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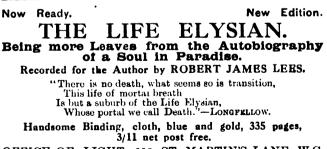
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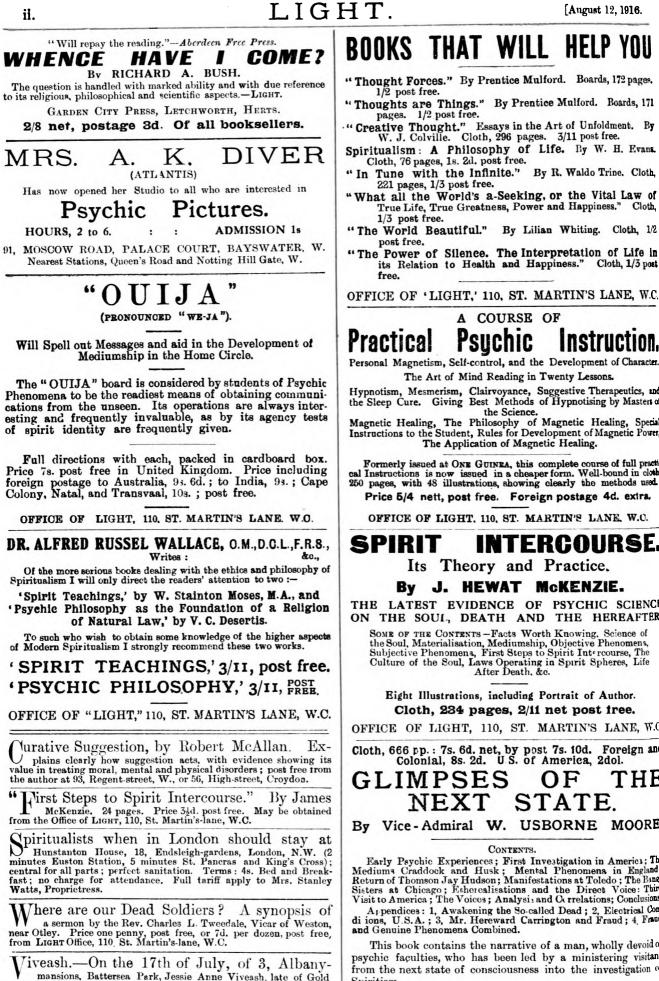
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In the course of a discussion in a weekly paper on the subject of mediums, with special reference to the fortunetelling type of psychics or alleged psychics, a correspondent of the journal, who signs himself "Solution," writes :---

I believe that life after death is simply a series of dreams, differing in no respect from our nightly experiences, except that there is no awakening. Thus we visit our future world nightly, neither in it is there any distinction between the dead and the living. This, however, has nothing to do with Spiritualism, for no spirit can ever be called from the dream world sfter death, and modern Spiritualism is a fraud and a fake.

So now we know, and are disposed to lament that this oracle has not spoken before. A warning cry in the darkness might have saved us ! Seriously speaking, however, there is something in "Solution's" remarks. We have great reason to believe that some persons, those of fixed ideas, severely limited by their earth experiences, remain for some time after their transition in a more or less bemused condition. Not having awakened to the realities of their new surroundings, their condition for a time is one of "dream-consciousness." That may explain suggestively some of the fantastic communications which reach us as spirit messages.

We say that this somnolent condition of the earthbound class of spirits may explain the perplexing element in certain psychic communications. As a matter of fact, we have no doubt on the point, although it must be remembered that there are other causes at work. The 'dreams" of the medium occasionally play their part. Miss Dallas has related the case of a spirit communicator who complained of the difficulty of transmitting a message intelligibly-"the medium's dreams get in my way," he said. Between the difficulties of imperfect control (due to undeveloped mediumship or unfavourable conditions) and the illusions of a spirit who is only partially awakened to the facts of spirit life, there is room for a great deal of confusion and perplexity amongst those who have not thoroughly mastered the subject of spirit intercourse. But in this, as in other matters, practice makes perfect. Through many failures and misunderstandings we arrive at last at certain clear criteria whereby to judge the true value of the messages received. All the same, as the more advanced type of spirit communicators have so often told us, we shall never attain to a definite understanding of the conditions of the world beyond death and the difficulties which surround the subject of spirit intercourse until we ourselves have passed through the great change and our

larised to the new state of being. For in its deeper aspects we apprehend the change to be one of state rather than of place.

The "great possibility" alluded to in the title of Mr. E. A. Wodehouse's "A World Expectant : the Study of a Great Possibility" (Star Publishing Trust, Glasgow, 2s. 6d. nel)-a work well deserving of thoughtful study-is "the near appearance among men of a great spiritual Teacher or Prophet, destined to be the guide and light-bringer to this age of difficulty, darkness and transition." The author opens his argument by very fairly stating the objection which is practically universal among members of the Christian faith :--

"What is the need," it is asked, "for the coming of such a Teacher when we are still so far from having realised the ideals which were preached two thousand years ago? Nay, what need can there ever be, seeing that the teaching of our Lord represents an unattainable summit of perfection ?

This objection would, Mr. Wodehouse thinks, be sound enough on a certain very definite condition. If, when once a goal had been clearly foreseen, human life were simply a steady and undeviating advance in pursuit of it, then possibly once to have learnt the truth might be all that mankind required. But human life and human nature are unfortunately neither so simple nor so amenable to rule. The "straight line" theory of progress will not work : there are too many disturbing factors in the way. There is the fact of change ("the riddle of life has continually to be read anew"); there are the limitations of human nature itself; there is the growth of knowledge. Each of these, Mr. Wodehouse contends, "is capable under certain circumstances of creating what may be called a 'spiritual impasse'-of rendering impotent, so far as their motive and guiding force is concerned, our past revelations of Spiritual Truth. . . In a word, the spiritual need of humanity is a recurrent need, and arises out of the nature of man and of life."

From the foregoing premises Mr. Wodehouse concludes that-

If the world is still to grow and change, if new problems and new acquisitions of knowledge await it, if the future holds in store for it new civilisations and orderings of life yet unborn, then it would follow that mankind has not seen the last of its great Teachers, but that these supreme vindications of the link between God and man are still to be expected, whenever the appointed hour strikes, in the ages which lie before us.

In his view there are not wanting indications that such an hour is approaching. He sees them in the New Vitalism, and in the movement towards unity which is apparent in religions, in nations, and in classes-all signs of a great transition, the passing of the old civilisation and the dawning in its place of a new and better civilisation, a civilisation of brotherhood, essentially spiritual because informed throughout and vitalised by a spiritual idea. The author is to be congratulated as well on the calm and dispassionate manner as on the care and fulness with which he sets out his case. We would add a word of high appreciation of the two noble sonnets attached to the work, one at the beginning and the other at the close.

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The Rev. Ward Beecher, who is now on a visit to this country, recently declared to a New York reporter that his investigations into Spiritualism had convinced him that there was more in the subject than was commonly supposed; and Professor Kiddle, in a letter to the New York "World," writes that Mr. Beecher "appeared to be impressed very deeply by the phenomena" he had seen at a scance for form manifestation.

DIVINELY SIMPLE.

If we follow the simple gospel statements with the intelligent grasp upon which Jesus insisted so much we find that the "inspired revelations" refer to the most simple facts of everyday life—things that every man and woman believe they know so much about that they do not require to be taught anything more. The main theme of the doctrine of Jesus Christ is: Superiority of the Inner Life of Thought, Intelligence, Meditation, Concentration over the surface life of blind and unthinking adherence to the letter of custom and tradition, which results in worship of the outer form instead of the inner reality or reason which has produced it. Still more briefly, dominion of Thought, Mind, Spirit, and Health over stupidity, ignorance, matter and disease.

That is the key to all the mysteries of the doctrine which Jesus preached and practised.

With this key in his possession, the reader can understand and appreciate the biting sarcasm, the irony and the scorn with which Jesus denounced the Pharisees and Scribes--the sticklers for rigid formalism and meaningless customs, the men who lay upon the shoulders of each generation burdens heavy and grievous to be borne, without making an effort to improve, much less to understand the inner meaning of the forms, rituals, dogmas and ceremonies which have no value whatever apart from the use made of them by the individual thinker.

So clearly is this brought out in the Gospel accounts that it is absolutely amazing how any reader could mistake the meaning for an instant. It is only when one understands the psychological influence of one mind over another, both individually and collectively, that it becomes possible to explain the glamour of theological commentaries and ecclesiastical dogmatic opinion in preventing the plain meaning from being immediately revealed.

-"Meditation," by ARTHUR LOVELL.

DR. HYSLOP ON HUMAN IMMORTALITY AND THE "WORLD-SOUL" THEORY,

In the July number of the Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research, Dr. Hyslop, in the course of a vigorous and appreciative review of Anna Hude's book, "The Evidence for Communication with the Dead" (which he regards as one of the best, if not the best, that has appeared on the subject), thus delivers himself on the theory of a world-soul and its bearing on the question of human immortality :—

We have no special criticisms of importance to make on the book. A few things may be mentioned only by way of elucidating some things which Mrs. Hude seems to have taken as hypotheses opposed to the idea of communicating with the dead, but which, to the present reviewer, are quite identical with it. On p. 16 she says: "Hartmann has made his argument against Spiritism famous by connecting it with his doctrine of a world-soul, or central mind, in which all individual minds have their root. Through it they can get into communication with each other as over the telephone—a simile he has no hesitation in using—and from it they can draw not only the particulars of the present state in distant places, but also the particulars of future events. For in the central or absolute mind the threads of all causal series meet in one single all-seeing; its omniscience embraces implicitly in the present world-state the future as well as the past."

There are several things here. (1) The idea of a worldsoul: (2) The idea that we are parts of it: (3) That it embraces all knowledge past and future, and (4) that these events are present in one act of "omniscience."

The first two of these are but a statement of the pan theistic conception of the universe, and Hartmann, with all others since Spinoza, refers to this triumphantly as incompatible with survival after death or the existence of spirits. The consequence is that the moment the idea is mentioned The consequence is that the moment the idea is mentioned everybody takes fright at it and supposes that it contradicts the idea of survival. The illusion is fit only for children. People suppose that if you do not use the word "spirit" you do not believe in the facts which survival means. If you say "world-soul" and make us a part of it, they suppose we do not exist after death, though making us a part of this "immortal world and "which are one way also a part of the "immortal world-soul," of which we are now also a part! They try to attach materialistic implications to a theory which is itself distinctly opposed to materialism. If this world-soul takes me up into its embrace now it only does the same after my death. If my personal consciousness is a part or stream in the abso-lute "world-soul," it is, or can be, the same hereafter, personal identity and all. It is merely a matter of evidence, not an inference from an *a priori* assumption which was made by men who never studied evidence at all. Spinoza did not deny immor-tality. He affirmed it. True, he said there was no "personal" immortality and that God was not "personal." But this does not affect the question, because we assume readily that we are using the same conception of "personality" which he was denying when, in fact, this is not the case. He affirmed emphatically that God was thought, or that thought was one of the essential attributes of God, and that the rational part of man was immortal. Why, then, did he deny "personal" survival? Simply because, starting with the Cartesian view that "personality" or the soul was not extended, he denied the Pauline conception of the soul which made it a spiritual body and so [gave it] extension. He affirmed the continuance of the personal stream of consciousness, only he did not call this "personal "or **s**" person." In fact, most of the theologians of the prior period conceived conscious personality or intelli-gence as a stream, and not a thing or "person," so that their conception of God was that of a spiritual being, some thought extended, some thought unextended, and the intelligence or personality " was itself not extended but a stream of functional activity in this absolute or God. Now make man a part of this and you guarantee his immortality as a necessity, so that your world-soul only proves the theory, if your assump-tions are to be trusted. The feeling that it is opposed to the Spiritistic theory is only taking the phrases of past men uncritically and assuming that their denial of a certain thing by that language goes along with the same terms to-day when our conceptions have changed. No one but an absolute ignoramus, which I regard Hartmann to be, would ever refer to the world-soul as negating survival. Feehner saw that and maintained survival on that very basis. Professor James wrote an Introduction to the little book of Fechner's, which was translated and which presented this view, but Professor James never caught the force of the idea because he repeated the reservoir" theory as opposed to the idea of spirits, though Dr. Hodgson, in his Report ("Proceedings," English S.P.R., Vol. XIII., p. 396), definitely accepts the idea that a "large con-

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sciousness" may be at the basis of all the phenomena, but that he prefers to call it another world, just to make people see that there is no difference between their real conceptions and those practically implied by the pantheist's way of stating it. There is only one way to escape the possibility of survival, and that is to adopt the *atomic*, not the pantheistic doctrine. By putting atoms at the basis of things and regarding them as excluding consciousness from their nature, you may try to maintain that the consciousness we know is a functional effect of their *composition*, and when their union is dissolved the consciousness disappears. That is perfectly rational and cenceivable. But a man who fools himself and others with the idea that a monistic philosophy or pantheism is necessarily opposed to the Spiritistic theory knows neither philosophy nor logic.

Now to prove this, just let us take another statement representing Hartmann's views. Mrs. Hude, referring to him, says: "Against one thing only he protests—explaining them [the facts] by spirits. That would not be to solve the problem, but to push it one step back and leave it there just as unsolved as before. For, he asks, why should the discarnate any more than the living be able to look into the future ?"

This after telling us a little before that human people could read the whole secret of the universe on the "world-soul" theory! Then he implies that living people cannot foresee, and on that ground asserts that the discarnate cannot do it. Now some of our scientific men-Herbert Spencer, for instance -say that one of the essential features of any real science is prevision; that is, prediction of events, and we actually do it on a large scale where we know the laws of phenomena. There would be nothing to hinder spirits from doing it on a large scale, if they have wider knowledge than we have. As for this "world-soul" with its omniscience of all events, past, present and future, that may be true, but it does not solve any problems whatever for us, unless we have first solved them in the finite. To assume or assert that we cannot solve finite mental states and then simply set up infinite ones about which we know less or nothing at all, is not solving problems, but only using terms which mystify and silence us, because we know nothing about what an infinite consciousness can or cannot do. The "infinite consciousness" has no meaning at all, unless we know what consciousness is to us, the finite, and it is no help in the solution to qualify it by infinite, when it is the consciousness and not the finitude or infinitude that has to be explained. Most of these philosophers who parade about as so learned are quite as subject to illusions and fallacies as the unlearned. They only happen to be freer from them in certain simple matters, and then from feeling that they know more than the "plebs" suddenly take megalomania and set up as authorities in matters which they do not analyse at all.

Mrs. Hude innocently states these views of Hartmann, assuming, perhaps, that they are not to be questioned. But I give fair notice to all such philosophic minds that I shall attack them with the same unmitigated ferocity which I have displayed here, not because there is any indignation behind it, but because I mean to serve notice that I shall challenge the quiet assumption of such views at every chance I get. There is no excuse for them among intelligent men. The contradiction between them and the survival of personality does not exist. On the contrary, the view can be made to support it as a logical and necessary conclusion, unless men will identify monistic and pluralistic conceptions of the cosmos.

THE LARGER SPEECH .- Where speech ceases there music begins. I am one of the few poets who hold this opinion. Nearly all stop short with speech, incapable of even conceiving the existence of an instrument whose range surpasses their own. But I, notwithstanding my passionate love of language, as such, of each and every language in which poets have sung, and philosophers thought, and although some mere words have so powerful an attraction for me that I linger on them, as it were, with a caressing touch—in spite of all this, I yet feel that there are limits set to speech, barriers that it cannot pass, whilst music, untrammelled and unchecked, spreads itself out triumphantly in all directions, attaining to heights and depths which are, as far as the perceptions of the human ear are concerned, boundless and infinite. Music lends expression to that for which speech has no words : it shapes its course by paths along which speech is powerless to follow; it raises on its strong pinions the weary soul, whose utter lassitude can no longer find place for thought, much less than pay heed to the spoken word. There is, perhaps, no loftier mood than this, in which all thought comes to a standstill, in which the active, hard-worked brain is forced to rest at last, leaving the soul, no longer hampered by its earthly mechanism, free to soar alone.—CARMEN SILVA ("Nineteenth Century").

"NEW THOUGHT " IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

The above is a not inappropriate title for the account of Brother Lawrence, a Carmelite Friar whose religious conversion took place at Paris in 1666. Professor James tells the story in his "Talks to Students," when discussing the cultivation of a peaceful mind. He gives the title of the book in which he read the narrative as "The Practice of the Presence of God, the Best Ruler of a Holy Life, by Brother Lawrence, being Conversations and Letters of Nicholas Herman of Lorraine, Translated from the French." And Brother Lawrence's experiences are thus set forth :--

He said that he had been footman to M. Fieubert, the Treasurer, and that he was a great awkward fellow who broke everything. That he had desired to be received into a monastery, thinking that he would there be made to smart for his awkwardness and the faults he should commit, and so he should sacrifice to God his life, with its pleasures; but that God had disappointed him, he having met with nothing but satisfaction in that state. . .

That he had long been troubled in mind from a certain belief that he should be damned; that all the men in the world could not have persuaded him to the contrary, but that he had thus reasoned with himself about it: "I engaged in a religious life only for the love of God, and I have endeavoured to act only for Him: whatever becomes of me, whether I be lost or saved, I will always continue to act purely for the love of God. I shall have this good at least, that till death I shall have done all that is in me to love Him." . . That since then he had passed his life in perfect liberty and continual joy.

That when an occasion of practising some virtue offered, he addressed himself to God, saying, "Lord, I cannot do this unless Thou enablest me"; and that then he received strength more than sufficient. That, when he had failed in his duty, he only confessed his fault, saying to God, "I shall never do otherwise, if You leave me to myself; it is You who must hinder my failing, and mend what is amiss." That after that he gave himself no further uneasiness about it.

That he had been lately sent in to Burgundy to buy the provision of wine for the society, which was a very unwelcome task for him, because he had no turn for business, and because he was lame, and could not go about the boat but by rolling himself over the casks. That, however, he gave himself no uneasiness about it, nor about the purchase of wine. That he said to God, "It was His business he was about," and that he afterward found it well performed. That he had been sent to Auvergne the year before upon the same account; that he could not tell how the matter passed, but that it proved very well.

So, likewise, in his business in the kitchen (to which he had naturally a great aversion), having accustomed himself to do everything there for the love of God, and with prayer upon all occasions, for His grace to do his work well, he had found everything easy during fifteen years that he had been employed there.

That he was very well pleased with the post he was now in, but that he was ready to quit that as the former, since he was always pleasing himself in every condition, by doing little things for the love of God.

That the goodness of God assured him He would not forsake him utterly, and that He would give him strength to bear whatever evil He permitted to happen to him: and, therefore, that he feared nothing, and had no occasion to consult with anybody about his state. That, when he had attempted to do it, he had always come away more perplexed.

Commenting on the story, Professor James remarks: "The simple-heartedness of the good Brother Lawrence, and the relaxation of all unnecessary solicitudes and anxieties in him is a refreshing spectacle."

TRUE music which is art is of a sonorous order, determined by the demand of the ear, and not the intellect—the latter is talent-music. Surely in *true* music the notes are relations. They are not lines, but sines, cosines, &c. Music is essentially a flowing process, a becoming.—E. P. PRENTICE.

WE congratulate the "Two Worlds" on the fact that the Ambulance Fund effort, initiated by Mr. W. H. Evans, and so, zealously taken up by the editor, Mr. J. J. Morse, has closed in the purchase of a sixth car, of which an illustration is given in the issue for the 4th inst. All the cars are on active service with the British forces in the field. Two of them are reported to have been seen in France and one in Egypt.



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SUPERNORMAL BUT NOT SUPERFLUOUS.

In his article on "Tolerance: the Larger View," in last week's issue (p. 255), the Rev. F. Fielding-Ould remarked that "to many Spiritualism is a pot of poison with a good deal of frothy fraud on the top; to others it is medicine, for the need of which the world of our day is dying," and, he added, "the exasperating thing is that the patient, deplorably sick though he is, can be persuaded to take so little of it." But the demand is growing, and when the patient finds all the other medicines of no avail, he will assuredly be driven to try the remedy-a true catholicon, albeit presented at times in very varied forms, ranging from what one critic described as "morbid domesticity" to a cold and dry preparation known as scientific psychical research. That golden mean between the two, where the impulses of the affections are nicely balanced by the restraints of the reason, is not lacking, although it is not always conspicuously in evidence, and the need for tolerance, as Mr. Fielding-Ould pointed out, is very evident. We see this all the time where something in Spiritualism which is particularly nauseous to some is to others a source of inestimable comfort. One class of students browses eagerly on the scientific and intellectual elements of the subject, while another as ardently refreshes itself with matters that relate to the domestic loves, the religious aspirations, and generally the occult and mystical side of life. We could hardly have it otherwise. Humanity is as multiform as it is vast, and Spiritualism can have no message that is not, in some one of its myriad forms, a message for each individual soul.

We dealt lately with a book by the celebrated Dr. Quackenbos, "Body and Spirit," in which the learned author found abundant evidence of the soul and its immortality in a study of the psychology of the human being incarnate, but flatly refused to admit any possibility of obtaining communications from humanity discarnate. He wanted no evidences "from without," finding sufficient proof, apart from these, that spiritual existence was independent of a physical organism, and that "personality can and does survive the shock of death." We received this conclusion, even with the doctor's derisive reference to the "vapourings of Spiritism," without discontent, nay, with a certain satisfaction. It is well to know that our case is so strong that it can be proved without calling on all the witnesses! Nevertheless, Dr. Quackenbos should be reminded that there are some minds that all his facts and reasoning would fail to touch until they were supplemented by those evidences which belong to Spiritualism in its narrower sense. Not long ago no less an authority than Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, speaking, doubtless, as a medical man rather than as an author, observed in our pages that outside of the facts of psychic science he knew of no evidence for human survival. The fact is eloquent of the differences of outlook. What to one man is proof palpable is to another mere foolishness. Fortunately Spiritualism is wide enough to cover all the differences and weld into a concrete whole the testimony of the intuitions and the findings of the unaided intellect with its array of objective facts.

Lately we have received another illustration of that diversity of outlook to which we have referred. It is a small book, "The Adventure of Death," by Robert W. Mackenna, M.A., M.D. (John Murray, 3s. 6d. net). Here is a work which sets out to prove that there is no death, that the spirit goes on beyond the dissolution of the body, written, as Mr. John Murray in his Preface to the volume tells us, in a "reverent and confident spirit," and yet by an author who "will not base any conclusion as to the survival of personality upon the so-called results of psychical research." Such evidences as he has received from this direction have left him unconvinced. His small acquaintance with the subject which he so cavalierly dismisses may be judged from his allusions to "so-called messages" which amount to little more than vague and incoherent babblings." It is much as if a man should base his views of the literature of a country on a study of its children's essays and nursery books. But Dr. Mackenna's opinion of the "so-called results of psychical research," being manifestly of no consequence, may be allowed to pass, and we may turn to compliment him on his admirable study of death, its meaning, and the possibilities to which it points the philosophic mind, even when unaided by the demonstrations and evidences provided by the experiments and the literature of Spiritualism and psychic research. He marshals all the evidences of everyday life and the natural world, and these are far more eloquent than the casual observer supposes. The book has a fine flavour of literature, and its ideas may even gain in conciseness and force by the very exclusion of arguments drawn from the supernormal, for Spiritualism is a vast subject, and in some of its aspects stands in need of the moulding and shaping influences of generations of thinkers to bring it into an easily assimilable form. Not having yet taken literary, artistic or conventional shapes, it is apt to over-balance and overflow the smaller moulds of thought. Even so Dr. Mackenna's thinking has led him to such conclusions as this :-

All life is a probation, and beyond the barrier of death I am confident there awaits us a world as wonderful and as little dreamed of as that which awaits the unborn child beyond the gate of birth.

The book is one which will help to pave the way for many who are coming in our direction, and even those who are with us, while they will stand in no need of such reinforcement of their convictions as it affords, will find it pleasant and profitable reading, especially as regards those passages which deal with the general absence of pain and fear which attends the process of dying, whether on the sick bed or the battlefield. In the meanwhile, it may be observed that in the now greatly accelerated course of human evolution, the supernormal will ere long come into line with the normal in human experience, and the supercilious attitude occasionally adopted towards it at the present time will then have to be changed.

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SOME THOUGHTS ON RHYTHM IN NATURE.

By S. M.

How many people have considered to what a very great extent the principle of rhythm extends through Nature? It seems to be the fundamental working principle of all phenomena, from the motion of the universe—and who shall say not of the Cosmos. itself ?—down to the war-dance of the atoms and molecules; and perhaps beyond even this. It seems to be a property common to both living and lifeless matter, so closely are all things interlinked.

Rhythm! A short word to mean all this! And what is it ? Rhythm is cyclic change; that is to say, something starts at some point, state or condition, goes through a series of motions, states, conditions, or whatever we like to call them, and finally gets back to where it started—the series is then repeated indefinitely, each repetition being a replica of the first, each a counterpart or facsimile of the other, just as each beat of a working engine is a copy of all those preceding it.

Let us start at the middle of the scale and think first neither of the infinitely large nor of the infinitely small, but of things somewhat of our own scale of magnitude.

We see a wheel revolving, and let us fix our attention on a small part of the rim. It is at first at the top of the wheel, then, continuing its motion, it is, let us imagine, at the righthand side of a horizontal line through the axis; next it is at the bottom and passing through the left-hand horizontal position, it finally attains the top—the point at which it first started. This is one cycle. It then goes through the same series of positions again and again as long as the wheel is running.

Well, what is there in this ? Anyone knows it; it is all very simple. But like all simple things it is fundamental; it is rhythmic.

Taking another look round, where do we find further evidence of this wonderful rhythm ?

Let us look at our own bodies and watch the working of the heart—a regular beat, beat, beat, with valves opening and shutting and blood pumping steadily through—all regular and rhythmic—the beat of a fly's wing, the vibration of a tuningfork, piano string, or organ pipe, even the movements of our own legs when running or walking, the motion of the earth ' round the sun, round its axis, in turn affecting our personal habits, for do we not eat, work, play and sleep, and then start again, each day being a complete cycle, the result of the earth's motion on its axis?

Now let us go down to the very minute forms and watch the atoms and molecules.

A body gets warmer and warmer; in what way does the body differ from its previous cold condition ? Only that the molecules are vibrating faster. As long as there is heat in a body, so do its molecules rhythmically beat: the higher the temperature, the faster they beat. At absolute zero there is no motion, and all is still. Raise the temperature, and the body liquifies, perhaps; the motions of the molecules become so violent that they fly apart and take up new relations; higher still we get into the gaseous condition, and beyond this we wonder whether there is a super-gaseous condition—possibly the lowest and densest forms of spirit matter. All the way through the different states are merely due to a different degree of rhythm.

We see it also in Mendeleeft's Periodic Law of the Elements. What more is there to be found in this wonderful property of matter ? Well, wherein does living matter differ from dead ? Now, does it not seem that non-living matter goes round and round in cycles and always gets back to exactly the same point; whereas living matter returns to the point from which it started—but higher up. It is the difference between a circle and a spiral—life is the force which opens out the spiral; the wircle is a two-dimensional object, while the spiral is threedimensional.

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And so whichever way we look we find this all-pervading hythm. It is in the mental (or spiritual ?) as well as in the physical world, for is not the beauty of poetry and of music

conveyed by their rhythm? Well-running machinery is also music to those who can appreciate it. So we see that while rhythm is in itself essentially a very simple thing, yet it can be varied to such an extent as to appear on the surface wonderfully complex. One of the most astonishing things in Nature is the paradoxical blending of simplicity and complexity. But, after all, why paradoxical, for is not complexity only a collection of simplicities ? And so to understand the complex with our finite minds we have to divide it up into a number of simple compartments and study each, one at a time. It is as if we could not at once understand the meaning of a sentence, but were obliged to study each word by itself, laboriously work out the individual meanings and then with much thought and effort try to get a glimpse of the meaning of the sentence. Perchance in the distant future, when we have all attained to a higher plane of evolution, we shall begin to catch a fleeting glimpse of the meaning of the sentence of the Universe, the reason of all things, and in time let us hope that the thought conveyed will become less and less unintelligible to our even then limited minds.

But to descend again: it is not enough to merely notice this extending presence of rhythm. We should try to make use of the knowledge it gives. We cannot appreciate music unless the tympanum of the ear is capable of vibrating in tune with the pipes or the strings of the instrument to which we are listening. Similarly, we cannot appreciate beautiful scenery unless the retina of the eye is sensitive to light waves. It is true we may have eyes and see not owing to lack of sympathy with the scene beheld-we may not appreciate what we are looking at-but, on the other hand, whatever faculty of appreciation we may possess, we cannot sense a scene if we have not the physical means of detecting its influence on us. The visual perception is the physical part and the appreciation the spiritual part; the two together make up the ability to appreciate something external to ourselves. Hence it is of no use cultivating only our spiritual, or only our material, natures; each in this world is a complement of the other, and to live a full life each must receive its due share of education. It is only another case of moderation in all things; if we are too spiritual, we cannot live a useful life here, and if we are too materialistic we shall cortainly live a harmful one.

It is just rhythm, then, which chiefly gives us the means of looking to the material side of things, and it is sympathy which is the mechanism of the spiritual. By being "in tune" with another person we are able to think thoughts similar to his and appreciate his feelings, and this is sympathy. So it seems that sympathy is rhythm on a higher plane. Hence a realisation of all that rhythm means is a helpful guide to the living of a happy and useful life both in this world and doubtless also in the world to come.

THE POWER OF SILENCE.

Taking a backward glance at the practice of Silence by Christians, non-Christians and pre-Christians, it is possible to distinguish the methods and motives of wordless prayer into many different classes and to notice in what ways Orientals differ from Occidentals. Indian yogis make a very penetrating attack upon the subconscious will by means of various kinds of asceticism before attempting the higher phases of meditation. The Greek Neo-platonists excel in beauty of intellectual concept, while the Buddhist monks "keep awake, strenuous, mindful," following with unwearied gaze the actual flow of things. Christian prayer of Silence is characterised by that element of Faith which is indeed the feature of true Christian Life. We see its growth through the systems of the middle ages to the utter abandonment of the Quietists of the seventeenth century—Molinos, Malaval and de Guyon. If we were to attempt to indicate a further evolution of prayer it would be to say that the silent Quakers' Meeting does not exclude the practice of solitary silence; rather, the one may be so used to prepare for the other that each becomes a meeting-place of Self, Friend and God. Silent worship is no mere refuge from the noisy, violent world; it is the doorway of admission to the Immer World of Reality; likewise also it is the doorway through which come to us the power and order of the Spirit, if we will but open it. If ever there was needed a passing to and fro it is in this present time of war.—The "Ploughshare."

THE PROPHETS AND THE WAR.

PREDICTIONS IN PROCESS OF TESTING.

By N. G. S.

When the furious onslaught of the Hun was stayed and Von Kluck turned at the Marne, the dark shadow began to lift. "Courage, faithful souls !" says the prophecy of Mayence, "the reign of the dark shadow shall not have time to execute all its schemes." The prophet of Mayence may shake hands with St. Bobola, of whom we were reminded the other day, for the horizon is brightening fast. This expression, "the dark shadow," is suggestive of

powerful and malignant influences on the other side of the screen, but it is quite permissible to believe, if one wishes, in the activity of influences still more powerful, but beneficent. Mr. Belloc has put forward this idea as a possible explanation of Von Kluck's disastrous strategy, and we may call upon it to account for the equally disastrous adventure of Verdun and Austria's attempted invasion of Italy. We may see its working in the visions that accompanied the retreat from Mons; and taking a wider view, we may see it in the war as a whole. No event in history has been more full of promise for a future of good wrested from evil. It would almost seem to have been designed by the Powers above as the quickest and surest means of solving some difficult problems. If we can credit them with the employment of such strong medicine, we can also credit the enemy with a truthfulness beyond their nature and habit, when they repeat their parrot cry, "It was forced upon us."

Brother Johannes, it will be remembered (assuming his genuineness), favours the supernatural character of the war. "It will be made manifest," he says, "that it is no human conflict," and he promises an era of peace and prosperity and national freedom to follow from the defeat of "Antichrist." His prophecy has been fulfilled with such wonderful accuracy in its earlier portions that it seems worth while at this time to recall those parts that refer to events still to come. In substance they amount to this :-

At some period after Germany's initial success the tide will change. Russia will fall upon the Central Powers and over-run them from east to west, while France takes the opportunity, provided by this attack, of invading Germany in turn. The enemy, seeing himself lost, will grow furious and the fighting become fiercer than ever, famine and epidemics adding to the slaughter of the guns. He will sue for peace many times, but the terms are too hard and the war will continue until he is destroyed.

Without endorsing the view that the Kaiser is Antichrist, we can see the working out of these predictions beginning now; and that may encourage us to listen with respect to what Johannes has to say further. The Kaiser is threatened with madness, and his empire with disruption into twenty-two states, which will be forbidden to arm. Russia is to have Constantinople. Johannes agrees with others in locating the last annihilating struggle in the Essen district.

There has been no lack of prophets to herald the greatest war of all time or to follow in its wake. M. Maeterlinck has counted no fewer than eighty-three. He has tapped them all and found them ring empty and hollow. (I have not heard that anyone has tapped M. Maeterlinck.) But although it is true that there have been very grievous casualties among this band of prophets-especially among those who have come upon the stage since the war began-it is foolish to say, as Maeterlinck does, that the tragedy was not foreseen. It was abundantly foreseen by seers early and late, and the outcome foretold with a truly remarkable unanimity. Not even in Germany herself have the prophets held out hope of anything but irreparable defeat.

By selecting what seem the most reputable of these "guesses at truth," we can build up a sort of composite picture of the future, which those who live will be able to test. In one case a life of some length will be required, for Sepharial foreshadows the dominance of the Anglo-Saxon race for sixteen hundred years. A glorious destiny for England is certainly an important part of the picture. France recovers Alsace-Lorraine

with something added. The Polish fragments are to be united and the Kingdom re-constituted. The Turk retires from Europe, and Constantinople is variously assigned to Russia, to Greece ("when a Constantine weds a Sophia," as he has), and to France. There is dramatic promise in this change of ownership. Other territorial shiftings are in the scheme, and there is a very general expectation of a coming influx of spiritual force. Five years of severe judgments are, or were, in store for Europe, according to Joanna Southcott. Tolstoy's vision of a new Napoleon holding the Continent in his power for ten years seems less likely to be fulfilled; but even he promised an ethical era to follow. Religion, it appears, is in the melting-pot. "Joan of Arc" says mediums will be raised up to proclaim the truth.

Several prophets have foreseen a revolution in Germanymore terrible far, according to one, than the French. The Kaiser and the Crown Prince may look for violent deaths, as is fitting. But our more immediate concern is the course of the war itself. The Curé d'Ars has told us that the enemy in France will have his communications severed and very few will escape. Will victory, as another prophet thinks, be hastened by an attack on Germany by Denmark, with the help of English troops landed in that country ? Will Holland abandon her neutrality ? Will Swiss and Spanish troops fight on our side? Will a Japanese army enter the fray? All this has been foretold, and we may believe what we like. But one thing is certain : there is still a devil in Germany to be exorcised, and much water must flow under the bridges-but not water only-before the prophets can be finally judged.

LORD KITCHENER: A PROPHECY AND AN OMEN.

Amongst the items of special interest in the current issue of the ' "Strand Magazine" (which include the story of the battle of the Aisne by Sir A. Conan Doyle) is a remarkable article, "What I read in Lord Kitchener's Hand," by "Cheiro" (Count Hamon). "Cheiro" describes his meeting with Lord Kitchener in July, 1894, and his prediction that the Major-General, as he then was, would in his sixty-fourth year (1914) undertake the greatest and heaviest of all his tasks. The article is illustrated with an autographed impression of Lord Kitchener's hand, and also with the picture of a broken shield emblazoned with the royal arms, concerning which "Cheiro' tells in the magazine the following strange story :-

The occurrence I am about to relate does not depend on myself for its testimony, for I have shown to the Editor of this magazine the written testimony and confirmation of the

two persons who were present. Exactly at eight o'clock on Monday evening, June 5th, the hour when the disaster to the "Hampshire" happened, I was sitting in a large music-room in my house in the country with two friends, when, during a pause in general conversation about the war, we were startled by a crash of something falling in the north end of the room. Going to the place where the noise was heard, we saw a large oak shield on which the arms of Britain were painted lying on the floor, broken into two halves

Picking it up, I noticed that the shield had broken through the part representative of England and Ireland, and showing it to my friends, I could not help saying, "This is evidently an it to my friends, I could not help saying, omen that some terrible blow has at this moment been dealt at England. I feel that some naval disaster has taken place in which Ireland is in some way concerned "; but how little did we think that at that very moment an illustrious Irishman, Lord Kitchener, was standing on the quarter-deck of the "Hammaking" for the standing on the standard stand Hampshire " facing his death in a tempest at sea!

The article throws light on a remark said to have been addressed by Lord Kitchener to Commandant de Balancourt at Dunkirk in the spring of the present year. In conversation with the Commandant, Lord Kitchener mentioned that while at the front a "Jack Johnson" had fallen near him, but he added that he had felt no alarm because he knew he should die at sea. "Cheiro" states that in his interview in 1894 he predicted that Lord Kitchener's earthly life would be ended at about the age of sixty-six by water-"most likely caused by storm at sea," a forecast which Lord Kitchener said had greatly impressed him, as from his earliest recollection he had always had a queer feeling that-water would be his greatest danger. Digitized by GOOSIC

THE CHURCH AND MODERN MIRACLES.

The Anglican Church has failed dismally to keep before people the teaching of the Church in regard to angels and angelic intervention in the affairs of men. Soldiers tell their stories of angels and a few bishops cackle, but not one of them dares to speak of the fuller belief of the Church in angels and the soul-inspiring mystery of the Communion of Saints, the inter-relationship between those on the earth-plane and those who have passed to the higher life. The hard-working priest in the slums fearlessly proclaims this one sacrament of life with the Divine Life, his belief in angels and their help, in saints and their prayers, and because he believes he is able to work under conditions which make life for a cultured man almost intolerable. But he works, thankful to be left alone by his bishop; for war has declared a close time for ritualistic curates. But the soldier whose patriotism he has nurtured writes home to him telling frankly his experiences, his dreams, his visions. I have seen many of these letters. The writers are not liars, nor are they hysterical subjects, but fine speci-. mens of healthy manhood. Here and there a dissenting divine has raised his voice to declare there may be something in these stories of angels, but the dissenting pulpit is under the despotism of the pew, and the cry of "Rome" is enough. "Honest doubt" is always sure of a sympathetic audience: "honest belief" is greeted with the cry of "Superstition!" or the cuckoo cry of "Popery!"

A soldier sees something supernatural. Someone says "I know a hundred or a thousand soldiers who did not see it." A man may witness a murder. His evidence is accepted in the law courts. They do not call the hundred thousand people who did not see it in proof that no murder was perpetrated. Few people know the fundamental principles of evidence. More people misuse it.

From "War and the Weird," by ALEX. FORBES PHILLIPS.

ST. PAUL AND THE DOCTRINE OF THE FALL.

Miss E. Stephenson (Oxford), referring to the book on the "J" stories in Genesis, by the Rev. Eric S. Robertson, dealt with in "Notes by the Way" last week, writes as follows :---

May I refer Mr. Robertson to the excellent work of Miss Charlotte Woods, "The Gospel of Rightness," in which she explains the Pauline doctrine of the Fall, the "Old man" and the "New man"? Herself a Greek scholar, Miss Woods expounds the meanings of words which, from the paucity of the English tongue, have been imperfectly rendered by the A. V. I can only hope in this letter to stimulate some persons to read the whole of this book, and therefore quote a few passages :--

"Speaking briefly and generally, the subject-matter of St. Paul is man in two elemental states of being, each of which is subject to its own conditions and is governed by its own laws. . . . For St. Paul, Creation in its double aspect was the history of the evolution of the race from Adam, the fleshly man, to Christ, the spiritual man. We have, therefore, to regard the 'Old man' and the 'New' as factors in a mighty evolutionary process: as great elemental contraries, mutually opposed, yet mutually related, each necessary to the other, and to the balance of the Perfect man, who is their tertium, or principle of unity. Now the term 'Old man' seems to suggest the developmental idea that we are in need of. It connotes an element in human nature properly the remnant of a day and an evolution long since passed away, which is evil because it is obsolete. Halaios arophomos, the ancient man, is commonly interpreted as though it were $\pi\rho \delta r \epsilon \rho \sigma s d\nu \theta \rho \omega \pi \delta s$, the former man. But the Greek gives no sanction in this respect. Iludatos is ancient, and in a bad sense obsolete ; it refers not to time that is indefinitely past, as does $\pi \rho \delta \tau \epsilon \rho os$, but to time which is very old indeed, and to things archaic and outworn. . The Obsolete man, in short, is the man of form or matter, the centre of forces which hold the spirit in the sphere of material life. His pull is entirely centrifugal, his path the downward curve that marks the involution of life in forms of ever-increasing density. How many ages have gone to his making who can say, nor through what strange mutations of animal form he has passed on his way to the present ? Of his great function in evolution, however, we are assured when we reflect that the Obsolete man has given the spirit a basis for its operations in a physical universe,

A DANGER SIGNAL: SIR OLIVER LODGE'S ADVICE TO PSYCHIC EXPERIMENTERS.

Sir Oliver Lodge has issued privately to a few friends the following cautionary message much needed where the supernormal side of things is the subject of rash experimentation. (Under the heading "A Generation Ago" elsewhere in this issue it will be seen that a similar monition was given in LIGHT of that time):—

It is necessary to utter a word of warning to those who find that they possess any unusual power in the psychic direction. Every power can be abused, and even the simple power of automatic writing can with the best intentions be used to excess, with resultant harm to body and mind. Self-control is more important than any other form of control, and whoever possesses the power of receiving communications in any form should see to it that he remains master of the situation. give up your own judgment and depend solely on adventitious aid is a grave blunder, and may in the long run have disastrous consequences. Moderation and common sense are required in those who try to utilise powers which neither they nor any fully understand. Weak-minded and unbalanced and idle people should not attempt anything of the kind. Even those not so classifiable may go too far. A dominating wholesome occupation in mundane affairs is the cure for ill effects thus The more unusual or unrecognised the power engendered. which an individual feels himself to possess, the more strongly should he see to it that he does not overstep the border of sanity and by weakening his own mental grasp cease to be master of himself. A power, to be useful, must be used in moderation and in accordance with the dictates of common sense.

A SEANCE AND AN APPARITION.

In the current issue of the "Cornhill Magazine" appears a posthumous article on coincidences, by the late Sir Laurence Gomme, so long Clerk to the London County Council, in which he relates the following curious experience :---

After my father died my mother and sisters came to stop with me for a short time while their affairs were being settled. Some pieces of family furniture, portraits, &c., were brought to my house. Among these was a library chair belonging to my father, and it was placed in my own library.

About this time I was being pressed by an official friend to attend a meeting at his house, for the purpose of taking part in a spirit rapping ceremony, but had always declined, because I did not believe in the phenomenon. However, he particularly pressed me to come on account of my father's recent death, saying I should be certain to learn something. Perhaps my nerves had been worn by recent events. In any case, I consented to come, and I remember wearing my father's watch and chain and seal for the first time, to attune me to the atmosphere. I told no one at my house that I was going for this particular purpose. They thought I was simply going out to dinner in the ordinary way.

On arrival at my friend's house we had dinner and then adjourned to the drawing-room. The whole company sat round a largish table holding hands. Several members of the company described certain experiences and conducted conversations with spirit manifestations. But I was absolutely unmoved and looked upon the whole thing as unreal and made up. I left the house angry with myself for giving way to such nonsense.

Reaching home, not very late, I let myself in with my latch-key, and was immediately met by my wife, my mother and sisters having retired, who was strongly agitated and troubled. The explanation was that about ten o'clock she was working in the library as usual, and looking up from her seat she saw the form of my father seated in his usual way in his old chair. And ten o'clock was the time when I, an unbeliever in spirit manifestations, had been seated at the round table gathering of spirit believers.

The coincidence is remarkable, and I have ever since been deeply impressed by it, but it has not made me a believer in spirit manifestations.

MIND is the Master-Power that moulds and makes, And Man is Mind, and evermore he takes The Tool of Thought, and, shaping what he wills, Brings forth a thousand joys, a thousand ills; He thinks in secret, and it comes to pass; Environment is but his looking-glass.

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-JAMES ALLEN.

PRAYER AND TELEPATHY.

Telepathy for the first time makes prayer scientific. If communication is possible in some supersensory way between human spirit and human spirit, obviously it is presumably possible between a human spirit and a superhuman one. From the former to the latter it is prayer; from the latter to the former it is the inspiration of prophet and seer, and, indeed, of all of us in our small measure, in so far as we see truth and do good. "It is the inspiration of the Lord that giveth thee understanding."

These are some of the implications of telepathy. They are great and far-reaching. They establish or render rational such momentous things as the essential solidarity of humanity, the survival of man past bodily death, communication between the two planes, communion with God-both ways, prayer and inspiration. It is not too much to say that if the Society for Psychical Research had done no more than establish telepathy and it has done much more-it would have deserved the thanks of its own and following generations. Still more evidence, however, is constantly required to buttress the old and to sustain interest until general acceptance comes about. Consequently, anyone who is favoured with telepathic experiences, such as a vision or dream of a wounded relative or the like, would do well to record the fact before verification, getting the record witnessed by some other person. Such cases, sent to the Society for Psychical Research, will be gratefully received, and will, in the mass, furnish valuable data, contributing to the scientific establishment of a more spiritual conception of the universe than has prevailed for many centuries.

-J. ARTHUR HILL, in "Bibby's Annual."

SIDELIGHTS.

Having seen in LIGHT of the 24th June last the suggestion from "Neagh" that those soldiers at the front who are interested in psychic science shall give their experiences, an officer who is personally known to us and who has just lost his left arm in fighting writes: "It may interest you to know that all along, ever since I first came out here, I have known I was going to be hit in the left arm or shoulder. I told my sister-in-law of it more than a year ago. I knew it fully before going into this "Push," but I thought it would happen on the second day of the advance, whereas it occurred on the first day after I had been twice blown down and half-buried by shell-concussion."

"Mirza," alluding to recent remarks in LIGHT on the subject of healing by music, mentions that in "Life Understood" and other works by Mr. F. L. Rawson much information on this and allied subjects will be found. Mr. Rawson points out that music heals because it is vibration. "It is now recognised by scientific men that matter, force, electricity and vibration are one and the same thing. Healing by music is only the same class of healing as healing by electricity, and done by the effect upon the mind. The only true healing with permanent results is that method by which Jesus the Christ healed—the purification of the human mind by true prayer or scientific right thinking."

Writing from Liverpool, a lady actively engaged in psychical work narrates the incident which led her to take up the work. It is of special interest as bearing on the question raised in our columns some time ago by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. "Where is the soul during unconsciousness?" While undergoing an operation at Shaw-street Hospital, Liverpool, for which she had been placed under an anæsthetic, our correspondent was conscious of floating through space and then of seeing before her a wide portal through which streamed a beautiful radiance. She sought to enter, when out of the brightness came the form of her mother, who had passed to the higher life many years before, and stayed her, telling her that she could not be admitted yet as she had a work to do on earth which she had hitherto neglected-a work of enlightening others-and that she must return and take it up at once without further delay. On finally recovering consciousness the lady found that her arm was bandaged, and subsequently learned that, to keep up the action of the heart, which had almost ceased, the doctor had found it necessary to effect a transfusion of blood from himself. She adds that but for the charge which she received in her vision she would never have become a public exponent of . Spiritualism.

In a letter just received from Mrs. Etta Wriedt, we learn with regret that her expected visit to this country was prevented owing to the illness of her husband.

"Bibby's Annual" is as usual a splendid issue. It contains over sixty illustrations, many of them in colour. Amongst the other contents are articles by Professor Darroch ("Education and Humanism"), Clara M. Codd ("The Birth of a New Age"), Christina Duckworth ("Child Culture"), Lady Margaret Sackville ("A Woman's Views on War"), Mr. Joseph Bibby, the editor ("The New Socialism" and "What Theosophy Stands For"), Sir Benjamin S. Johnson ("Recuperative Possibilities after the War"), and Mr. J. Arthur Hill ("Telepathy and its Implications").

The June number of "Luce e Ombra" contains an excellent article by Signor N. Licò on "The Useful Side of Occult Sciences." He confines himself mainly to the employment of hypnotism for medical purposes, emphasising the need for proper study of the matter. Allusion is made to the experiments of De Rochas, who by means of hypnotism is alleged to have exteriorised the "astral form" (*doppio fluidico*) of a subject to such an extent as to be able to influence it by material means and to make the subject respond to the sensation of touch correspondingly. Signor Licò condemns, however, the violent methods of producing hypnosis that are used by most practitioners of the art, especially in French hospitals.

Mrs. J. L. Farrell, Librarian of the "Circle of Light," whose address is Roseberry-avenue, Cambridge, South Africa, writes : "Some short while ago you voiced in your columns our need of suitable books for the library which has been inaugurated in connection with our society. The response, so far, has not been numerically great, but I would like to thank those authors who have, with such kindly courtesy, sent us complimentary copies of their own works. These are very highly appreciated. To those friends across the sea, who, realising our need, are sending us their good wishes for our welfare and kindly thoughts in such a tangible form, we tender our sincerest thanks, to which will be added later the thanks and gratitude of those who, reading the books, receive help, comfort and light thereby."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Intelligence and Intelligibility.

SIR,—Referring to your remarks (p. 236) concerning St. Paul's admonition, perhaps we need to consider that while "insisting on intelligibility" from the spirits, it is equally essential that the incarnate recipient should be an intelligent discerner and interpreter. Spiritual truths (filtered) are likely to convey some of the medium's idiosyncrasies, and yet be intelligible in the right quarter and to the unbiassed mind. For instance, many people declare Browning (who was certainly a medium) to be incomprehensible because *they* fail as discerners. Spiritual things must be spiritually discerned and accepted.— Yours, &c., E. P. PRENTICE.

Sutton.

Visions and Thought Influences.

SIR,—In connection with Swedenborg's visions of Heaven and Hell, and with the Revelation of the Monk of Evesham, referred to by the reviewer of Mr. McKenzie's book on "Spirit Intercourse," may I bring to the notice of your readers a very peculiar incident related by Mr. Turvey in his book, "The Beginnings of Seership" : The point which it illustrates is the perplexing manner in which men of fixed religious views and mediumistic powers apparently confirm those views by their visions.

Mr. Turvey was visited by a narrow-minded minister, who argued with him for some time, asserting that his experiences were inspired by devils. Mr. Turvey, naturally, altogether discounted these observations; but after the minister's departure he became suddenly aware of the presence of the *derils* in the room—horns and tail complete. He was a great deal taken aback, and for a moment felt genuine fright; but by a lucky chance he caught a view of their backs (I think, in a mirror), and saw that they were *hollow*! Entirely objective as these appearances were, they were nevertheless false, like *popier-miché* counterfeits for the real article. They faded away after this *e.posé*.

If the sensitive can thus see the creations of another man's mind, it follows that a sensitive of very firm religious preconceptions is still more likely to see evidence in support of his views.—Yours, &c.,

2/8th Batt. London Regt., Sutton-Veny, Wilts. GEOFFREY C. FABER, Capt.

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Apart from the special subject of spirit return, there are other branches of psychio research—viz., clairvoyance, psychometry, clairaudience, &c., worthy of investigation by advanced students. It is essential, however, that these should be studied in a strictly scientific and impersonal spirit, anything in the nature of "fortune-telling" being not only unreliable but illegal.

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THE "Superman" now makes its appearance bi-monthly. The July-August issue contains articles on phrenology, palmistry, mysticism and clairvoyance. The editor, Mr. C. W. Child, being on war service, has temporarily ceased his professional activities.

THE "International Psychic Gazette" for August leads off with an effective reply by the editor to a recent attack on Spiritualism by the "Church Times." Miss F. R. Scatcherd reviews Mr. Hewat McKenzie's book on "Spirit Intercourse"; Mr. Colin McAlpin has an illuminating article on "Reincarnation, Justice and Freewill"; Mr. Horace Leaf tells of wonderful demonstrations through an apport medium in the South of England; Mr. A. V. Peters writes on "Mediumship," and Mr. G. E. Owen on "Consolations of Spiritualism." Mr. W. H. Robinson, of Newcastle, is the subject of a portrait and interview.

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PORTSMOUTH TEMPLE. — VICTOBIA-ROAD, SOUTH. — Mrs. Clare O. Hadley gave an address and excellent clairvoyant tests. The previous evening she had devoted to demonstrations of psychic phenomena. On the 2nd Miss Beaty Fletcher, Mrs. Hilda Bruner, and Mr. H. Abbott conducted a well-attended public circle.—J. McF.

THE "Superman" now makes its appearance bi-monthly. The July-August issue contains articles on phrenology, palmistry, mysticism and clairvoyance. The editor, Mr. C. W. Child, being on war service, has temporarily ceased his professional activities.

THE "International Psychic Gazette" for August leads off with an effective reply by the editor to a recent attack on Spiritualism by the "Church Times." Miss F. R. Seatcherd reviews Mr. Hewat McKenzie's book on "Spirit Intorcourse": Mr. Colin McAlpin has an illuminating article on "Reincarnation, Justice and Freewill"; Mr. Horace Leaf tells of wonderful demonstrations through an apport medium in the South of England; Mr. A. V. Peters writes on "Mediumship," and Mr. G. E. Owen on "Consolations of Spiritualism." Mr. W. H. Robinson, of Newcastle, is the subject of a portrait and interview.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.—To those who would do what they could to spread widecast the message of comfort conveyed in the facts and philosophy of Spiritualism, we commend the example of Mr. Samuel Jennens, of Camden-road, N.W. This venerable gentleman (he has just pussed his seventy-fifth birthday) has, since August, 1901, distributed nearly 27,000 books and pamphlets on our subject, as well as about 47,000 leaflets, and all at his own cost. He hands them to wounded soldiers in hospitals and to passers-by in the street. He has also made grants of books to the libraries of Spiritualist societies all over the country. PREMATURE BURIAL.—E. L. writes: "Mr. Williamson's

PREMATURE BURIAL.—É. L. writes: "Mr. Williamson's letter (in LIGHT of 29th ult.) is very interesting. In 'So-called Human Hibernation,' Dr. George Moore observes that 'a state of the body is certainly produced (in man) which is nearly analogous to the torpor of the lower animals—*a condition utterly inexplicable by any principle taught in the schools.* Who, for instance, can inform us how it happens that certain fishes may be suddenly frozen in the Polar Sea, and so remain during the long winter, and yet be requickened into full activity by returning summer? 'Death does not come suddenly; it is a gradual process from actual life into apparent death, and from that to actual death.'"

gratual process from actual file into apparent deach, and from that to actual death." THE "CHURCH TIMES" AND PSYCHICAL RESEARCH.—A discussion has been proceeding lately in the "Church Times" on "The Disembodied Spirit." In its issue of the 4th inst., the Rev. M. A. Bayfield, replying to some remarks by another correspondent, rightly points out that the word "hell," when used without definition or qualification, is understood to denote hell "in its worst sense," a view which, curiously enough, is not supported by the editor of the journal, who holds that to use the word "hell," without definition or qualification, as meaning the state of lost souls, is "to invite a serious misunderstanding of the one clause in the Apostles' Creed." Mr. Bayfield, after correcting a misquotation of a statement by Sir Oliver Lodge, thus concludes his letter: "What I ventured to write of my own views of the condition of the disembodied seems also, though much to my surprise, to be open to misunderstanding, since you find those views 'approximately Manichæan.' Yet to say that the brain is an inadequate instrument for the full expression of the soul (else, incidentally, what need for this correspondence ?) is surely a quite different thing from saying with the Manichæan that the body belongs to the category of things bad. I find, not perversely I hope, support for my beliefs about the disembodied in more than one passage of St. Paul." THE L.S.A. LIBRARY.—Will Members and Associates of the L.S.A (past or present) kindly examine their bookshelves to ascertain if they have any books belonging to the library which should have been returned? A number of books are missing from the shelves, some of them taken out years ago, and the names of the borrowers not having been recorded at the time, it is difficult to ascertain in whose hands they now are.

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