and so long as this continues war and strife will continue in all departments of human industry. Men must stop trying to fit their beliefs into the moulds made by the grandparents of their grandparents' grandparents, and act from the increased knowledge and higher conception of the law, and man's relation to it, that has come to us in the new age. The priesthood must be taught that it can no longer lead the people unless it consents to become teachers of the newest truths, even the discoverers and promulgators of new truths. If the clergy cannot lead in this they must cease to lead and give place to the scientists who are constantly making new and wonderful discoveries in every branch of knowledge, and to whom, as is right and proper, the world of intelligent and moral men and women bow in respect and deference.

The more intelligent among the clergy know full well that their system of theology, as well as their ceremonials,

This fact has been dawning upon them for years. Numbers of them have confessed it to me personally, but have excused their seeming hypocrisy in continuing in the ministry by the statement that the membership. of the church, generally, would not accept or permit a frank and honest avowal of the truth, and that economic conditions were such that it was seemingly impossible for one bred to the ministry to find any other occupation by which to procure a living for those dependent upon them. I do not hesitate to assert that there is a very large percentage of the clergy in this country, and in every denomination, that would gladly declare their disbelief in the inspired character of the Bible, and retire from their pulpits, if they could have any assurance of employment in which their natural inclinations and talents could find exercise and remuneration, and I equally confess to a lively sympathy with these men. They, as a rule, entered the ministry from pure motives. They thought that they loved their fellow men and wished to save them from the wrath that they had been told was to come. A portion of them are still in the bonds of ignorance and fear, but thousands are freed of their ignorance and in fear only of the edicts of the higher church authorities which have the power, by removing them for heretical utterances, to turn them out of their pulpits into a world of which they know nothing in a business sense, to compete for a living for themselves and families with every chance against their being able to succeed.

Listen to what Dr. Savage, of the church of the Messiah, said two years ago and judge if I am not right, and if I do wrong in presenting the facts regarding the Bible as I have done:

"We are face to face here in this modern world with a very strange condition of things. I wish I could see the outcome of it. Here are churches printing, publishing, scattering all over Europe and America, statements of belief which perhaps hardly one man in ten among the pew-holders and vestry men believe one word of. They will tell you they do not believe it. They are almost angry with you if you make the state-ment that these are church beliefs. And at the same time we are in the curious condition of finding that the man who proposes himself as a candidate to the ministry in any of those churches dares not question or doubt these horrid statements; and if it is found out that he does question them after he gets into the ministry he is in danger of a trial for heresy."

It is certainly hard enough on the young applicant for ordination to the ministry to be called upon to dεclare a belief in things which he has, perhaps, already begun to disbelieve, and which he is pretty certain those ordaining him do not believe; but it is worse to feel that he is forever shut off from investigation which would enable him to satisfy his longings for the truth, by the fear that his suspicions may prove to have been justified and that he must ever after consent to know himself a teacher of untruth or submit to a trial and eviction from the ministry.

If the reader feels inclined to moralize this is a fit subject for mental comments.

What can we expect of society when our highest religious authorities insist upon promulgating theories which they know to be false, and compelling the ministry to state untruths, knowing them to be such.

From what has already appeared in these columns, each of my readers will judge for himself as to the truth or untruth of the historical portions of the Bible are stolen from the people whom they call "heathen." and also as to the value of its teaching. Before closing

this series of articles, however, I wish to give in brief my own conclusions, arrived at by a much more general reading than might appear even from the numerous quotations which I have given from different authorities. The fact of the character known to the Christian world as Jesus of Nazareth having eyer lived is questioned by many. Indeed, if the truth were known it is altogether probable that the number of fairly well informed men who believe him to be wholly a myth is very considerable. I acknowledge at times, in the course of my investigations, having myself been almost compelled to this conclusion. Almost without exception the moral and ethical teachings ascribed to him are to be found in the sayings, and often in almost the exact words of others who preceded him, while every ceremony by which the Christian church declares it necessary to propitiate the Christian God and secure salvation is of heathen origin, and was used by heathen people to propitiate some one of the numerous gods which they worshipped. The number of gods were diminished, the killing of all first-born sons as sacrifices gave place to the sacrifice of the first born of all domestic animals, and this to the sacrifice of the first and only begotten Son of God himself; the Sabbath, originally connected with the phases of the moon and sacred to the moon god Sin, was retained; the sacrament and baptism by water were made prominent and the material for a new religion to take the place of the decaying old ones was in hand lacking only a new personality about which to throw the halo of phosphorescent light, without which religion would become science and pass from the control of the dead to that of the living, and this personality was found in Jesus of Nazareth.

I think the preponderance of evidence clearly in support of the claim that a man of that name traveled and taught both in India and in Palestine. He was a student of nature and versed in all the knowledge of the wisest man of his day. He possessed great native ability, was of a high moral nature, and possibly had a fuller knowledge of the source of all life, and of man's rightful power over it, than any teacher who had preceded him. While most of the miracles and miraculous events performed by, or reported in connection with, him are doubtless pure fables drawn from ancient mythology, it is difficult to believe that he possessed no healing power, or that he did not practice healing by the laying on of hands and by other methods known to the world to-day, as Mental Science, faith cure, etc. He not only practiced but taught these things as in accord with natural law, and sought to instruct the people in a knowledge of the law that they might heal themselves.

He proclaimed an equality of natural rights among men, declared all men to be brethren without regard to race, color or previous condition, and insisted upon a community of goods among all who accepted of his teachings.

In this latter command he went farther than did Gautama Buddha, whose teachings in many things he followed. Neither was his conception of a future existence the same as were the Buddha's so far as we are able to judge. Of this, however, it is quite impossible to determine, knowing as we do that none of the books of the Bible were written until long after his death, and that there was so great difference in the opinions of those who assembled at the conference which determined what he did and did not teach as to result in scenes

that would be held to disgrace a political convention, and that the works of those who held with the minority were burned.

We do know, however, that soon after his death numerous communities were founded, whose members held all property in common and who claimed to believe as he had taught in all things. We know that these communities became sufficiently numerous and sufficiently influential to cause the authorities to fear and persecute them, and finally, through still greater fear, to sieze upon the leadership and, leaving to the more influential men among the different communities sufficient prominence to induce them to consent, called a conference at which it was determined by what they called "divine interposition" what was and what was not to be taught, after which they were in position to have everything their own way, and to exclude, as they very nearly did, everything conflicting with heathen teachings and heathen practice. They continued to speak of God by the name under which he was known to the Christians, they endowed Jesus with the character of godhood, told of him all the stories of marvelous events which they had heard of Buddha and Zoroaster, and invented hundreds of others with which to satisfy the cravings of the ignorant for the marvelous, and while doing it incorporated into their service, with slight changes, the ceremonies of the "heathen," thus combining the strength of both parties and founding a new church, claiming both spiritual and civil authority, but from the teachings of which they had eliminated those things which Jesus made most prominent. Another great reform movement had been overthrown-not by force-that had been tried and failed, but by "diplomacy," by shrewd manipulation of the people by men who believed in the divine right of the few to rule and the many to serve.

We are standing on the threshold of a new day in the full glare of the search-light of science and untrammeled investigation. All the wisdom of the past ages is hived in our mental and manual workshops. The hitherto intricate problems of life are being solved in the alembic of persevering, profound and untiring effort. Our feet press the threshold of a new era, which Victor Hugo, with the wisdom of a seer, thus precasts: "We enter not upon great centuries. The sixteenth was the age of painters, the seventeeth of writers, the eightcenth of philosphers, the nineteenth of apostles and prophets. In the twentieth century war will be dead, the scaffold will be dead, animosity will be dead, royality will be dead, and dogmas will be dead-but man will live. For all there will be but one country, and that country the whole earth; for all there will be but one hope, and that the whole heaven. All hail then, to the noil: Twentieth century which shall own our children, and which our children shall inherit! In this tri-umphant cycle truth will reveal itself; the beautiful will arise; the Supreme law will be fulfilled and the whole world shall enter upon a perpetual fete day. Man's hand grasps the earth, but his soul embraces heaven; like the insect he is of the dust, but like the stars, he partakes of the empyrean. He labors and thinks. Labor is life and life is light."—E.x

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Dear Mrs. Wilmans:—I have just been reading in Freedom of Sept. 13th the article by Ray G. Edwards, and as a sequence am asking myself and others whom it may concern a few questions, and may possibly find myself making some statements. Is not the position which Mr. Edwards takes that of one who recognizes himself as subject to the race-made laws of so-called matter? Do not results really depend altogether upon one's plane of thought, or mental attitude? One who in his consciousness dwells in the realm of mind or spirit is subject only to the one unchangeable law which is Life, and can truly say: The Law of the spirit of Life in Christ Jesus (the within and the without) hath made me free from the law of sin (error) and death.

In view of the fact that man can grow in but one way, viz., by the recognition of the power within and the calling it into action by his thought, the question arises (if there can be a question with one who seeks to climb the ladder of progress and to ascend to the heights of the overcomer) whether it is cheaper to depend upon "rubbers" to prevent a cold, and to observe the man-made laws of hygiene rather than to recognize and assert his inherent right of dominion over all negative conditions. We grow inch by inch only, at the best, but it is by taking our position mentally (and I tell you there is a mighty power in this taking one's position and overcoming in part these little details of our every-day opportunities. To confine the action of thought to "those channels in which it has complete mastery" is to limit it and us to past conquests and to cease from all growth.

Which, then, is the greater waste of force, to strengthen the muscles of thought by use, or to let them grow flabby and shrink away through disuse except where little or no effort is required? True it is, we have not yet come to the time of moving mountains by faith, but to be able to hail one's self as conqueror over the little hills which lie before us at this present stage of development and the increasingly larger ones as we push on, is to arrive at the mountain, developed up to the point, where, if necessary, thought will again proclaim itself master, (one might almost say from "force of habit,") and the mountain will disappear.

I used to pray (and with expectation) as I read, with finger underlining the words, that the 13th chapter, 1st. Corinthians might be actualized in me. "Believeth all things" is one link in that golden chain of trios, and it is to me the key note of victory over all obstacles in the way of growth, or the manifestation of power. Yours very truly,

Lizzie Umberfield.

The law is perfect and a perfect understanding of it gives control over it. It is not necessary that one take cold from damp feet, but damp feet are not desirable from any point of consideration, and there is therefore good and sufficient reason for wearing rubbers when going out in the wet. It is certainly within the law to rise above all so-called material forces; as evidence, the walking through fire of which we have given so many instances backed by indisputable evidence. If the destructive effects of fire may be overcome, then those also of water and every other element and force in nature. This is what I have always taught, for this means man's supremacy over the conditions which in the past have made him a slave. Knowledge of the alaw of life means life, ignorance of the law means death-As men have demonstrated their ability to walk through fire without injury, so may they learn to overcome all things-even death itself. But as I would not advise any one to attempt to walk through fire who did not know how to cause his body to be impervious to heat, so I would not advise any sudden and revolutionary change in one's habits of life because of the belief that it is within the law to overcome all things. We must grow into

will sometimes enable an ignorant person to perform what appears to others, still more ignorant, to be miracles; but such are of little value except that they are pointers, proofs of the existence of a law, and should be accepted and studied as such; but they furnish no reason why those who do not understand the law should attempt to compel a like blind faith in themselves. Those who have accomplished most towards an understanding and control of the law have been content to apply their first knowledge of the power of mind over the body by dismissing, as far as possible, all feeling of annoyance over those trifling matters that cause most people to remain in a more or less constant state of "worry," and also to drop from mind all fear of sickness from necessary or accidental exposure, or from eating such food in reasonable quantities as appetite demanded and occasion offered.

This much anyone who believes in the power of the mind can do, and as a result the mind becomes calm and peaceful and open to receive impressions from nature and from other minds and to acquire strength for a fuller demonstration of its own power. When we have done this we have gone far towards changing the conditions by which we were surrounded, and new and better conditions mean new and better opportunities for growth.

I wish people who call themselves Mental Scientists would cease trying to twist Bible terms out of their original meaning, in order to make them fit the truth as it exists. Leave that to the clergy who are paid to do it. "Life in Christ Jesus."

That is, life in Jesus who is the Christ, the Saviour of the orthodox teachings, was intended to mean life after death though believing what the church said we must believe about him. The Bible was written by the priests, and they wrote what they wanted believed. Some of it was good, some of it error, a mixture like the writings of other ignorant, superstitious and selfish men. It is well to accept of truth wherever it be found, but it is folly to try to fit a support under a false foundation in order to build another foundation on top. If Mental Science cannot stand upon its own foundation it cannot do so by leaning up against the Jewish Scriptures.

### THE SUN AS THE SOURCE OF INTELLIGENCE.

[From the Mexican Herald.]

I have often asked myself, what is this silent, subtle, yet almost irresistible influence that comes and seems to impel one to write, and which has hovered about me for several days, urging me to write on the above subject? From whence comes it and from what does it derive its intelligent purpose? These are not only interesting questions, but important ones to consider and find their solution.

To which may be added another, equally as important: From whence comes the intelligence that inspires the brain of man, the animals and plants, as well as the inanimate creation?

Sometimes it is well for both the writer and reader to select a subject out of the ordinary course, as it opens up a new field for thought and speculation, which may ultimate in developing some new knowledge and power to the race.

in one's habits of life because of the belief that it is within the law to overcome all things. We must grow into a knowledge of the law, not jump into it. A blind faith tion without absolute proof, and yet I have an inde-

scribable sensation that the proof will sometime be forthcoming. The principal reason for my belief may be briefly stated.

About eight months ago, without any particular cause to draw my attention to the sun, I perceived that a peculiar influence was being exerted upon my mind by or from the sun, which gradually increased for several weeks, until it had attained its highest apex, when it as gradually declined. I realized that the "influence" was more or less of intelligence, and that it transmitted to me the knowledge that the sun was the source of intelligence to man. And this information came to me in such a clear and distinct manner, that I could not doubt its and at the same time it was so separate from myself that I knew it was neither imagination, nor by any process could be evolved from my brain.

If this had been the only instance of such exterior impressions coming to me I should not have given sufficient credence to it to publish it, but all my life I have been subject to similar conditions in relation to other

I might mention many cases when knowledge has come to me, and afterwards events have proven the certainty of the intuition. One may suffice. When a young man, I knew that the great race awakening from some of the enslaving creeds as well as faith in drugs, which is now taking place, was sure to come, and well remember the promise to advocate it when it was ushered in. Perhaps I may have inherited it, as my mother was remarkable for foretelling events. Among other things she foretold the emancipation of the slaves in the United States in ten years, before it occurred; and even to the period she was correct. But, however this may be, many a time it has served me well, and never deceived me; therefore I have learned to have great confidence in such intuitions. As I cannot go on a voyage of discovery, I must wait for time to determine, as Galileo his theory. But to the proper subject. For the sake of argument, we will admit that the sun is the source of intelligence, and proceed to consider some of the reasons in support of that statement. No one would doubt that the sun is the source of heat and light, but it is not as equally certain that the sun is a vast ball of fire as was formerly supposed. For example, on high mountains, where if the sun was a globe of fire, being nearer the sun the warmth ought to be greater than in the valleys, while the contrary is quite well known to be the case. It is more probable that the heat of the sun is generted on the surface of the earth by the rays of the sun uniting with some force or intelligence at the lower surfaces of the earth, and thus causing heat.

If this theory be admitted, it necessitates the supposition that there are laws in connection with this planet which remain yet to be discovered and demonstrated.

If intelligence comes from the sun then it is reasonable to suppose that there is a large amount of it there. This leads to the consideration as to the probable form of that intelligence. But before we proceed to that, it will be necessary to consider if intelligence can produce heat and light. I believe that I have seen many instances of intelligent thoughts producing warmth. I will cite two only.

On one occasion, riding in a carriage my feet became quite cold, but they became warm again after directing my thoughts to them for that purpose.

the thoughts of another person coming to me, and those thoughts consisted of admiration directed with great intelligence. I felt a gentle warmth in my body as marked as if I had exposed it to the genial warmth of an open fire. One of the principles of healing by mind is the transmittal of warmth to the body of the patient by intelligent thoughts. Warmth, intelligence and love are the three essential principles to retain life in the body, and the two can be produced by intelligence. A gentleman here in Mexico, after drinking his coffee in the morning commenced shaking as if from the effects of cold, which continued through the day. At night when I saw him, he was thickly covered in bed, yet he trembled so violently as to convey the same tremor to the bed. I simply directed my thoughts to him, and in ten minutes he was warm and sound asleep. Although I well understood the cause, and I did not communicate it to him, yet he confessed, and gave reasons for his belief, that something had been put in his coffee. Therefore, to me it is perfectly clear that intelligence can produce heat. But I have not had an equal experience to prove that it can produce light to our senses. That it illuminates the interior mind or understanding with light here can be no question. This is the light "that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." It is more difficult to prove to the physical senses that intelligence will produce light, yet most persons can affirm that it does give light and life to the soul and understanding of man. If there is one word that signifies more than another the comprehension of all there is to our senses, that word is intelligence, or mind. With a person who has given this subject a proper study, there can be no doubt that every atom of the earth is intelligence, and this combined intelligence is what rotates the earth. The earth has a desire to warm and light itself; hence it revolves on its

By conceding the intelligence of the earth, we are better enabled to understand the probable cause of the heat and light of the sun.

Let us suppose then (supported by many good reasons) that the sun is composed of atoms of intelligence, and these atoms passed each one as much or more intelligence as the most favored man possesses on this planet; besides, allowing the sun to be ten times larger than the earth, it may be imagined what immence power of intelligence may be given off by the sun. The earth being composed of intelligence, under the law that like attracts like, it being known that material bodies attract their like, and there being more animate intelligence in the valleys than on the mountains, the rays of intelligence are reflected with more force in the former than the latter; hence we may account for greater warmth in the valleys.

The claim may be supported by argument, that the Sun is inhabited by a race of beings as superior to ourselves in intelligence as we may be to the lowest insect or plant; this added to the bulk intelligence of the body of the sun may account for the light, heat and intelligence received from the sun.

I wish it to be remembered that the time is near at hand when new light and discoveries will be made bearing directly on this question.

Apropos to the subject of the inhabitants of the sun; I will give for what it is worth an account of the inhabitants of the planet Mars, as given by an old gentleman in the United States in whom I had much confi-At another time, on entering a room I distinctly felt dence for veracity. I knew him to be very intuitional,

and that he could read other minds, and had a wonderful power of mind generally. So well disciplined was his mind, that his physical or intellectual mind could converse with his soul or subjective mind. He could lay down on the sofa, and by an effort of the will, his mind would leave the body, (it remaining to appearance lifeless) and go to other places, and then return and resume its functions over the body. During these mind journeys he could depict scenes and persons as accurately as if he had visited them in the body. In one of these mind wanderings he visited the planet Mars. He said: The inhabitants were in every respect superior to our race. In form they were superior in beauty and physical perfection, they were giants and had immense power of mind; that they did not construct with their hands, but with their will; if they wanted a house they formed it by mind; that they lived principally by intellgence, and what little material food they required, they reached forth the hand and took it from the air; that their houses were of great beauty and formed by and for the most intelligent purposes.

That the trees and plants were of great dimensions and seemed to grow to express beauty and intelligence, as well as to give pleasure to the beholder; that the inhabitants spent their time in developing more intelligence by meditation and such exercises of the mind as conduce to happiness. Who shall say that this world is not indebted to Mars for some of its progress by the reception of thought from that planet? O. P. RICE.

### STRAY THOUGHTS.

There is no special Providence, but there is a universal Divine Providence. The one Divine Law regulates all things, from stars to the smallest atoms. The same law governs in the least as in the greatest.

We often have to pay the penalty, in our own persons, of what we call others to occount for.

The irritability of the human invalid and of weak little dogs is proverbial. The strongest men, and also animals, are always good natured. But turn to some one of rather less than average intelligence or strength, and you will find a person who resembles a little snapping cur, instead of a noble, powerful mastiff. Little creatures who feel their absence of power, but like to assume a power they do not possess, are like little barking, snapping dogs contrasted with the finest canines.

Neurasthenia-the gradual wasting away of the nervous tissue-is the popular ailment of the present age. Hysteria is just as common with men as with women. Neurasthenia does not appertain to one sex more than another, nor to one age more than another; it is to be found in all periods of life, and in all occupations.

These ailments-hysteria, neurasthenia, impairing and general wasting away of tissue-are not due to over work; they are only due to worry. A great many people are over-worried, not over-worked. The antidotes to all these disorders are purely mental.

If you do in a normal condition, as much work as it is right for you to do, you will fall asleep, and sleep as long as it is good for you to sleep.

Worry is nothing but hysteria! We destroy brain tissue by worrying.

hurry, and we never knew a successful person who was confines you to that smaller thing.

always in a hurry; people whose experiences are like a seesaw are mentally unbalanced.

Watches are usually too fast, when in the pockets of hysterical people.

In consequence of certain things being as they are, certain results will follow. Change the cause; trouble yourself, not with the effect; the effect will take care of

There are no accidents. Nothing ever, occurs by chance. There must be a sufficient cause for every effect. Every thing takes place according to law.

Deny all limitations; there are no limitations, per se. Unless we take this ground, we shall never succeed in our effort for health on any plane in any direction.

When we get beyond all sense of limitation, we can have just as much as we desire to attract. There is a universal supply. Nature is so bountiful that all can have as much as they can hold.

You wish to overcome a limitation. Then you will to actualize the very opposite of what you are now doing. You must let your will work quietly and bring your recognition into harmony with your will by recognizing your ability to accomplish whatever you desire.

While our goal is to be entirely superior to circumstances, we are not entirely superior to them until we have grown to a highly developed state We can grow to absolute control over circumstances. This is not yet generally attained; it is the ideal.

To be able to control all circumstances is an evidence of very high mental developement. One not so highly developed will succumb occasionally.

When you depend for happiness upon anything you make it a necessity. As you make it a necessity, so it is necessary to you. The person who says he cannot do without this or that allows it to become a necessity to him. You say you cannot get any information except from books; very well, you have made that a law. "Acording to thy word, be it unto thee." If we did not make laws for our own bondage, we could get all needed knowledge psychically. It is just so with every limitation under which we groan. We have made the limits, and now we must break away from our limitations.

We maintain that all those limitations which people make for themselves are entirely unnecessary, and should be overcome. The mistake is in thinking that they can only get the blessings they desire through a prescribed media. People must realize that according to their word, is it unto them. The ministrations of second causes is not to be denied; effects are produced through many agencies; the power of external suggestion is not to be denied-up to a certain point-but the sooner we go above this the better.

Everything that is external keeps you in a certain groove; and as long as you are in a certain groove you can never attain true development. If you will be bold enough to step out of all ruts, whatever you need will

come to you. Develop! There are virtuous people so stale and monotonous that they rise to a certain height, and never go above it; you know you will never have a surprise from them. But take a person who is in any sense outside the or-dinary limit—you never know what is coming; there is something pleasurable in that kind of uncertainty, for

it savors of progression. If you are going to place a limit anywhere, you are not open to a revelation from the universal Spirit of Truth—if there is any line beyond which you may pass. Just as long as you say, "Of course, there's a limit," you are limited by that thought; and you cannot go out into We never knew a strong person who was always in a any larger and higher thing as long as your own word

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> Helen Wilmans, Sea Breeze, Florida.

### THE CONQUEST OF OLD AGE.

MRS. WILMANS:-I am interested in all of FREEDOM, but in nothing so much as the part of it which treats of the conquest of old age. I suppose you know even better than I how this subject is beginning to take hold of public thought. To be sure, I have seen nothing to show me that any of the thinkers on this line are right, except yourself. If a man is all mind, and this looks to me to be a fact, then nothing but more intelligent mind is going to eradicate the errors of his present mind and confer upon him the full privileges of his individuality which is to live as long as he pleases, in just such conditions as he selects for himself.

I am told that you are conquering old age in your own body, and I wonder why you are not extending the same privilege to the rest of us by offering to treat us for o'd age; you are offering to treat us for financial success, or rather for the qualities that naturally insure all kinds of success; but for my part I want to be treated for a renewal of youth. Why don't you take patients for this purpose; if any person on earth can take the wrinkles out of an old face and restore lost vigor to the body, you As I write this I am thinking of the miracle you wrought on Mrs. Calderman of this place. A healer who had the power to bring her out of her awful condition can do anything. And again I ask why don't you advertise in FREEDOM that you will take patients and treat them for the purpose of restoring their lost youth?

But to return to my subject. While a great many people are now interested in the conquest of old age, they are all prospecting on the physical plane for the power to do it; and they are not going to find it there, as you and I know. It requires certain mental qualities to render a man worth renewing, and until a man gains these qualities he might as well continue to grow old and then die. He is worthless for the higher life to which we are ascending, unless he discards the lower, and no amount of medicated stuff will save him. But the doctors are prospecting for this stuff all the same, and every now and then some of them think they have found it, as in the Brown-Sequard affair that caused so much excitement.

Not long ago the papers recorded the meeting of thirty physicians for the purpose of appointing a national convention of medical men to see if it would not be possible to devise some method for the cure of old age. It seems that a Doctor Roberts has discovered a new lymph that almost reaches the desired result. Of course we know that it will "go up the flume" as all other lymphs of this kind have done; but I take it as a great advance that they have got even the possibility of the thing in their heads, let alone the discovery of how to accomplish the desired result.

But, Mrs. Wilmans, I want you to answer this letter. I want to know just how far you have got-in the conquest of old age; whether as you grow older in years you really feel encouraged to believe that you are working out the problem. And if so I wonder still more that you are not giving the world the benefit of it. I beg you not to treat my question with indifference, but to make me a reply. HELEN CONVERSE.

The above letter is very straight-forward in its demands, and I am going to answer it as honestly as I

First, as to the question why I don't advertise for patients to treat for the cure of old age. I simply have not got to it yet; that's all. Old age can be cured, and I can cure it; but I have not sufficiently conquered it in my own person as yet to stand out for inspection so far as this one thing goes.

It is true that I am conquering old age and death, and I know it, even though I am not showing such marked improvement personally as I expected to do in this length of time when I started out. I am feeling it rather than showing it. I had certain fixed ideas as to how it would manifest in my body, and these ideas were mistaken.

The whole process is purely mental; and the advance I have made shows forth in a gain in positiveness, and in the acquired force of all my mental qualities. I am stronger mentally; I believe in myself more thoroughly than ever before, because I am stronger mentally. This is as far as I have got for the present; it is an untried journey and I am in complete ignorance as to what the external demonstrations are going to be. Of one thing I am sure-that I am not going back to the mere animal beauty and strength that I once possessed. I am traveling in a very different direction. My newly acquired power shows in the fact that I feel sure of myself; I feel that I have no reason to be afraid of anything or uneasy about anything. Indeed, the conquest I have made so far, has been over fear. I speak the word of healing for my patient more confidently because I have astronger sense of my own mastery; in other words, I am not afraid to speak it because I feel that the mere fact of my speaking it creates it. For instance, I say of my patient who is, perhaps, lying at the point of death, "He is well." And in saying that he is well I feel that I am creating the condition of health for him; not that it is true from any standpoint of reason, but because I have the power to create a new condition for him. And I have this power because I feel myself to be the most irresistible force under the sun.

Now this force on my part is only mental, for when I attempt to apply it physically I do not succeed. But the patient gets well. He has accepted my mental strength into his mind, and his mind lifts his body by gradual degrees out of disease.

Sometimes I find it difficult to arise to the place of creative power where the spoken word changes conditions, but I am growing stronger in this particular every day. From this the reader will observe the change that is going on in me; it is from negative to positive; and from physical to mental. My mind is growing stronger all the time; and it is the mind that alone has power to change conditions. I know perfectly well from the trend of affairs within me that the change from old age to perpetual youth has begun.

As this goes on I feel my body to be less of an impediment than formerly. Week after week it seems to me that it is less and still less an impediment to my mind. so that what my mind says is true, really becomes true, in spite of what my body says. It is as if there had been a conflict between mind and body for years. The body says I am weak and on the road to death. The mind used to acquiesce in this, and death was the result. But some people began to think; there was mind growth-Then the mind said to the body, "You do not have to grow old and die." The body knowing nothing but the old beliefs, and being nothing but a record of the old beliefs said to the mind, "Bodies have always grown old and died, and always will." But the mind kept on thinking, and kept on talking to the body until the body began to weaken in the beliefs it was born in; and it kept weakening more and more in the belief of its own helplessness\_until-like my own body at the present time-it is ready to give in to the mind and say, "I renounce the old beliefs altogether."

Now this is just what my body is saying to my mind; in the meantime my mind, being inexperienced in such matters, there never having been a similar case in all the world's history, seems waiting for some fresh knowledge to be born out of its depths before it knows what

the word is that needs to be spoken in order to create the new life that will really constitute the second birth, which is the birth that saves to the uttermost from old age and death.

I know that I am in the direct line of growth toward the mental plane where I shall speak the word that recreates me; but I am like the babe in the womb; I must grow a while longer before I am ready for the great light I am about to enter.

In the meantime—as I said before—every particle of growth which I observe is mental growth; that is, it is growth in such qualities as we usually credit to the mentality. With me it is growth in courage, in the overcoming of fear, in the recognition of a strange power within myself that says all the time, "You are all powerful; you are your own master; you can speak the word that will re-create you in a type of beauty and greatness that at present you know nothing of, because you have seen no type of beauty but that of the perfect animal human. The type of beauty you are waiting for is going to gradually develop out of your mind, as your mind continues to generate higher and nobler qualities."

With regard to these qualities I can also speak with great certainty. I am growing in a sense of justice; and in a lovingness that is founded upon an intellectual perception of the noble qualities of others, regardless of the emotional nature upon which the affection of the animal man is based. It is a higher, juster, more gracious and discriminating love than I ever was capable of before.

All of these things are growth; and they are growth in the direction of that nobility which dies not; which is perpetually young; which is constantly creative, and which creates each day afresh, from a higher plane of thought than ever before reached.

To the question why do I not treat patients for old age? I will further say that I have thought very little about it, being so deeply engaged in treating them for disease. If I should take patients for this purpose it would have to be for mental qualitles that I would treat them, since I am convinced that it will be by the increase of mental power that old age and death will be overcome, as my own experience is now confirming.

H. W.

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HELEN WILMANS, Sea Breeze, Fla.

### THE WASTE-PAPER BASKET.

We have been having our autumnal gale, "the equinoctial," as it is called in the North; a storm which used to be supposed to be caused by the sun crossing the equator. I remember when as a small girl I used to think the equator was something that could be seen, that it was like a clothes line stretched around the earth, and that things on one side of it were quite distinct and unlike things on the other side.

I had the same idea of state lines, and supposed that any one could tell when they came to the line between two states by the looks of things.

I wonder if children now-a-days have the same ideas about things that children used to have when I was a girl. I wonder, too, if grown up people still believe that the crossing, by the sun, of an imaginary line called the equator, really causes our equinoctial storms?

But about our "gale." It blew for three days quite hard with very little rain, and then, just as we were beginning to congratulate ourselves that it must have blown itself out it started in to rain, and it just looked as though it was to be a second flood, and no ark ready. You know there are folks that always keep records of everything; who know what was the coldest day that the country ever saw, and how high the thermometer went on the hottest day last summer, and how that compared with other hot days of other summers. these folks say that ten inches of rain fell on the level in this last day of the gale, and I guess it did. Nobody would have minded that very much-it couldn't really hurt anything-but it seemed not to do as rain ought to do-come straight down from overhead; it came horizontally before the wind and found every crack and crevice and open joint in the houses. Sometimes it seemed to be raining up instead of down. It blew in under the doors, and crept up under the windows, and found cracks in roofs that were thought to be impervious to the elements. It kept the servants at the hotel on the jump to prevent carpets from being injured in the rooms which faced toward the quarter from which the storm came, and if one was compelled to go out of doors he was wet through and through almost in a moment. Between the rain fall and the backing up of the water by the wind the river rose over the stone embankment on the Daytona side and threatened to flood Beach street. The ocean was a mass of foam as far out as one could see, and the tide rose two feet above ordinary highwater mark on the ocean beach.

Nobody was frightened, however, and no damage was done beyond some discomfort and annoyance in having to take up a carpet or air bedding or wearing apparel where the storm had found a faulty roof, or weak spoin houses. These gales are never of a dangerous chaacter. There has never been a tornado or a "twister" of any kind on this portion of the Florida coast.

In these autumnal gales, of which we average one a year, occasionally missing a year and occasionally having two during the season, the wind blows steadily for, generally, three days, at a velocity that is not pleasant for one to be out in; but I have never heard of their blowing anything down, and except as they are usually accompanied by rain during some portion of the time they are not especially annoying, at least, not to one who has little need of going out; and even then there is some recompense in the view one gets of the sea in its anger.

But my! how it did rain that day. We are so high above the river on this side that the water ran off as rapidly as it fell, but it did look at times almost as though one could go bathing anywhere outside of the hotel.

We had quite a scare tc-lay-one of Mrs. Sheldon's babies ran away. What in the world put it into her head to go to Madam Dietz, the teacher of languages, who lives a block away, nobody will ever know, I suppose, but that is where she was found after half the neighborhood had turned out, and the cold chilis had begun to run up and down my spine as I thought of the baby-and the river. Don't let's talk about it. There are pleasanter things to write of-for instance, I have a new admirer, I might almost say "beau." His name is Schneider. He is Claude's shepherd dog brought all the way from California because "Schneider is one of the family, ma. It would have broken h's heart if we had left him." At first Schneider was evidently somewhat at a loss to know how he ought to deport himself. He was raised on a mountain ranch and was unaccustomed to society. He was not certain what his duties were under the new conditions, or what relations he was expected to sustain, either with other dogs or with the numerous people whom he saw, and many of whom appeared to be desirous of forming his acquaintance.

He refused all attempts at familiarity even from Dewey, a small but exceedingly wide-awake and-ready-for-action-dog, who has adopted the family, and who, with Bulger, a spotted half bench-legged "purp" of uncertain age and genealogy, runs with the carriage when permitted, or cares for the Sims' children when forced to stay at home. Mr. Sims has charge of the stables and drives my carriage when I go out. He lives in a neat little cottage near the barns and has a waste of young ones. He says he has to count 'em nights to see if they are all in, something he never has to do at meal time. They are all nice children—take after their mother, of course, though I must say Mr. Sims isn't a bad man for one who "came from Texas, down on the Rio Grande."

But I came near forgetting about Schneider. Naturally I run over to see the young ones once or twice each day. They are just across from the hotel, only a couple of vacant lots and the boulevard away. There is Claude and his wife, and Ada and Jessie in one cottage, and next door is Florry and her husband and their four children, and they sort of gather around me when I run in, and Schneider has eaught on to the idea that I am a person of importance, and one to be looked after. Now, every evening when I start home if Mr. Post is not with me Schneider walks by my side to the hotel door, and then turns and trots back. I never have called him; it is his own doing entirely. He has seen that I am regarded as of importance in the family, and with the trained instinct of his breed has assumed the duty of a protector.

I do not think he has any special fondness for me; I have never fed him and have not petted him to any great extent. I like dogs, but I do not like them to jump on me as they are so apt to do, muddying and often tearing my skirts. It is not, therefore, from affection, but purely a matter of duty that Schneider performs when he "sees me home." If he were a man instead of a dog, I might not acknowledge this. We girls don't like to feel that a gentleman is showing us attention as a duty.

H. W.

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### THE TYPE WRITER.

Opposition to type written letters used to be very common. Many people are prejudiced against them even yet. Indeed, I myself had some sympathy with the lady who complained that her lover wrote letters to her on his type-writer. It surely did seem to be a mechanical way of expressing his affection.

When I first began to use the type writer in my correspondence there was quite a little opposition to it; gradually there came about a certain degree of reconciliation; though I doubt whether any one likes a typewritten letter as well as one in script; it looks too much like a printed circular. The other day I had a letter from Mrs. W. E. Trehune, 1055 East 3d St., Salt Lake City, Utah-a friend who had sent me a new patient, in which she tells me of his dissatisfaction.

She says: "The patient feels that you have no interest in him just because your answer to him was type-written. I have tried to convince him that it is all right, but still he is not satisfied. Will his state of mind make any difference in the treatments? I feel responsible, as I urged him to take the treatments. You cured my little daughter about a year ago of a desperate disease of which the doctors said she would surely die; or if she lived her mind would be entirely destroyed. But I sent to you for help and in two months she was cured entirely, mind and body. So you see I have good reason for recommending you. But I have considered that perhaps I had better tell you of your new patient's objection, for fear it might stand in the way of your curing him."

I really think that his belief concerning the type written letter might easily retard his cure; and as I want his mind clear and receptive I shall write him by hand after this.

At first when one begins to use a type writer he cannot put himself into his writing as he did when using the pen; he keeps thinking about the mechanical part of his work, which prevents the free generation of magnetic thought. But presently the machine does his work as unconsciously as his pen; and then there is no difference in the effect of the two modes of writing; and as the type-written letter is so easy to read I consider it far ahead of script. I hope all my correspondents will accustom themselves to the type writer and like it. It is as great a comfort as the sewing machine; and everybody knows what a blessing that is. H. W.

DEAR MRS. WILMANS:-I am very much impressed with the idea of conquering death. About half a year ago, when I first realized the trend of your teachings, the idea seemed rather absurd to me, but now after having given the subject some thought, it seems not only very probable but entirely possible.

There was one objection, rising before my mental vision, that kept me from seeing the great possibility of conquering death. As there are probably many people who are bothered by the same objection, and as you have never treated of this phase of the matter in your paper, to my knowledge, I would like to give my mode of reasoning for overcoming this objection for the benefit of your readers, if you consider it worthy of space. If not, I would be pleased to have, at least, your idea on the point.

My objection was this: If we succeed in living for-

the past, will not this old world of ours be over crowded, and, thus our conquest be a curse to the human race instead of a blessing?

In your lessons you state, or at least suggest, that all people recognize the Law of Attraction to some extent in the manifestation of sex. The reproduction of beings of the same kind is simply a feeble expression of human desire for life everlasting. People desire to live forever, yet their firm belief in the death of the body induces them to confine their efforts to the cruder way of prolonging life-reproduction. Sex, then, is merely the manifestation of desire, the desire to be one with the As desire grows with the growth of in-Law of Life. telligence the power of production also increases (as you amply illustrate in the last FREEDOM) until the mind reaches a stage where it begins to realize the true nature of the law, where it comprehends that there is a better, higher, more intelligent way to preserve lifethat of retaining life in one's own body rather than transmitting it to off-spring. As this idea gains more and more ground it gradually remolds the coarser animal desire into the more spiritualized form; till at last when the higher desire shall have ripened into reality, the desire to reproduce shall have entirely ceased. Being negative to the higher life, the lower life must necessarily die off. Thus, when we shall have conquered death we shall also have dropped our efforts to perpetuate life on the lower plane; i. e. we shall have ceased to reproduce. I do not see how we can come to any other conclusion. C. A. N.

[Very true; but I have written a great deal on this subject which this correspondent evidently has not

Generation on the animal plane-the plane where children are begotten-will evolve into the regeneration of the individual. Sex will find a higher expression than we now know of. Ed.]

Mrs. Wilmans:-You have always been a woman of more than ordinary ability, and with higher ideals than the average mind is capable of conceiving. If I didn't think so I would have more faith in "A Conquest of Poverty" revolutionizing that class whom you most of all wish to reach. But as it is, my faith is small. The average laborer isn't ready to think on such elevating subjects. They are not within his sphere. But aside from this the book, of course, will do an immense amount of good. It is a fine book, to one who is capable of receiving it. I'm going to sell it.

Some one has recently asked you the cause of lonesomeness, and you answer, it is the absence of thought. This answer may apply in some cases, but I think there is an answer of more general application. Lonesomeness seems to be prevalent among new-thought people especially. I have experienced the feeling a great deal myself, and I think it is caused by our having outgrown the old order of life. We find nothing on the physical plane that correlates our new-born desires and aspirations. We are sick and tired of the old life, while at the same time we haven't come into possession of our higher inheritance. We have grasped it mentally, but as yet it is not an actuality in our lives, and so while groping between light and shadow, unpossessed by the old, and yet not in possession of the new, is it any wonder we experience lonesomeness? We are travelever, and continue to increase in numbers as we have in lers journeying out of Egypt toward the promised land

The country over which we pass is new of Canaan. and untried. We meet giants by the way, and encounter many a Red Sea through which we must pass. We become homesick at times and our thoughts recur to the flesh-pots of Egypt. But Egypt means bondage, and the thought repels us; so onward we press toward the land of promise, our faith assuring us that we will one day take possession, if we falter not nor fail. This journey is a very real one, and the fact that many are now in the way swinging like a pendulum between the old and the new, is the cause, I think, of such widespread lonesomeness. It is an unavoidable condition. Once we possess ourselves, live in the ever-present consciousness of our innate Godhood we will no longer be Not that this consciousness is sufficient in itself to produce happiness, for it is not; none of us are sufficient unto ourselves. Our happiness is dependent on objectivity. Every grain of it is extracted from the objective side of life. This god consciousness is simply a guarantee, an ever-present assurance that every highborn ideal will find its fulfillment in the real, that every desire of the heart will manifest in objective form. Happiness is rooted in the ideal, but bears its fruit in the real; its source is in the subjective, its fulfillment in Without such fulfillment it is a thing the objective. with a name but no substantial form.

So the advice for those who are lonesome is this: Pursue your journey until you find yourself. This finding will correlate you with such things in the visible as will increase your happiness, and they will gravitate to you or you to them. Yourself is the pledge to bring to you what you want, and every want supplied for the present and guaranteed for the future-this is happiness. Sincerely, CARRIE A. STONER.

### WORRY AND EYESIGHT.

We read an article on "Worry," rub our glasses, and say, "That's all very well, but when one's eyes give out one can't help worrying."

But there is a relation closer still between "glasses" and "worry"-with their order just transposed-for worry is among the chief causes of glasses. If worry is destructive to our anatomy in general, it is so in particular, and the more so to such delicate organs as the eyes. So let us look into some of the "whys"-the eye for illustration.

One of the physical effects of fear is rigidity of the muscles, and the effect is the same in the case of worry, here used in the sense of apprehension of harm or failure.

As the worry becomes a habit, the tension of mind and muscles is made lasting. A worrying man is never relaxed; and no where, as in the eye, is his state of mind so distinctly expressed. So, then, with his mind focussed on the "worry," the tension of his "mind's eye" is responded to by his physical eye, and the working of that delicate machine is injured. By the mental strain the muscles are contracted and their elasticity decreased. The man sees the worry in his mind, and does not see one half the things before his eyes; thus by the mind's abstraction, as well as tension, the focus of the eye is impaired. The eye won't focus unless one wills to see.

Also, the circulation in the eye is restricted by the tension, and the proper waste and repair prevented from

Hence the whole power of the eye diminishes. And

so on, one might name a hundred consequences to both body and mind, born of worry. But be it remembered that the instant the "worry" is dropped, repair begins, which is fast or slow according to the individual.

And there is no reason why weakened eyesight should not be but temporary, just as any ill from which we confidently recover.

#### HELPING HIM ON--DOWN.

It happened in Chicago. A street car, clanging its gong, glided around the corner and came to a stop-a short stop, one might say did it not sound like base ball vernacular; for that is the kind of stops street cars make in Chicago.

As the car stopped it was boarded by a gentleman who recognized a lady acquaintance.

"Ah! how do you do, Mrs. Jones? Quite a change in the weather." Then without waiting for a response he continued:

"By the way, how is Charles getting along? I believe he was interested in some deals the last time I saw

Mrs. Jones looked like the woman who exclaimed proudly, "I aint one of them people whose eyes have grown dim lookin' at the bright side of things;" and if her appearance left any doubt in the mind of the observer as to her manner of "lookin" at things, her remarks

"Well," she replied, "he isn't doing very well. In the first place he has had to travel somewhat, and you know he isn't very strong. I told him before he went into that line that I did not think he would make a success. But you know he is always so hopeful. The first time he came home he told me he had not done very well, but he was sure the next trip he would do much better; he said he could see that there was nothing to prevent him from making it go. I tried to discourage him in every way. I told him that it took a man with lots of money to do that work, but he is so persistent. hope he gets along all right, but I know he won't. I would just do anything in the world to help him along."

And if the woman whose intentions were so good had only known it, she was helping him alongward. C. H. DELANO.

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