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ing rest, of words of kindness, appreciation and support. All things seem to promise us much more than has ever been offered since the Brotherhood became an entity.

It may not seem apropos, but I want to speak of something that is met with in all organizations more or less, heedless thoughts and careless words of attendants.

If you love the Brotherhood, as you value its help and as you are interested in its progress, do not under any circumstances at any time speak carelessly or lightly of it or those who are seeking to help its onward movement as best they can. Remember, the words once spoken are beyond recall. You do not know whom they may reach, nor what result their repetition may precipitate. An idle word sent adrift, like the stray spark from a passing engine may do incalculable damage.

What's in a name? These days, in naming a corporation or organization of any kind, an attempt is made generally to have its name, to some extent at least, imply or set forth its object.

Meditating in this strain upon the name of the Brotherhood, Bro. McConnelly, writing from Camp Alger, sends these thoughts:

"We are known as the Hermetic Brotherhood of Atlantis, Luxor and Elephantis.

Cabalistically the word "Hermetic" is 4. That which is four-square is perfect. We are indeed seeking holiness or wholeness. And "Brotherhood" signifies duality, in one sense at least, for we aim to obtain in a perfect spirit in a perfect body.

We have then, to begin with, the "Holy Brotherhood of Atlantis," apparently derived from "Atl," (from whence we have also the word Atlas) which is water. We know that the office of the Angel of Water is that of purification.

Pardon a little digression, but has it ever occurred to you that the story of Atlas, the mythical leader of the Titans, who attempted to storm the heavens and for this supreme treason was condemned by Zeus to bear the vault of heaven upon his head and hands, is the story of the fall of Atlantis, and that in this symbol is taught that head and hands must bear burdens until the wrong is expiated. In the old parables it is quite common to treat of a race as a person.

But to resume: Atlantis in its glory was a personification of purity and unity. So now do we seek to be pure in mind and body. Cabalis-

tically the word is likewise 4; that which is perfect must be pure.

We are then "The Holy Brotherhood of Purity"

The next word, "Luxor." The definition of "lux," its Latin root, is "light." Cabalistically the word is 10, symbolizing the perfection of the ONE who is LIGHT. And not only was Luxor a light to the world of that time, but its influence is felt now, even as light is ever existent. Now, as ever, we are demanding light in all things.

And then to the interpretation of the name, add light, or "The Holy Brotherhood of Purity, Light and"

Elephantis, or perhaps more commonly known as Elephantia. We know that this Temple or group of temples was the receptacle of countless valuable manuscripts. In fact, that the secret records from the great Alexandrian Library were confided to its care and that they are still concealed there. Within its walls the learning of the land was centered, and became a most fitting symbol of the accumulated wisdom of man, symbolized by the Cabalistic number of seven.

As the complete, mystic rendering we have: "The Holy Brotherhood of Purity, Light and Wisdom," showing how much can be signified in a name. Really, the more one contemplates these suggestions, the more fully do their possibilities unfold."

Bro. Benj. J. Hall, of Ohio, in reporting for last Full Moon says: "That while sitting in the Silence, repeating the mantram, there seemed an easier flow of expression, and also felt the presence of the Invisible."

The last Full Moon meeting of the San Francisco knots was held in conjunction with an organization of similar character of the same place, with a mutual programme which was very enjoyable. The societies meet in the same hall. The dates happened to come on the same night, and this was the easiest and most pleasant way of deciding precedence.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. APPELGATE, Scribe.

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The limit of life is brief—
'Tis the red in the red roseleaf,
'Tis the gold in the sunset sky,
'Tis the flight of a bird on high.
Yet we may fill the space
With such an infinite grace
That the red will vein all time,
The gold through the ages shine,
And the bird fly swift and straight
To the lilies of God's own gate.

LIGHT ON THE SCIENCE OF ASTROLOGY.

CONTINUED.

MAN is the conscious expression of Divine, Natural and Human Law.

The Divine Law is immutable, unchangeable; it is positive Force. Cause—eternally involving.

The Natural Law, is the Divine Law manifested, subject to growth; it is Effect, eternally evolving.

The Human Law, expresses a subsequent stage; it is the law that man makes for himself, through his conscious intellect, free will and choice.

Obedience to the human law, subjects man to the possibilities of error, because it changes with every age, nation and people. Obedience to the Natural Law reveals to him the Divine Law. Obedience to the Divine Law leads him to perfect knowledge, incomparable understanding.

It is because man has transgressed for ages, both the Divine and the Natural Law and followed in wilful preference, the human law, that the whole earth and its souls are suffering today.

Through the science of astrology and the horoscope, the correspondence between the Divine, natural and human law can be made clearer to the individual.

We cannot transgress the Divine and natural law without producing disastrous physical effects, confusion, chaos, sin and sickness.

We, as individuals, are a part of a great whole, and make up the soul or magnetic conditions of our Planet.

As transgression of the Divine and natural law will produce suffering, sin and sickness as external effects upon our bodies, so will the united soul magnetic forces produce physical eruptions and disorder upon the surface of our Planet. Therefore do not be surprised at terrible uprisings, catastrophes and confusion. They are the natural effects of accumulated human transgression of Law.

There is only one remedy. A conscious recognition of this law in each and every living soul and a life in accordance with the Divine teaching, Universal love and helpfulness.

Individual life and collective life upon our planet to-day has reached a point in its evolution where it must recognize these facts.

The planet earth at this stage of its growth and evolution has been attracting souls that induce pain, sin, sickness and sorrow, and as a child of the Great Universe it is heavy in its travail and burden.

How do we know this? How do we dare assume this? Because it is the natural consequence of the Universal law of Cause and Effect; a law so simple in its tracings, that we, who are coming into the first glimmer of its Light and Truth, recognizing the spiritual cause and the natural effect, marvel that man could ever have lost sight of it. What is this all for? do I hear some one ask.

To teach successive races and individual souls that the Divine and natural law cannot be transgressed without producing physical effects in proportion to the amount of transgression. So in all disaster of individual or collective humanity, be it known that it is the natural effect of some great cause—OF ITS OWN MAKING, latent and obscure though that cause may seem to our limited knowledge. The Science of Astrology is the Science of correspondence between human, natural and Divine law and assists us to search out the causes in a scientific and logical manner. Individually, to know ourselves better, and how we may apply that knowledge to the best advantage. Universally to know what relation we bear, as individuals to the great whole. The position of the planets at the moment of our spirits entrance into flesh, will reveal to us what we are, for what best adapted, what virtues hold dominion, what weaknesses the flesh is heir to and what periods of life the Law operates more with the one than with the other. All conditions of adversity, are the direct results of a disturbed equilibrium of the unseen forces *within ourselves*—they are the *impelling* forces of our Being because compelling recognition of something as yet unknown to us. The angles that the planets are forming, or have formed or will form give the indications of the nature of these forces in the life of each.

The Horoscope is a means by which the indications are formulated, it being a map or chart of the heavens drawn either in a circle or square, and divided into twelve parts showing by mathematical computation the zodiacal sign and degree of that sign ascending at the moment of birth, also the exact latitude and longitude of the planets. It is not confined to one star, be it "lucky" or "unlucky," but it is ac-

continued by the whole ambient of the Heavens, the electric and magnetic forces of which combine to herald the advent of that soul into manifestation and declare its destiny. It is this destiny which "shapes our end."

When the planets, by their revolutions come to certain angles relative to the positions of the planets places at our birth, they give indication of these electric and magnetic effects operating in connection with our lives, thus we may know in advance through the astrological calculations when these times may occur and can foretell them. "To be forewarned is to be forearmed." For if we know, we can fortify our Thought Force, our mind and will power in the right direction, with a systematic intelligence, putting into action all that is good and Divine in us to reinstate that equilibrium WITHIN OURSELVES. When this is done we have conquered ignorance and so called Fate. We have learned to know our Destiny.

A few words right here about Destiny and Fate. Generally they are used synonymously, but they have a vastly different signification.

Our Destiny is to know God, to return to God our Cause.

Fate is the result of experiences woven about ourselves.

Destiny is the law of Cause, immutable, unchangeable. A law working out through each one of us, which impels irresistibly, every soul, into such experiences as shall bring it in to a consciousness of its relation to its cause and higher self.

We cannot overcome our Destiny. Nor should we wish to do so.

Fate is the law of Effect. We can control our Fate, and may overcome it, because it is of our own making, because it is an effect, therefore subject to change. Fate is the ripening of seeds sown at some period of the soul's expression. Remember that the soul is immortal, eternal, has lived before this manifestation, will live on and on and on, gathering its experiences as it goes. This is only one point, one phase of its life. The soul takes on, is sowing; and puts off, is reaping conditions continually, in other words, the soul is making and unmaking Fate everlastingly. Our attitude towards our Fate, the use we make of our experiences, determine the condition of our growth.

Take poverty for instance. Poverty is a result, an effect of seed sown, a phase of the

law of Fate operating in this particular form of poverty as I have said before impelling us to recognition of something as yet unknown to us.

We may not overcome our poverty in this life, this manifestation, for there is a law to be fulfilled, but the attitude we assume towards that poverty, will control our Fate and make us contented and happy or utterly miserable.

If we "kick against the pricks" and allow it to make us bitter, jealous, envious, discontented and hateful to our friend or neighbor we are not controlling our Fate but adding to it every hour.

If we recognize it as a means of discipline, for some wise purpose, as an experience offering opportunities of growth and higher recognition, we are controlling Fate and overcoming future possibilities of like experience. The Fate of this life therefore determines the nature of the Fate in the next.

If we have sown the seeds of jealousy, hatred and malice, because we are poor and our friend or neighbor rich, we must reap the effects—the fruits—the results—according as we have sown.

Then marvel not, that deceitful, hateful friends abound in our life, now adding their strength to poverty, not controlled, and thwarting us at every turn.

If we have sown the seeds of love, gentleness, generosity, benevolence and good will, we shall as surely reap the fruits of love, gentleness, generosity, benevolence and good will, as that the Sun will rise at the Eastern angle of the Heavens tomorrow morning. Therefore, the sooner we come into a conscious understanding of all that it means, the sooner we take right hold of ourselves, recognize it and thereby redeem ourselves from it, the sooner shall we overcome our Fate and the obstacles that will form the nature of our future manifestation, as well as bring peace into this, and Jesus said, "Go, and sin no more."

GERTRUDE DE BIELSKI.

TO BE CONTINUED.

HOW CAN ONE "LIVE THE LIFE."

BY overcoming. By acquiring a fixedness of purpose and individuality. By learning the secrets of continuity. By determining through concentration what is right, and living it, though the heavens fall. By following out principle which is based upon principle, not on popular consent. By according the utmost free-

dom to others. By standing up straight and not getting limp over trifles. By cleanliness of body, soul and spirit. By carefully avoiding the hypnotic influences of master minds before you have become fully fixed in your own convictions. By being amenable to your own conscience first, to the views of others last. By a prudent expenditure of sympathy for the ways and grievances of others; (sympathy is a balm at first, but becomes an excuse for weakness in your neighbor if given out too freely.) By being well, by thinking well, and acting well. By growing a little in soul stature every day. By learning something new every possible opportunity. By plodding the road of honesty, rather than the race-track of trickery. By believing what you say and saying what you believe. By professing nothing, but having a tacit faith in everything. By adopting the truism that "all is good, and that in the absolute there is nothing to fear." By never sacrificing yourself to a bad principle, for to win out one must hold out. By leaving arguments to the ward politician and the chicken fighters. By being silently aggressive, but never openly combative. By thinking twice before you speak, for a hurried commitment breeds regrets. By listening attentively to a pleasant word and passing it along to the next. By never seeking to thrust your pet theories on everybody, for all ears are not attuned exactly alike. By studying the subject of vibrations and spirit contact that you can send your thoughts to any living center. By being a man or a woman and not seem to be trying hard to succeed. By differing with your neighbor and yet enjoy a good laugh over your differences. By feeling an inspiration coursing your veins without getting excited over it. Nothing is altogether wonderful when you simmer it down to a nicety. By observing divine law, so that man-made laws seem easy. By dressing tastefully and thinking normally, so that the body will become to look quite like the spirit. By not speaking habitually in the superlative degree; the normal degree is the middle one. By being brave, but not pugnacious. By creeping before you walk, remembering that a little gain every day is better than a jerky fortune. By returning good for evil—in the most orthodox fashion if you will—but try and forget it as soon as possible; you have

plenty left in stock. By eating regularly of simple foods, and drinking Nature's beverages only. By manifesting a sincerity that will entice Love from his hiding place. By being awfully good without "that tired feeling" over other people's folks. By digesting what you read and acquainting yourself with the author's motive; he didn't write his book while sleep-walking. By breathing fresh air asleep or awake, remembering that only those catch cold who are good catchers. By—but what is the use? there is no end to the list. To "Live the Life" is to live it some one way, some another; and heaven waits on him or her who succeeds.

ALWYN M. THURBER.

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ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY.

GERTRUDE De Bielski says: (HERMIST for March,) "The red corpuscles of our blood act in sympathy with the life giving rays of Sun and are electric, positive in their nature. The white corpuscles act in sympathy with the receptive rays of the Moon and are magnetic, negative in quality." She then goes on to state that the red corpuscles relate to the positive dominating principle, and the white to the negative, intuitional power of the will. The white corpuscles are much larger and fewer in number than the red. I believe that Mercury represents the principle of iron in the blood, which gives it its red color, and the principle of iron is synonymous with that of FORCE. It is iron that gives strength and tone to the blood. This planet standing next to the Sun receives and responds to the solar vibrations which constitute the first or red ray, which has the lowest rate of vibration of any of the seven, for it is the first to appear in the spectroscope and the last to disappear; even when a piece of iron is heated to a dull red it will show this color on the screen, and as the temperature is raised the colors come out in succession until a white heat shows them all. To quote from Lockyer, "Vapors of metals and gases absorb those rays which the same vapors of metals and gases themselves emit," and, "when light from a solid or liquid passes through a gas, the gas absorbs those particular rays of which its own spectrum consists." From this it would appear that this planet can only absorb the particular ray (which is

governed by a specific vibration) which corresponds with its own creative elements both physical and mental. In the physical it acts most directly on the blood as animal energy, in the animal its influence does not reach (possibly) beyond this limit. In the human kingdom its influence corresponds to the degree of unfoldment of the person, and this in turn depends upon the rate of the physical, mental and spiritual vibration to which the individual is able to respond. I have said that this planet responds to the vibrations of the red ray or ray of the blood only, but it must be remembered that each ray contains the elements of all the other, which are revealed successively as the rate of vibration is increased, so that Mercury in reality holds concealed the elements of the whole, just as the piece of iron by increasing its vibrations may be made to evolve the whole scale of the spectrum up to the violet flame of transmutation. To what conclusions do these thoughts lead us?—First: To the conviction that the "Blood of Christ" has more than a one-sided significance. Second: That physical regeneration is a fact, no less than mental and spiritual. Third: That the understanding and control of this planetary principle is the foundation and root of all attainment. The blood of man in the animal stage is altogether heterogeneous, the blood of Christ is the elements of earth passed through all of the stages of transmutation until it is altogether homogeneous, in other words the living "Word made flesh." In such a body the sun is as literally adame in his interior as it is in the "maternal heavens" and he needs no moon, therefore the white corpuscles of his blood are one with the red.

Man's body represents the earth and the earth is to become a sun, why not man also? Christ is the Spiritual Sun of Earth, just as the great orb of day is the physical Lord of Creation; there is a perfect gradation from the physical all the way up to the spiritual of which the law of correspondence in nature is the key. If the "red corpuscles of our blood—through Mercury, the sex planet—act in sympathy with the life-giving rays of the Sun," and the white ones with the reflective power of the moon, and these gradations from physical to spiritual do obtain, not only in man but in all the planets, and all nature as well, then why should we not

seek for the law of adjustment here? Would not a knowledge of these laws give us a "new" physiology, a "new" psychology, and "new" biology altogether? It would appear from what has been said that the number of white corpuscles in the blood of an individual would determine the measure of the moon's influence, and the degree of natural (inherent) inspirational power; but the nature of that inspiration would be governed by the position of the sun and planets. In truth this "moon" (moon-moon-man) is the reflective principle of the soul (synonymous with Sol or Sun). The lunar or astral body being as real as the physical, and the reason that the moon is said to "rule Cancer" or the breast is because of that function being the inspirational one of the body; this lunar element of which the astral body is composed is the soul of nature. Everything "breathes it out and breathes it in." It is the universal magical agent, and has—at least—a marked influence upon the principle of vitality. I have been told by a woman born in the sign Cancer that when the earth (sun) was in that sign in June and July she was able to see this "astral light" or breath like a silver sheen surrounding the leaves of the plants and trees.

A belief in Astrology may equal the degree of fate, but the knowledge of its Esoteric laws is the harbinger of hope, and truth.

W. H. SCOTT.

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THE REFINER OF SILVER.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that Love God, to them who are the called, according to his purpose.—Rom. viii:28.

Some months ago, a few ladies, who met together in Dublin to read the Scriptures, and make them the subject of conversation, were reading the *Third Chapter of Malachi*. One of the ladies gave it as her opinion, that the Fuller's Soap, and the Refiner of Silver, were the same image, both intended to convey the same view of the sanctifying influence of the grace of Christ; while another observed—There is something remarkable in the expression in the *third verse*:

"He shall sit as a Refiner and Purifier of Silver."

They agreed that possibly it might be so, and one of the ladies promised to call on a silversmith, and report to them what he said

on the subject. She went accordingly, and without telling the object of her errand, begged to know from him the process of refining silver, which he fully described to her. "But, sir," said she, "do you sit while the work of refining is going on?" "Oh yes, Madam," replied the silversmith; "I must sit with my eye steadily fixed on the furnace for if the time necessary for refining be exceeded in the slightest degree, the silver is sure to be injured." At once she saw the beauty and the comfort, too, of the expression: "He shall sit as a Refiner and Purifier of Silver."

Christ sees it needful to put His children into the furnace; but he is seated by the side of it; His eye is steadily intent on the work of purifying; and His wisdom and love are both engaged in the best manner for them. Their trials do not come at random; the very hairs of their head are all numbered. As the lady was leaving the shop; the silversmith called her back, and said he had still further to mention—that he only knew when the process of purifying was complete, by seeing his own image reflected in the silver. *Beautiful figure! When Christ sees His own image in His people, His work of purifying is accomplished.*

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AN IDEALISTIC BOOK.

TO OUR WELL-BELOVED BROTHERS AND COMRADES:—The time has come, when, out of the Silence, can be given through the Hermetic Brotherhood and then to the world, by one of our own comrades, a glimpse of the Far Past. Once more have we come into possession, through the power of a gifted writer, of some of the wonderful truths, which are our heirlooms, from the Atlantian days. They are for this day and generation to receive.

The Mysticism of all ages, must of necessity, be condensed into a single sentence—a single word. That word is commonly known as the "Lost Word." But, the training that fits us for the understanding, and use of the wonderful knowledge of the Past, has been flowing toward us, now for years. The great gates of the Temple, are for the first-time, thrown open to us.

What is meant by Atlantis and its loss, is no longer of the concealed. But the hither-

to Ideal, has become the Real. The Revelation and the description are one and complete. The power and condition of ultimate force and existence are made plain. All that books teach; all that recurring memory of ages can give, is in the pages of this book, whose author claims nothing for herself. It is the book of a born mystic, sent, a message to the mystics of this day. No library of Ideal literature, hereafter, can be complete without it. It is, without intending it, an encyclopedia of the hidden things of earth, and their unveiling.

Those who have been privileged with a glimpse of the advance sheets, declare it the most original book in its conception, of the many, which have graced this century, whose closing and ominous hours are upon us. It is tritely and quaintly named: "Her Bungalow, An Atlantian Memory," by Nancy McKay Gordon."

It is in Press. Advance subscriptions for earliest delivery, received by Hermetic Pub. Co., 4006 Grand Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. Price \$1.25.

W. P. PHELON, M. D.

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FLASHES OF LIGHT.

One of our local Brothers has in her family a son, who through sickness has been changed from a bright, active child to a youth who is blind, deaf and dumb. Contrary to the usual helplessness of those thus afflicted he has been able, by the help of instructors, to communicate with the outside world and has ever manifested a disposition to be helpful in the home and for himself. So far as one so shut up could be. He has lately by what is called the "Pin-pricked" process, written a little book, which is of intense interest as the work of a soul so imprisoned. His friends have helped him to print it, and tastefully bind it in cloth. And he hopes to be able, by its sale, to be a help to himself. We are sure all the Brotherhood will be willing to help him dispose of the edition. The sooner the better. The book is put at 25c. We will receive orders therefor, without any charge for the handling. The young man needs the income, both for use and for his encouragement. We trust all our Brotherhood will make it a personal matter. Address, Hermetic Pub. Co.,

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ART MAGIC.

One of the most remarkable contributions to the practical magic treatises of this generation, was Emma Hardings Britten's "Art Magic." We have known some of the formulas therein given, to work, and that is more than can be said of the majority of books claiming knowledge on these points. It has, like its companion volume, "Ghostland," long been out of print. But has lately been put upon the market in a tastefully bound volume of 366 pages, black cloth, and silver stamp. Sent on receipt of \$1.50, Hermetic Pub. Co., 4006 Grand Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

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ERRATA.

Of course, we lay it to the "intelligent compositor according to custom. We know it lies between the said compositor and the proofreader. But, anyway, in the article "Overcoming" in August HERMETIST, on 20th page, 16th line from top, please read "brethren" for "brothering." On 21st page, 18th line from top, read "grasp" for "grap." On 21st page, 2d line from bottom, read "smoothed," instead of "smothered."

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