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### THE SOUL.

The untouched Soul.

Greater than all the worlds, [because the worlds  
By it subsist ;] smaller than subtleties  
Of things minutest, last of ultimates,  
Sits in the hollow heart of all that lives ;  
Whoso has laid aside desire and fear,  
His senses mastered and his spirit still,  
Sees in the quiet light of verity  
Eternal, safe, Majestical—his soul ;  
Resting, it ranges everywhere ! asleep,  
It roams the world, unsleeping ! Who, saye I,  
Know the divinest spirit, as it is,  
Glad beyond joy, existing outside life ?

—Arnold's Secret of Death.

### PERSONAL.

"The Future Rulers of America," is bringing us much praise and many inquiries. We are pleased with the former, as it measures our success, and who is not pleased to succeed. In reply to the latter, we say : We believe the story to be as true as any revelation now existing. Were we at liberty to do so, we could give the best grounds for our belief. Those who know us will credit our assertion.

## PAPERS BY ONE WHO KNOWS.

Seekers of help from arm of flesh, receive weariness and disappointment. No true assistance can ever come from the unaided physical.

Whosoever is really strengthened and inspired, must derive his force and guidance from the unseen, the unembodied. Embodiment always presumes a restriction of power, a result of self-protective impulse, inseparable from the act of incarnation. Much can manifest itself through the infleshment, that is not incarnate, and may never be.

The artist, by pencil or brush, materializes tokens of his thought on canvas so clearly, that his idea is re-formed, by the suggestion, in other minds. Part of his true self has there become visible to personal sense. The work on the canvas, however, is not the artist.

That which we call the embodiment is not the spirit, but simply the manifestation of the spirit. The body, of itself, is powerless to help ; therefore it is useless to seek help for our own true selves, from the visibly manifested. All help and strength are from God, directly or indirectly. "No man hath seen God at any time."

They who understand and know "the dark sayings of the wise," have triumphed over the belief in matter, in all forms, and under all conditions, have no need for a library of books, simply recording men's thoughts. All thoughts of other human beings can and will be reproduced in their own mentality sooner or later, for "there is nothing new under the sun." Of necessity, all flying thought must be subordinate, the less to the greater and bound under the law of infinite creative thought. It can never be free and untrammelled only within these bounds.

It is given these wise ones, able to look for themselves into the Astral libraries of the universe, to decipher the hidden wisdom there enwrit.

To judge of the motives of his fellows, the adept reads as an open page, the inmost thought of those about him. He can thus perceive the outcome, direction and fulfillment of all truth. For his own enlightenment, he peruses the volumes always open to those who have the power to unclasp. Dwellers

in earth-life, seeking to learn, simply from human knowledge, must soon reach the point of saturation, where repetition becomes an unavoidable necessity to human mentality.

There are seven steps of music. Every sound in the universe can be classified upon this scale. Starting at the bottom all these steps are to be acquired. Familiarity with all changes enables a proficient to classify every chord and discord in its proper place. This fact in music is more fully realized in the scale of thought. If we are familiar with the ground over which the astral currents carry us, we cannot meet human thought anywhere without the perception of repetition, for all things created return into themselves. This cycle of completion is infinitesimal amongst the dimensions of the universe. Once having made the circuit, if we still desire the "Kingdom of Heaven," with all its priceless jewels of Arcane wisdom, there is left us but one recourse: through communion with one's self, to reach out to the thought, constantly springing forth, new and fresh from the Infinite and Eternal.

The Divine knowledge moves on the arc of a circle, to human conception a straight line, so immense is the circumference. Human knowledge constantly turns into itself and repeats. Novitiates, under instruction, are taught first to exercise themselves continuously in sequence of thought. When once they have obtained control over their own personality, understanding fully and completely the limited conditions of the human, thus able to detect the real from the unreal, they are permitted to receive instruction by inspiration. Having acquired the courage that knows no fear, nor shrinking, they are prepared to overcome all the incidents of earth-life, no matter how presented, for they can use readily the universal dominant power.

He who is enwrapped in the body, cannot read until he first learns the letter of the text, and second, has acquired such control of physical fear, that the aggregate soul shrinks not in any presence. Fear always overturns the receptive conditions of the reasoning faculties even in the present state of existence. The novitiate can count but little upon the thoughts that come to him from books, only as they stir in his mentality a desire for knowledge and understanding, leading to submission to discipline and guidance towards the point where all knowledge is possible. Human knowledge is the sum total of the accretion of belief.

Whoever understands the alphabet of one spoken tongue, can by energy and industry, know all that mortals know. It is the key, but the inclosed area is of very small diameter. It is well when this is used simply as a preparation for the endless understanding of the Infinite.

Sometimes a single volume will bring the novitiate to the point where the knowledge of the certain, the real and the infinite shall be definitely fixed. But they who glean in the starry fields of the viewless, the thoughts they seek and desire, walk erect, dominant in spirit, courageous in mind, unfeared in body.

P. R.

## FRUITS OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

A well known lady of Hampshire, Ill., whose health was broken by the privations and overwork of a pioneer settler's wife, finally found herself unable to leave her bed. For eleven years she was bedfast. For nine years she had not walked a step, and for three or four years, had been unable to lie comfortably except upon her back. Her limbs from non-use were shrunken, and the weight of the bedding had gradually almost straightened out the feet parallel with the limbs. She supposed there was no help until she heard of Christian Science, and I was called to see her. After five treatments she was able to take a few steps. She has constantly improved since then. She was under treatment at intervals for six months. It is now over a year since she commenced treatments, has had none for six months, and she moves about her home and neighborhood, as well as could be expected of one of her years.

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I have had three cases of cataract; in two of them the patients have been healed completely; the third is still progressing to a cure.

—Mrs. M. M. Phelon, C. S. B.

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