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Esteemed and Honored Brother:

This issue of our magazine comes from the press while the National Convention is being held at Boston. You are meeting on the Atlantic coast, in the metropolis of historic New England, and from the metropolis of the Pacific coast we send to you—and through you to the Convention—our fervent salutations.

What emotions are stirred by the very mention of the city in which you meet! More noble causes than we can take space to enumerate have received their baptism in Boston. American Independence itself would be included in the list. The air you breathe is fragrant with imperishable memories. The ethereal silences where you sit in council are thronged by majestic souls. Your meeting place is sanctified by three centuries of brave speech and epic daring and immortal deeds!

That a great company of enlightened sensitives like yourselves could meet in such a place and not experience an extraordinary inspiration, is a thought impossible. With a deep and mystic confidence we expect your gathering to be signalized by some action that will make the 1929 Convention outstanding in the history of Spiritualism.

We venture to voice the hope that this action may have to do with a new and adequate program of Education. The need is urgent. The menace of ignorant, illiterate and unworthy mediumship grows constantly more serious. In many places our Cause has been utterly discredited by the conditions which exist. We realize that most of these self-seeking and unworthy persons are outside the ranks of the National organization, and therefore beyond its control. But the great masses of the public do not know how to discriminate. Once duped and betrayed by impostors, they become henceforth virulent foes of all that we hold true. Public confidence can only be held by a mediumship whose intelligence and integrity are above reproach. Our credentials must denote conformity to austere ideals in these respects.

All this calls for an Educational Foundation. The Spiritualists of America possess the personal and financial resources to create it. Meeting as you do amid the clustering colleges of New England, and almost within the precincts of its oldest and most illustrious college, we believe you will be inspired to launch a movement destined to carry our Cause to undreamed-of summits of prestige and power.

With the fullest pledge of co-operation, and loyal greetings to our comrades in the Fellowship of Truth,

Sincerely,

The SPIRITUALIST MONTHLY.

Fear the Heritage and Scourge of Humanity

By A. T. PIERCY, M. D.

Fear is disintegrating, enervating and in every way destructive to safety, success and happiness.

Fear is the reaction of the mind to danger or disappointment, either fanciful or real, and concerning physical, social, mental or moral conditions.

As a scourge of the human race fear stands preeminent, and could Infinite Mind send us a savior from the bondage of fear, the hoped for millenium of universal peace would be here and earth would be a heaven indeed, and we should know war no more.

Fear is a paralyzant of energy, the author of most lies, the cause of all jealousies and most hatreds, a large proportion of diseased conditions and the greater percentage of premature deaths; and although I have dilligently searched my mind I have been unable to find, in fear, a single redeeming virtue.

The human body makes some curious responses to the state of mind we call fear. The digestive organs cease to act, and many of the secretory glands add to their normal secretion a virulent poison, as illustrated by the fact that many a baby has been taken violently ill, or killed, by nursing its mother when she was in a state of terror. During fright the muscles refuse to respond to the orders of the will, and often the will itself is paralyzed and the individual is unable to make any rational response that would enable him to escape from the threatened danger. As an example—witness the poor little bird when confronted with a serpent in search of a dinner. In its normal state it could at once take flight and easily escape the horrid fangs ready to destroy it; but instead, it helplessly flutters its wings, trembles in its whole body as the serpent slowly advances, and at last becomes completely paralyzed and is devoured. Again, witness the timid man or woman who suddenly notices an auto rapidly approaching, and instead of quietly stepping aside, hesitates, starting first to the right, then to the left, then again changing direction until he or she is struck by the auto or the driver has stopped the machine and thus saved the individual made incompetent by fear.

Kindred examples without number might be enumerated.

Now, why do we fear? Most of us profess to believe that we, and all that is, are the direct product of an Infinite Intelligence that knows the end from the beginning and who will bring all things to a successful termination.

Do we really believe as we profess? When placed here we were given a spark of the Infinite Intelligence and we are expected to make use of the talents with which we were endowed, and having done our best, no more is required, and with that knowledge we should rest in peace and perfect confidence.

I mentioned that fear caused many diseased conditions. This I state knowing full well that most diseases are primarily the result of pathologic germs.

The human body is composed of many millions of or-

ganized cells that form the different organs, each cell having its specific work to do under the control of the will. Among the structures of the body is a vast number of special nucleated white cells travelling at all times along a network of roads called bloodvessels, arteries and veins, and the function of these special white cells is to protect the structures of the body from the invasion of disease germs.

Whenever, and wherever such germs gain access to the body the nerve centers are informed and the mind at once orders these little soldiers (white cells) to fly to the defense of the invaded organ and, if possible, destroy the invaders ere they are able to gain a foot-hold and produce what we call sickness. Thus many diseases are stamped out in their incipiency.

But when the individual on observing a case of serious sickness, or even hearing of such, becomes paralyzed by fear, the will neglects to send these soldiers to destroy the invaders until many have gained entrance into the tissues where they multiply so rapidly that the soldiers sent to repel them are themselves destroyed and the disease germs are able to continue their work of destruction to its natural termination. Thus often death of the body is the direct result of fear.

The child lies because it fears punishment should its acts become known, and the same also is true of the adult. How often have we noted that the thing feared is the very thing that happens? I remember that when learning to ride a bicycle that the post or ditch which I feared was the very thing that was sure to attract and bring me grief.

Fear produces the well known inferiority complex that changes the lives of many otherwise brilliantly equipped minds from preeminent success to abject failure. No one who fears failure can expect to succeed in any line of endeavor.

It is possible that in the early history of the race, before man had developed a reason much superior to some
of his stronger predatory foes, fear may have saved him
from extinction. But after the dawn of true reason,
prudence, which is only what we know as common sense,
should have stepped in and supplanted benumbing fear.
Long ages ago prudence, the direct outgrowth of reason,
being a constructive force should have utterly and
pletely banished fear from human life, in which
civilization and the human intellect would by this
time
have attained an eminence that is scarcely imaginable.

Due caution in conducting the affairs of life is constructive and commendable, while fear is disintegrating, enervating and in every way destructive to safety, success and happiness.

Such being the case, let us resolve never to fear God, Man or the Devil. We need not fear God, Infinite Intel-

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The Laws Governing Mediumship

By FELICIE O. CROSSLEY

"There is a principle which cannot fail to keep man in everlasting ignorance; that principle is contempt prior to examination."—Dr. Paley.

When the average person's thought becomes associated with the idea of mediumship, immediately vaporous clouds of mystery start forming and soon the mind is lost in such a haze of 'misconception' one is not able to segregate that which seems mysterious from the marvelously real. In this frame of mind one is seldom able to gain a knowledge of associated natural phenomena and connected conditions of cosmic force which enable him to understand that which seems to be mysterious or marvelous is only so because of his lack of knowledge of the laws governing the universe of which the earth constitutes only a small portion. Therefore, knowing that all that is comes under the dominion of Eternal Law, we should never seek for supernatural agencies to explain any phenomenon, for all that is is natural. All miracles cease to cause wonderment when we understand the scientific cause which brought them into visible reality.

Occultism is governed by this same principle, and is natural; for all is governed by natural law, and this includes occult phenomena which so many still attempt to place in the category of mystery. Nothing is mysterious if the veil of ignorance which hides the truth is lifted. Webster rightly defines the word "mysterious" as that which is not clear to the understanding, and so it is. With this knowledge in mind, heed the thoughts of a wise man spoken so long go: "Never utter these words; 'I do not know this, therefore it is false.' One must study to know; know to understand; and understand to judge." For as Hamlet, the brain-child of Shakespeare said, "There are more things in Heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." Veiled wisdom again repeated.

We often meet those who make cavilling argument against all sense and reasoning, who contend that there are supernatural agencies to explain the phenomena of mediumship, who contend that accident does occur and that all is not governed by law and purpose, or of divine origin-but with them argue not. Do not expect the dweller in the valley to delight in the beauties of the range beyond unless he climbs a peak from which he can observe that which was erstwhile hidden from his sight. It is as futile to try to explain an internal combustion motor, wireless-telegraphy, telephone, or radio to one who has never seen or heard of such things as it is to argue with one who has neither seen nor heard the realities of the higher planes. The principle of apparent mystery is much the same. We must not expect people to understand that about which they know nothing. Therefore, why waste vital forces trying to break the locks which hold so many in ignorance when they revel in their false

All things are natural if we but try to understand the fundamental laws governing them. All things are also

God-like. By this we do not mean that nature is God, but that nature is God-like, even as human-nature is essentially God-like. Psychic powers are attributes of human nature and in that respect only are they God-like. We lay special stress on this statement because so many claim psychic gifts to be proof of spirituality, and because of this much ridicule is pointed at our genuine phenomena.

CONCERNING HIGH OPINION

Daily we meet those who pride themselves on the possession of great knowledge. To such we would say with the words of Thomas a Kempis; "If thou supposest that thou knowest many things, and hast perfect understanding of them, consider how many more things there are which thou knowest not at all, and instead of being exalted with a high opinion of thy great knowledge, be rather abashed in an humble sense of thy much greater ignorance."

Our present topic of discussion is "The Laws Governing Mediumship"; a more appropriate title would be "Is Mediumship a Natural or Supernatural Phenomenon?" for this is certainly the sum-total of the argument. If our readers have followed closely our preceding remarks, surely all have answered that question for themselves without further need of evidence. Of course we have those who are still loyal to the faith of their fathers, who still believe in both natural and supernatural agencies to account for the various phenomena of life. In order to convince them that nothing is "supernatural" once we have lifted the veil of mystery which envelopes the investigator, and gained a conscious understanding of certain principles, we will use a simple illustration. A magician or slight of hand performer assures us the hand is quicker than the eye. He claims no supernatural agencies to account for his tricks which so often assume the appearance of being supernatural phenomena. Once he has explained them, if he does, we feel foolish as we realize our credulity.

LIFE'S MYSTERIES

When we speak of mediumship in its various phases such as clairvoyance, clairaudience, clairsentience, materialization, levitation, independent voices or healing, those unfamiliar with these immediately surround themselves mentally with a wall of mystery or superstition. To us who are familiar with the terms, their definitions and manifestations, they are as simple as the simplest problem in mathematics. Perhaps at first we were awed, but a little independent investigation soon allays all doubt. To us these things are exceedingly natural—yet whom does not the prospect of a new mortal life enshroud with awe and wonderment?

Who can explain the 'mystery' of the formation of a body as the vehicle of a living soul? Scientists profess

much wisdom pertaining to these things and broadcast the discovery that the physical body is composed of nothing but chemical units, a large percentage of which is water; yet they have not been able to explain why at the exact moment of death the body becomes several ounces less in weight. A mystery? Not to the clairvoyant who has been privileged to witness the departure of that ethereal substance which clothes the soul, and which when having left the body causes it to decrease in weight.

What is a greater mystery than the planting of a tiny acorn seed in the earth from which in time springs forth a tiny green sprig of life, that with the increasing years grows into the mighty oak tree? In Ohio there is a massive boulder. At one time there was a very small crevice in its side, and into this crevice the winds deposited particles of earth and then a tiny seed. The rains kept it moistened and in time it grew until its size,—with a greater and more mysterious force than science can measure—gradually began to split the rock and finally succeeded in doing that which man cannot accomplish without external agencies; it broke the boulder completely in twain and in its freedom and mastery lifted its proud head to the light of the sun. A mystery? Yes—accomplished by nature through the agency of a tiny seed.

Nature—grand, glorious, beautiful, is yet the greatest mystery in the objective universe because as yet we have so little understanding of her. The stars, the moon, the sun, the flowers, the birds, the trees, the seasons, the night, the day, the tides of the ocean, the winds that blow and moan, are they not mysteries? We do not call them such because we are so accustomed to them.

And there is the greatest mystery in the universe, something which no one has yet been able to explain—YOU, you and me.

A mystery to all, a mystery to none more than ourself.

I wonder at the marvelous system of the Cosmic Power which keeps the earth and all the planets in their orbits. I wonder at the phenomenal selectivity of nature; but more than all I wonder about 'me'—that person who is ever so close to me, and yet whom I do not know. Most of us think we know our moods, our thoughts, our mannerisms, the why and wherefore of all that we do, yet at times do we not awaken to the realization that we are not ourselves and wonder at the things we have done? We are the ultimate of mystery, the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end, and within us lies the key to all mysteries. That is why all Avatars and masters say, "Oh Man! Know Thyself." Once we have known ourself as we are, we shall have found the lost word, the key which unlocks all mysteries.

We shall then cease to wonder about the things which now confuse us. We shall understand the seven principles of being. We shall understand the seven planes of consciousness through which Spirit expresses. We shall understand that all things of earth are the reflection of the things of the higher spheres. We shall understand that as there are seven planes of expression or consciousness in the architectural spheres, there are seven counterparts of expression in the mundane sphere—seven senses, if you please, through which man can express himself if he will. At the present time the majority are only expressing on five planes using as agents the senses of sight, hearing, feeling, scent, and taste. But thousands

have emerged from the utter darkness of the five lower senses and are expressing on the sixth-sense plane, the plane which includes the clairsentient, clairvoyant, clairaudient and other psychic faculties. There are few in the world who express on the seventh sense plane, and they are known as Masters: Jesus, Krishna, Buddha, Hermes, Zoroaster and a few other exalted ones who had developed the seventh-sense and attained spiritual illumination. But the "sense" we are discussing is the sixth sense in its various expressions, and the only way to explain this which governs all psychic phenomena is through the Law of Vibration.

RATES OF VIBRATION

Science affirms the age-old teaching of occultism that the rate of vibration determines the quality and volume of sound. On the piano the lowest base note responds to a certain vibration. As you go up the keyboard the rate increases. Every object has its own keynote, or individual rate. When a tone of the same rate is sounded in the same room with such an object, the latter immediately responds in unison. Tuning forks, chimes and various stringed instruments often demonstrate this law of corresponding vibration.

A tone can be so low or so high that we cannot hear it unless by concentration or "regeneration" we change our rate of vibration so we can attune to it as you attune your radio to the different wave lengths on which the various radio-stations operate. The broadcasts of all of them fill the ethers around you, but the one you receive depends on the vibration with which you tune in.

Twenty years ago if you told someone the air was filled with sounds and voices, your prospects for detention in the psychopathic ward would have been large, providing you approached the wrong person. But today, poor, slow-thinking, man has awakened to the fact of the retention of sounds and voices in the ethers, because one of his five senses testifies the truth of it; how much more our thoughts which likewise are rates of motion or vibration. Knowing this truth, that "thoughts are things," the wise man proceeds to guard his thoughts with greater caution than the fool guards his tongue.

Television, which is nearly perfected, will testify to the age-old statement of mediums and other occultists, that the ethers are full of pictures, records or films of people and things of earth as well as the higher spheres. Radio and television scientifically prove clairvoyance and clairaudience. Yet, is it not strange, recognizing these manmade inventions as facts, that so many millions who profess to be worshippers of Supreme Deity—call Him God, Allah, Divine Mind, or what you will-still sacreligiously attribute to man the power of creating greater instruments than the Cosmic Creator. Know this one thing,that whatever is, has been or will be in heaven or earth, man has within himself. Man has within himself mentally and spiritually, every invention and creative force which he has invented or created. It is the Divine Creative Force within him seeking to express that makes all inventions and discoveries possible. All creations in the physical first have their blueprints in the mind. Because man lacks confidence or is totally in ignorance of his great creative forces, and these same forces cry for expression, man invents tangible devises to perform the same work

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The Macrocosmic Alphabet

By PATRICIA D'ESTE

Mind is invisible because its wave-length is above the recording power of our physical senses . . . It has laws, and laws are rules of action that embody results.

All of our writing is done by means of the twenty-six letters of the English Alphabet. Each letter is a symbol in ink, printed upon an inert sheet of paper, that has per se, no mentation value. It is merely a dead, an inert mark, upon paper. But each of these inert marks has what is called a "consent-value," it represents sounds of speech and speech in turn is a catalyst for ideas. When these letters are co-ordinated into words, and words into sentences they evoke mind-pictures, or ideations. Hence, by means of their use may be conveyed from one person to another, whatever truths obtain in the soul.

Just exactly as a person uses these twenty-six conventional symbols to body forth his mind, just so does the Creator use ninety-two Cosmic letters, or symbols to body

forth His mind. Each one of these ninety-two cosmis letters is a thoughtform that is embodied by one of the primary elements. Here we have a Macrocosmic Alphabet whose characters run from the Hydrogen Atom, that is the Siderial 'A", as it were, up to the Uranium Atom, that is its Siderial "Z." The spectroscope and the interferometer show us that these "elements" characterize "Matter" and that every star and sun in the entire multiverse is composed of them. Hence, they body forth the Mind of God, thruout all Creation. Now these are all Material elements and they are the primary validators for every equation of Existence. No valid thing can be constituted without them for they are the vessels that contain the "wine-of-life"; the universal means for the Infinite Purpose of the Almighty God; and so a primary sine qua non. Now science has discovered the fact, that whoever

knows and can apply the laws-of-motion, that co-ordinate these means into meanings, can borrow their infinite power, in the proportion as his knowledge is perfect (absolute) and his technique of application obeys the system of Nature. This system we term Natural Law" and this Law is the working mind of God. Whoever studies this working mind of God is a true priest; whoever understands it, be it ever so little, is a Seer; and whoever can apply it to human betterment is a Christ, in other words has become "Christed" or illumined by the Christ consciousness.

Now Jesus, the Christ- (ed) man, performed what ignorant men erroneously term "miracles"-believing them to have been violations of natural law. Now, no man can violate Natural Law because it is the manifestation of God's mind. Mind is invisible because its wave-length is above the recording power of our physical senses. We cannot see it and we can only KNOW it, by what it causes material things to do. It has laws, and laws are rules of action that embody results. Hence, genuine religion consists of knowing and obeying in application, the Mind of God in our daily affairs. And that is what Jesus tried to teach us. He called his religion "the Way." What way? Why the way to use the powers of the human Soul, that would incorporate good upon this Earth. Create a spiritual Heaven upon earth. But while Jesus taught us eternal truth the applications of that truth have been aborted. The God-mathematic of Jesus has been inverted, making of his 100% of possible human happiness a mere decimal.

In other words, his Truth has been crucified and its application to mundane affairs rendered impossible. Now, in the way of God, the material thing comes first and the spiritual things follow after their correct postulation, in perfectly natural sequence. In I Corinthians, the 15th chapter, we find: "Howbeit, that was not first which is spiritual but that which is natural, and afterward that which is spiritual."

Because Mind is invisible it can not appear except in conjunction with one or more of the elementary substances. The essence of Mind is spiritual energy and spiritual energy is what moves the Universe.

Spiritual energy, embodied in material forms, has its highest earthly manifestation in man; who rules all other manifestations of life, by means of thought. When man refuses to think, or to think harmoniously with the Laws of Nature, he loses his dominion over the rest of

creation. Hence, all the evils (Evils means Eve-ill. In other words, departed from a normal state, or a state of health) all the evils that afflict man, are the consequences of wrong, or ill, thinking; violations of the integrative flow-of-power, that immediately and automatically become katabolic to life and that, presently, destroy the evil-eve-ill-thinker, who disobeys God's Law.

Knowledge is power and its social and economic symbol is money. A perfectly valueless piece of paper becomes money when it bears the consent-value of a nation printed upon it. It then stands for and is accepted as the stored energy of productive labor. Money is, properly, called the "blood of trade," for trade and commerce are the integral and constitutive economic validations of civilization. If these validations are carried on in the spirit and



method of God, they are anabolisms that embody the true greatness of a given Nation. So long as this spirit prevails that nation grows and prospers, achieving dominion over the affairs of the earth. Such a nation has little need of WAR. It holds as an earned right the consent-value (respect) of all sane men. It does not have to sacrifice the flower of its young manhood; nor waste its treasure in destructive exhibitions of force. But it uses both in building up its material wealth and spiritual manhood, simply because we are "created in Gods image" or destroyed as we depart from this creation. It pays to do right because it is working with God and with Law which can not be set aside, either in theory or practice, with any degree of safety, whether by a person or by a nation. Righteous action is the highest form of intelligent selfinterest because it metabolizes Good and avoids the need of penalty and waste.

True religion consists in carefully connoting the relations between thoughts and things, and in their careful and prayerful correlation into human lives. The Nazarene was the greatest lover-thinker-unto-life who has ever trod this earthly foot-stool. He told us that the "Kingdom of Heaven" was within us. It was not He who postulated a "New Jerusalem" that was an external thing, of golden streets, pearl walls, harps, etc. This reversed the teaching of the Master, opposed it diametrically and was and is the Anti-Christ. Jesus bade us "pray in secret." Is not the Church loud with public prayers? Jesus was a social-democrat and so were his followers. He was not in any sense, "exclusive" nor taught codes, creeds, or ceremonies; which things have been borrowed from Paganism! Jesus was, as he said: "The Light of the World." Church walls tend to hide this light under the bushel of the tithe-collector. It was thus we had the Dark Ages, when superstitution, factional war, fanatic murders and the Inquisition held sway. Dogma usurped the Spirit-of Christ and so blinded the human race as to deprive them of that Light-that-was-Christ. Thus deprived the human race became de-spiritualized; the mind decayed; the Church became the enemy of the people, in becoming inverted, and our modern church is indeed the house of God but the spirit is lacking; it has been usurped by Mammon, or the lust for money. In essence and in fact, it has sold its Lord and Master for pieces of silver and gold. This is possible because of the ignorance of man -his lack of knowledge as to the constitutive technique of the embodiment of the Mind of God, that begins in material things, rises thru their proper collocation to a real and tangible answer to prayer—that is not "prayed amiss." Now we stand in the dawn of a New Age, let us review this collocation which integrates God's Will on earth, when it conforms to His Laws of Life. Orthodox religion has become the empty tomb. Two thousand years of its practices have not embodied the Christ-mind but have, in fact, betrayed it. Those who love God seek Him within the walls of the Church in vain. "He is not there, but is risen." And one is compelled to go afield seeking the Lord. In vain the differing and wrangling sects resolve to unite. Their union would only embody greater fallacy and wreak greater harm upon man. They must disavow these teachings which are the second crucifixion; that have crucified the Christ-head-down. To find the Christ they must turn their back upon the empty tomb and seek Him in that which is God's, Nature and her manifestations. The trinity is What and How and Why. The Why is the reason for our existence and is the answer to all of the problems of existence. But we must first know What? Then HOW that WHAT is integrated. We will then have two sides of the Triangle: the horizontal (material) and the vertical (mental) and if our mathematics be truly exercised it can then be computed so that we know positively hypotenuse, which is the spiritual answer to our three-dimensional Universe—in which the Word is made Flesh.

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The Mother of Philosophy

By MILDRED LE NOIR

"In order to approach the religion of primitive peoples, we must, so to speak, get at its heart and feel its life currents . . . we must endeavor to know their religious ideals."—Max Muller

It is coming more and more to be understood that the East has valuable knowledge for those earnest in the study of life. The spirit of the age prompts thoughtful people to inquire into the traditions of the past. The traditions of the fathers have been systematized by thoughtful men from time to time, in different epochs of the world.

The age demands truth. The goddess of literature is not content with superficial gleanings, but with Argus eyes she pries into the secrets of the hidden histories of the past. She unveils the fossilized thoughts of the savants and High Priests, who ministered at the sacred altars of nations now in oblivion.

In India the philosophical speculation that was carried on in the different philosophical schools and their works is worth much study. The systems of religious beliefs are eminently deserving of study. If we trace the history of the Ancient Religions of the widely extended Aryan or Indo-European race, which we endeavor to study, we find in the early writings of the Hindus an exhibition of it decidedly more archaic even than that which is presented in the Homeric poems.

Everything in the East is different from the West, and so are the methods of teaching. In the East teaching is entirely authoritative and traditional. The pupil is not expected to ask questions of a skeptical nature or expressive of doubt; the teacher does not got about to "prove" his thesis to the pupil. The body of knowledge which the teacher hands down is entirely traditional and may have come along for thousands of years with little or no change. The West may originate and present its views of the prima faci—the East only seeks to give to a man that fact itself, the supreme consciousness, undifferentiated, the key to all that exists.

In India there are Esoteric teachers of the Ancient Religious Mysteries. These Adepts are to be found scattered all over the mainland of India; they lead a secluded existence, avoiding the currents of Western civilization, and rarely come into contact with the English or appear on the surface of ordinary life.

We have only a vague idea of Hinduism, and should try to realize the ideas of the Hindu regarding God and the Soul, Sin, Salvation, Hell, and many trials of this mortal life. The Ancient Hindus were a highly gifted, energetic race; civilized to a considerable extent. You will never understand Hinduism unless you realize that it was a system given by Occults, by Rishis, to whom the invisible world was a matter of knowledge.

In the study of language can a nation's character as well as its labors after truth be really known? Krishna was a character as important in the Brahmanical system of religion, as Christ is in the Christian Religion.

His own coming was foretold. The Sanskrit word for God is Deva.

All physical phenomena in India are invested with a grandeur which they do not possess in northern or southern Europe. During the Vedic period a series of treaties were written; philosophy thus began. These treaties have, more than any other of the early Hindu writings, molded the thoughts of succeeding generations. Wordsworth: "Thou, thou alone, art everlasting, and the blessed spirits which thou includest, as the sea her waves."

The leading philosophy of India is the Vedanta; it teaches absolute idealism, and that the whole universe is God. The book, which above all others has molded the mind of India, is the Bhagavad Gita, or song of the Holy One. Conduct covers all man's relations to external nature, visible and invisible, and according to his conduct, harmony or discord occurs.

Ordinary human evolution is in the three worlds, we are told. All this evolution proceeds under the law of causation, each cause working out its due effect. This is the law of Karma, that returns to every man exactly what he sows. He sows his Karma in this world of physical matter and reaps it partially in the other two worlds and there assimilates the results of his thinking.

There are six great schools of Indian philosophy. Every school seeks liberation from the limits of painful existence, and from the miseries of birth and death. These schools fall into three parts: 1. (a) Nyaya of Gotama; (b) Visheshika of Kananda. 2. (a) Sankhya of Kapila; (b) Yoga of Pantanjali. (3). Two other schools of philosophy. These schools use the same methods of research and are built on the duality of universe.

Reformers have arisen from time to time in India. The most prominent and characteristic institution of Hinduism is caste. The treatment of women was unjust and tyrannical. The burning of widows has been prohibited by enactment. The awful rite would in many places be restored were it not for the strong hand of the British government. Multitudes of so-called widows were never really wives, their husbands so-called) having died in childhood.

A mere dreamer is too often assumed by Western critics to be the case with all who seek the hidden knowledge of the East. It is difficult for a Westerner (in other words, an American) even to begin to realize the conditions and inspirations of life in the East. "Tamil," says the author of an article in Theosophy for November, 1890, "is one of the oldest languages of India, if not of the world. Its birth and infancy are enveloped in mythology." As in the case of Sanskrit, we cannot say when Tamil became a literary language. The oldest Tamil works extant belong to a time, about 2,000 years ago,

of high and cultured refinement in Tamil poetic literature. All the religious and philosophical poetry of Sanskrit has become fused into Tamil.

The Indian teachers, the Sacred books, the existing instruction, center consciously or unconsciously round the development of will-power. The Yoga learns—either from habit or actual experience of a superior order of consciousness.

From a scientific point of view, Sanskrit as a language must take a very high place. The etymologist, the philologist, the ethnologist, and even the historian, can not perfect their investigation without it, parent as it is, of almost every European, and Asiatic language. Among the literature, also of bygone ages, we must, at least, accord to that of India a third place in extent and value. If Greece and Rome can boast of lyric and dramatic poets, whom we may still use as models of style, or philosophers whose theories have not vet ceased to exert influence, surely Ancient India will be able to do as much, when rightly and generally understood. The late M. Burnouf, whom all Oriental scholars must honor as one of the fathers of the study of the East in Europe, was wont to say that every work in Sanskrit would supply some historical material. We must yield a palm full of praise to the labors of all founders of this study in Europe, men who have devoted their lives to the unravelling of the mysteries of the East. Great names are not wanting among them to call forth admiration of their followers-Jones, Wilkins, Colebrook, Wilson, Johnson, Williams, Schlegel, Lassen and Windischmann in Germany; and in France, Crezy, Burnouf, Langlois, and Deslongchamps.

Of all the subjects treated in Indian literature, few seem to be so adapted to the taste of the general reader as that of philosophy. It seems to offer something of interest to every thinking mind. Philosophy offers their drama, their poetry, their didactic literature, and the wellknown collection of instructive fables called Hitopadesha. The Bhagavad-Gita is a philosophical poem. The word philosophy has a far narrower and better defined meaning in the distant past, in the rude methodical school days of mankind, then in the present age.

The Indian systems of philosophy bear a strong resemblance to the Gnostic systems of the early Christian times -which latter were no doubt derived from the East.

India is the inspired land, and the source from which the divine knowledge had always radiated over the Earth. Sanskrit and Tamil were inspired languages.

There are few countries, among all that can boast a literature, where philosophy has developed itself clearly, independently and so to speak spontaneously; and demanded for itself a name. Perhaps Greece and India may be considered the only two such, and the philosophies of other nations may be looked upon, either as the offspring of these or as a species of religious mysticism. Under the former, rank all the modern European schools; under the latter, the great systems of China, Persia, Syria, and Egypt. In India and Greece, the names for philosophy have the same meaning—the desire for knowledge.

Philosophy

The birth of philosophy is an era in the annals of every people; and the inquiry as to the causes of its origin is inseparable from the investigation of their religious and

social history. Thus the history of most nations is divisible into three great periods, which serve alike for their religious and social peculiarities: 1. The Age of Barbarism. 2. The Age of Investigation. We do not suppose for a moment that every nation of the earth has passed through these periods of development. Far from it. Had such been the case we would have fifty times the actual number of national philosophies. Both internal and external circumstances have occurred to obstruct and often annihilate the development of a race. Thus the Britons were conquered by the Romans and at a period of barbarism. The Slavonic races are still lingering in the second period. Egypt had never power to rise from mysticism, which took such firm root along the borders of the Nile, to the light of philosophy; and the Hebrew people is an exception to the whole theory, since they have been favored at all times with direct revelations of the Truth.

While modern Europe and America have spent their will in the mastery of the external world, India has reserved hers for the conquest of inner and spiritual kingdoms. In the East the Will constitutes the great path; but in the West the path has been more especially through love-and probably will be. The great teachers of the West -Plato, Jesus, Paul-have indicated this method rather than that of the ascetic Will; though of course there have not been wanting exponents of both sides.

When the time comes the West will probably adopt this method of the liberation of the Human Soul-through love-rather than the specially Indian method-through the Will.

From the question whether Jesus and Paul were initiates in the Eastern Mysteries—as the modern Gurus claim they were—either by tradition or by spontaneous evolution, through the question of the similarity and differences of their teachings; the various schools of early Christianity; the Egyptian influences; the Gnostic sects and philosophy; the formation and history of the Church, its organizations, creeds and doctrines; medieval Christianity and its relations to Aristotle; the mystic teachers of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries; the ascetic and monastic movements; the belief in alchemy and withchcraft; the miracles of the Saints; the Protestant movement and doctrines, etc., down to the innumerable sects of today and all their conflicting views of the atonement and the sacraments and the inspiration of the Bible, and all the rest.

In quoting the sacred books, "Everything which can be thought is untrue." In this respect the Indian philosophy altogether excels our Western systems (except the most modern). It takes the bottom out of its own little bucket in the most impartial way.

The operations of the Divine Spirit, namely (1) Grace, (2) Obscuration, (3) Destruction, (4) Preservation, and (5) Creation, correspond to the Five Elements: 1. Space; 2, Air; 3, Fire; 4, Water; and 5, Earth, and are embodied in the nine planets, thus: (1) Rahu and Ketu, (2) Saturn, (3) the Sun and Mars, (4) Venus, Mercury and the Moon, (5) Jupiter. It is thus that the birth of a human being is influenced by the position of the planets, i. e., the Horoscope. The thought-forms of the mind trained in Western science, as the thought-forms of the

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The Philosophy of Spiritualism

By MADISON ROMAINE

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.—St. Paul.

Spiritualism is a philosophy because it studies the laws of Nature from both sides of Life, and bases its conclusions on observed facts. It also accepts conclusions based upon observed facts drawn from past ages, when sustained by reason, and by observed facts of the present day.

I love the philosophy of Spiritualism because my sixty-five years of investigation and observation confirms many of the claims of this Spiritualism. It has proven to me the truth of the statement made by Jesus: "It is not I but the Father in me." The Law of Progeniture, the Law of Heredity, the Law of Compensation, of Like Attracts Like, the Law of Cause and Effect; these are all Divine Laws, always operative, and always operate the same under the same conditions.

LIFE ON THIS PLANE

We here know that the only life is one of *Love and Service*. Give,—it may be only a kind word to the suffering, or it may be only a slice of bread to the hungry, but give love, give sympathy, give kindly deeds, give all that mortal mind can devise to comfort and encourage those about you. Count the value of your gift, not by the size of its earthly contents, but by the strength of the purpose which created it. He that gives without thought of Self will be truly blessed in the giving. "Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

"Nonsense!" some may say; but we say, "Nay." We have tried and tested it and found it to be satisfying. It is proven to us because it has brought joy, happiness and plenty into our lives.

What we are trying to impress upon your mind is that all human effort is useless; all attempted achievement futile unless the motive is pure. When you purify your innermost sanctuary where dwells the Spirit, more than you can possibly conceive will be the ratio of improvement in every function of mind and body.

We of today are cleansing our exterior, making the things we use, the things we handle clean; but now there are other things which also need cleansing. He, Jesus, said of the Pharisees and Saducees: "Ye are like whited sepulchers, shining on the outside, but filled with dead men's bones and corruption within." We are just now discovering that we can be clean within, as well as without, and that is more necessary than the outside. A clean body outside and inside is a fitting "Temple of the Living God," which we are whether we be foul or clean.

If we only think clean thoughts, if we only harbor clean acts, and deal with our fellowmen and women in a cleanly manner, giving what we would gladly receive:—

then we shall find ourselves surrounded by a wall of goodness which no evil can penetrate. When our heart is filled with Good, nothing evil can enter it. This is one of the greatest necessities of our Religion.

It is just beginning to impress our thinking men that those admonitions given by the "Great Teacher" of antiquity,—"Be ye also perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect," are absolutely correct. Now some will say it is absolutely impossible to be perfect here. No, it is not impossible, but very improbable. But that is what all should be striving for: that is our "Ultimate," and we shall arrive there some time. Knowing this, why not get as near to it as is possible? We certainly know that if perfection is happiness, then the nearer we are to perfection the more happiness we will enjoy.

Wake up, ye Spiritualists. Wake up, ye Americans. Your country needs you now as never before. Shout it from the housetops; teach it in your schools, and instill it in the very innermost thoughts of your children. Allow your digestive organs to function naturally. Give your liver a chance to function normally. Give your kidneys proper care. Jesus said, "Be temperate in all things." Are you? No,—we are not. We gorge ourselves with food, and then run to the doctor for relief. We over-eat and over-drink, and thus we over-load our organs until we are a nation of invalids and incompetents. We abuse ourselves, abuse those who should be under our protection, abuse the laws of God and man, and then complain of the terrible wickedness of the multitude.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of Heaven," which is happiness. And He further instructed us, "The kingdom of Heaven is within you." Now, the only way to reach that "kingdom of heaven," (kingdom of happiness), is to be clean,—but Oh My! the inside. You may ask how to keep the inside clean; the answer is, by filling up with good thoughts, kind acts, helpful words, constructive efforts, helping someone, giving something badly needed in your surroundings. The Good is always stronger than the bad, so when you are inducing the good one, the evil one cannot enter.

That is one of the things you will not have to fight so strenuously on the next plane. The Great Teacher said, "No corruption can enter there," and it is so. There, all is harmony, all is love, peace and growth. There the flowers bloom eternally. There no dead leaf blots the horizon. There, all is progressive, helpful, advancing. Nothing retrogresses.

Our constant effort now should be so to live that we may be found worthy to associate with out beloved "Over There" when our time comes to take the next step forward.

Your Birth Sign and Its Influence

By ZARAL

Scorpio-October 23 to November 21

The sign of Scorpio is symbolized by the Scorpion; it is a feminine sign and is ruled by the planet Mars which gives its subjects great courage, confidence and perseverance. They are somewhat shrewd and have very clear and penetrating minds, possessing keen judgment and remarkable determination and tenacity. They are very critical, secretive and economical.

Scorpio people possess marked characteristics, are selfcentered and are subject to strange vicissitudes of fortune because of their restless and warlike nature. Their temperament is mixed between cautiousness and boldness, and because of their vaulting ambitions and lack of diplomacy they are swept about on the tides of fortune. They like travel and changes, and are happiest when located near the water where they can sail, fish and swim, and in homes located near such they find much comfort. Exploration of strange places appeals to their inquisitive sense and they derive much pleasure in such experiences.

While Scorpio people are usually affable and courteous they are also very determined; and though appearing to be quiet and dignified they possess an indomitable will-power which gives them a great deal of influence over others. Because of this characteristic, they are usually either much liked or disliked.

Scorpio people seem to have a harmonious attraction for the electro-magnetic forces which constantly influence their existence, and manifest in them remarkable power over those whom they contact; this is especially true of the opposite sex.

They are very original, and have a daring creativeness which makes them capable of much success in bold enterprises which would spell disaster to persons of opposite temperament. When mentally developed to a high rate of consciousness there is little they cannot accomplish, due to their innate determination and tenacity.

This sign governs the generative system which tends towards evil and destruction of the vital forces unless the life forces are concentrated and utilized in a constructive manner by which they can create indomitable power for good. When living in the lower senses or along strictly personal lines these people are exceed-

ingly stubborn, jealous, critical and fault-finding, mean and unruly of temper, deceitful, revengeful and generally unlikable and difficult to get along with. But when awakened they have phenomenal possibilities and become among the most constructive persons of all signs as the generative organs rule the creative faculties or vital lifeforces. These forces are easily diverted into spiritual channels from which higher psychic faculties are developed. The Scorpio, when living along progressive spiritual lines, is prone to mysticism and is gifted with clair-voyant and other mediumistic attainments.

Scorpio people as mentioned above, make good healers, especially in giving magnetic treatments. They also make good surgeons because of their remarkable self-control. Other professions in which they succeed if properly trained are: chemistry, dentistry, law, and any business associated with liquids and oils, or where patience and perseverance is required. They also make good soldiers, sailors, mechanics, policemen, detectives, divers, contractors, engineers, and other kindred occupations where daring, strength and a strong determination are necessary.

Being largely controlled by the sex-forces the Scorpio person is usually very amorous and demonstrative in his love, especially for one of the opposite sex. Indifference is usually shown toward those in their own sex to the extent that they do no make friends easily and are often disliked because of their seeming unfriendliness. Because of their strong passional nature when undeveloped and living along the lower sense expression, their deep emotion often leads them to murder or other forms of violence when in a jealous rage. Yet when developed they possess marvelous self control. They are specially attracted to people ruled by Venus. Others with whom they make congenial friendships and marriages are those born in Pisces, Cancer, Virgo, and Capricorn.

Famous people born in this sign include Theodore Roosevelt, Ignace Jan Paderewski, Joaquin Miller, Henry Van Dyke, Robert Louis Stevenson, James A. Garfield, Wm. G. McAdoo, Eugene Debs, Rod La Roque, Will Rogers, Jackie Coogan and Lura Keefe.

My Son's Philosophy

By GEORGINA A. RANKINE

Away with dark and gloomy thoughts,
Away with grouchy voice—
Away with manners crusque and rude
The old world's made its choice.
Get out your smiles and shine them up,
And wear them every day.
You've wondered why no friends you've made
As you trudged along the way.

Well, here's the reason, you may know, The world is sick of grumps. It wants a smile, a cheery word To help it o'er its bumps. So turn your clouds all inside out, You'll find them shining bright. Just show the world your silver side, And the world will treat you right.

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Lesson Six

REGULATION OF THE BREATH

This lesson consists of the control and regulation of the breath for the purpose of "managing" and directing the Prana or Vital Force, through rhythmic breathing. All nature is permeated with this Vital Force which we inhale into our bodies via the lungs;—but unless this great power is controlled, concentrated and directed into useful channels it avails us little.

Various philosophies teach a great deal concerning Prana or Vital Force, but few students have little if any understanding of what this "Prana or Vital Cosmic-Force" consists. What is commonly termed "Vital Force" in Patanjali's teachings is the "living spirit, electricity or vital magnetism in its most subtle state, and considered as possessed of the attribute of livingness."

PRANA

Vivekananda expressed his interpretation of Prana as follows:

"The universe is manufactured from its subtle material by the power of Prana. Prana is the infinite, omnipresent manifesting power of the universe. It is the Prana that is manifesting as motion, as gravitation, as magnetism, as electricity. It is the Prana that is manifesting as the actions of the body, as the nerve currents, as thought-force. From thought down to the lowest physical force, everything is but a manifestation of Prana. The sum-total of all force in the universe mental or physical, is but the manifestation of Prana.

"To get the subtle perception of the finer forces which are operating in the physical body, we must first begin with the grosser perceptions, so we must get hold of that which is setting the whole engine in motion, and that is Prana, the most obvious manifestation of which is breath. Then, along with the breath, we slowly enter the body, and are thus enabled to discover the subtle forces, the nerve currents which are moving all over the body. As soon as we discover the latter, and learn to feel them, we begin to get control of them, and over the body. The mind also is set in motion by these different nerve-currents, so, at last, we reach the state where we have perfect control over the body and mind, and both are our servants. Knowledge is power, and we must first get this power, so we must begin at the beginning, i. e., the control of the Prana by means of Pranayama (Regulation of the Breath). The knowledge and control of Pranayama is what is meant by Pranayama.

"Pranayama (Regulation of the Breath) opens to us the door of almost unlimited power. Suppose, for instance, that one understood the Prana perfectly, and could control it. What power on earth could there be that would not then be his? He would be able to move the suns and stars out of their places, to control every-

thing in the universe, from the atoms to the greatest suns, because he would control the Prana."

When the student has perfected himself in the knowledge of these powers, all things in nature will be under his control, and all forces will be his slaves. The ignorant see the display of these powers and call them miracles, not realizing all forces are generalized into one force, Prana, and he who has grasped the secret of Prana has grasped the secret of all the forces of the universe. "He who has controlled the Prana, has controlled his own mind, and all the minds that exist, because the Prana is the general manifestation of force."

Prana is all-pervading. It is the name by which we designate the Universal Principle. It is the essence of all motion, all life, force or energy, whether manifested in electricity, gravitation, magnetism. It revolves to the lowest. It is the Active Principle, the Vital Force, the Spirit which abounds in all forms of life "from the amoeba to man—from the most elementary form of plant-life to the highest form of animal life, human-life and super-human life."

The true occult teaching (contradictory to some forms of New Thought) is that there is life in everything in the universe; and is as Ramacharaka says: "In all forms of mind, yet is not mind. It is in the air, yet is not air. It is in every breath, yet it is not breath. It energizes all things, yet it is not those things in themselves. We can best get the idea involved in the concept of Prana by thinking of it as 'living force'—or, more properly still, as the 'essence and principle of living force'."

Prana, is, in a measure, a semi-fluidic force which exists in the atmosphere and we breathe it into our bodies with the intake of air. It then circulates through the blood stream and nerve currents, and by certain mystical exercises can be regulated and forced throughout the body once we get it inside ourselves, to the devitalized organ where it is needed. This is the secret of true "divine healing."

All things in the universe have an individual rate of vibration. This is also true of the universal Pranic currents. Therefore, the principal reason for regulation of the breath is to harmonize the individual vibrations with the universal vibrations and thereby attain perfect equilibrium and strength and health. Regulation of breath is a great factor in regulation of the mind, which produces steadiness of the mind and greater capacity for forceful concentration.

A Western writer on this subject says: "An ocean of solar Prana surrounds the great orb of day, and sustains and keeps in its orderly rhythmic movements the whole solar system. The varying strength of the solar

and lunar currents causes momentary changes in terrestrial Prana which are reflected in our bodies. It is an ebb and flow, as it were; a forward and backward movement; and it is this Great Breath of the Universe that gives the impulse to organic breathing. With its onrush we inhale, and the current of Prana is sent to the farthest ends of the gross vessels-the nerve and blood channels-of the physique. The succeeding moment imparts the backward impulse, and with the receding flow of the vital currents, exhalation takes place. The throbbing of the heart, its expansion—the diastole, and its contraction-systole, correspond with the flow of Prana. But the rapidity of these inward and outward, forward and backward movements of Prana, varies in different organisms. The influences which establish this individuality, inseparably associated with the correspondences between the macrocosm and the microsm, determine the circulation of the Prana in our bodies."

We think this a fine illustration of what Prana really is, and though the principle of Prana may not be clearly understood, at least a scientific reason for control and regulation of the breath is not overlooked. And this is of paramount importance as we proceed with our studies.

It will be remembered that the Prana is circulated throughout the body by way of the nerve currents and blood vessels, and before going further into this study we feel it important at this time to say a few things regarding the nervous system of the human being. It is surprising how few know anything about the mechanism of the body in which they dwell—so in defining the channels of Vital Force we will touch upon the different conceptions held by the Eastern and Western minds on this subject. The Western mind is right as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. Western science recognizes nervic force or nervic energy in the body, but it fails to recognize certain centers in the body which serve as points of focal energy. And though Western science recognizes nervic energy it fails to associate it as a manifestation of Universal Prana.

THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

According to Western science the nervous system of man is divided into two general classes: (1) The Cerebro-Spinal Nervous System, and (2) The Sympathetic Nervous System. The first is concerned with the expression of what are termed the five primary senses, i.e., seeing, hearing, feeling, tasting and smelling—in other words the processes of cognition, sensation and volition. The second or Sympathetic Nervous System controls the growth, nutrition and other involuntary processes of the body. This is the system of organic life and is regulated quite independently of the will, as for example, the functions of respiration, digestion and circulation do not command conscious direction.

Some writers call the Sympathetic Nervous System the "vegetative functioning" because it governs the nutrition and growth, in comparison with the Cerebro-Spinal System which governs the distinctly animal faculties. "The Sympathetic System controls the so-called automatic mechanisms of the body, the rhythmical beating of the heart, contraction and dilation of the arteries, the peristalic motion of the gastro-intestinal tract, the contraction of the smooth muscles wherever found, and the control of the secretions of the various glands, etc."

"The Cerebro-Spinal Nervous System is composed of the brain, the spinal cord, and the nerves which branch off from the latter and extend to all parts of the body."

Most every common-school student of today knows that the brain of man consists of three parts, namely, the Cerebrum, or "great brain," which occupies the upper, front, middle and back portion of the skull; the Cerebellum, or "little brain," which occupies the lower and back part of the skull; and the Medula Oblongata, which is the broadened and extended upper portion of the spinal cord, located in front of and before the Cerebellum.

The Cerebellum is about one-seventh of the size of the Gerebrum

The Cerebrum is composed of two halves which are connected by a broad band of white substance. The Cerebellum or "little brain," is also divided into two hemispheres, which, like the two halves of the "big brain," have a distinct work to do.

In the Medulla Oblongata are located the great ganglionic centers which govern the processes of respiration, swallowing, vomiting, etc. Some writers declare that in cases where death is caused by hanging that it is not strangulation which effects it but pressure on the Medulla Oblongata.

The Spinal Cord, commonly called spinal marrow, fills the channel of the vertebral column (spine). It is from this long cord of nerve substance from which at each vertebra branch off what may be called "nerve supply wires," and likewise from which branch out or emerge smaller nerves that reach to all parts of the body and act as sense reporters to the brain, or carry motorimpulses from the brain. Some nerves are sensory nerves and others motor nerves.

The Sympathetic Nervous System is composed of masses of nerve substance containing nerve cells which are distributed to all parts of the body, principally the head, neck, chest and abdomen. The masses or ganglia are connected with each other by nerve filaments, and are also connected to the Cerebro-Spinal System by means of connected nerve links.

From these various nerve-masses or ganglia emerge nerve fibers which extend to the various organs of the body, to the blood vessels, etc., and at various points these nerves meet and form what are known as a plexus. Please note that the Sympathetic Nervous System controls practically all of the vital processes. With this in mind we will continue our study by discussing the Solar Plexus, which is so much discussed in occult circles, especially among sensitives. We hope this study is beginning to prove interesting. It is, to say the least, instructive and practical.

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Subject: The Man of God and Mediumship

The "man of God" can hardly be separated from the "word of the Lord." In presenting this subject in its fullness I necessarily refresh the memory of students on that question. 2 Kings. 7:1, 2, and 17, were used in former lessons.

Verses one and two tell us that Elisha told the people to "hear the word of the Lord"; then he prophesies of cheaper food. Verse 2, says:

"Then a lord on whose arms the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, behold, if the Lord would make windows in heaven then might this thing be? And he said, behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof."

Here he is called a man of God; but notice the prediction here made. In verse 16 to the end of the chapter this is fulfilled. Verse 19 tells of the treading to death of this lord, who answered the man of God as he did in verse 2.

In 2 Kin. 8:2, Elisha, a man of God prophesies to a woman of a famine. Verse 2, says:

"And the woman arose, and did after the man of God; and she went with her household and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years."

In verse 9, after sending Hazael to King Ben-ha-dad, with a false prediction, the man of God wept in consequence of what he foresaw that Hazael would do.

2 Kin. 23:16-1-7, informs us that Josiah the king burned the bones of men on the altar, as the man of God had proclaimed. Also that when he found a certain sepulcher, he asked whose it was and he was answered that it was the sepulcher of the man of God that came from Judah and proclaimed the things that he had just done.

2 Chron. 11:2, gives another version of the case of Shemeiah, the man of God, and his message to Rehoboam from the one given in the former lesson. The message is the same as that already quoted.

In 2 Chron. 25:7-9, we read:

"But there came a man of God to him, saying, O, King, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the Lord is not with Israel, to wit with all the children of Ephraim. But if thou wilt go, do it, be strong for battle; God shall make three fall before the enemy; for God hath power to help and to cast down. And Aamaziah said to the man of God, but what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? `And the man of God answered, the Lord is able to give thee much more than this."

This man of God had a message that the Lord would not be with Israel in battle—that the king of Judah had better go to war without the aid of Israel, and that the Lord would make up all loss which would occur from the discharge of the Israelites from the army.

When Joan of Arc took the heir to the French throne to Reims to be crowned then her voices told her to go no farther—that they had no power beyond the church of

St. Remys. She believed it but felt her duty to obey the king and went on with the army, and lost her life. This loss was through French treachery, which her guides undoubtedly knew, but had no power to prevent, hence their advice to go not farther. The first move beyond that cost her life.

In Judges 13:6, 8, 9-11, 13, 21, an angel is called a man of God. This visitant from another world is twelve times called an angel; three times he is called a man of God; twice he is called a man; he is called the Lord once, once he is called God, and once the spirit of the Lord. Read the entire chapter. This is strong collateral evidence that these gods, spirits and angels, were all the same. These terms are all or any of them liable in the Bible to be applied to any communicating spirit.

1 Tim. 6:10-14, is in this same line. It reads as follows: "For the love of money is the root of all evil; which, while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O, man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession, that thou keep this commandment without spot, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Instead of "erred from the faith," as in verse 10, it would be better if it read, "erred from faithfulness," or "swerved from faithfulness." The love of money has caused many besides mediums to act unfaithfully. The one who does that always pierces himself through with many sorrows. "But thou, O man of God"; now read that text in the light of this lesson, and it will read, "but thou, O medium," "flee these things." This is an exhortation to mediums to be faithful, and follow after right-eousness.

He speaks twice in this connection about the appearing of Jesus. Some think this refers to a future great day of judgment, but it does not. It refers to such appearances, as that of Moses and Elias on the mount of transfiguration; as Jesus made when he appeared to the two as they walked and went into the country, or as we are accustomed to see in seances. See Matt. 17:3, Mark 16:9, 12.

The next lesson will be on Mediumship.

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Why is it that we are attracted to some people and things more than to others? Why is it that when meeting perfect strangers we often feel that we know them? Why is it that we prefer certain gems, flowers, fruit, trees, birds and animals? It is because they are in the same vibration that we are, even if on a different plane of expression.

When we feel out of harmony with certain people, places, colors, music or any other thing, we should look into the cause and remedy it if possible if we desire health and happiness. Many a person has been made sick by being forced to wear, or live in rooms tinted with certain colors, or to associate with others in opposite vibrations. To help the soul attain its desires and help onward its progression, we should associate with the things that are ours and live in cities or towns in our own special vibration.

To ascertain if two people have the same ideals and vibrate together, write down both names given at birth and place the values of the vowels above each name. For each A place the figure 1 (one); for each E place the figure 5; for each I place the figure 9; for each O place the figure 6; for each U place the figure 3.

Now add these values, each part of the birthname separately, then add these together and reduce to their digits through addition. Next compare these vibrations and see if they are harmonious. If they are exactly alike, each will understand the other and there will be harmony; these people make the happy marriages. If the vibrations are in the same concord, both either odd or both even numbers, they will have much in common and make good friends. If the vibrations are in opposite concords, one an odd and the other an even number, there will be friction and disagreements unless many adjustments are made. Know yourself through the study of Numerology if you would be happy and successful in life and attain soul development.

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Answer to Mrs. R. A. Miller

You certainly are in need of help. It appears that the opening you desire can be found in Long Beach, but not in Los Angeles, as you had hoped. However, that is not very far from Los Angeles, so it would permit you to do what you desire. Get the Long Beach paper for a few nights, make a systematic search, and you will find that which you desire. You are also sensitive enough to be led by spirit in this case.

Answer to Mrs. M. A. D.

Your hnsband has been gone a long time; so long, in fact, that you will never see him again on this plane of existence. It appears that he is still in the material body at this time. He might be located in Hamburg, Germany, as that is a place that he has been residing in for some time. However, it is certain that you will not be able to contact him again. Don't allow this thought to bother you. In some cases you may be told that he

is not in this world, but I do not believe that is correct. I thank you for the success thoughts. Jacob and Hans reach you from spirit, as well as Katherine.

Answer to L. N. B., Millinocket, Maine

Your affairs are in a state of formation at the present time, so it would not be advisable to make any radical move. You will be partially successful in the rabbit business. You must remember that this is a much overrun business, however. You are liable to have a good business change toward the first of the year; until then just forge along. Do not leave your present employment now.

Answer to P. E. B.

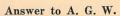
Although it is going to take a great deal of time, you will be somewhat successful in the moving-picture writ-

ing. You should not be located where you are now, but in California for best success in this line. Do not attempt to over-embellish your ideas; leave them as they are. Don't allow yourself to become discouraged.

Answer to E. E. W., Maine

Are you thinking of going into the rabbit business? You should go very slow about making any change just now. The new position that you speak of will be open to you for some time, so you can take your time about going into it. It is a question as to whether it would be

a bit better than what you now have. There is an opportunity toward the last of the year to change your position; take it if you want to, but do not be in a hurry to take the one now offered.



Start a business of your own the first of the new year, by all means. You would never succeed working for other people, as you are a natural born leader. You can succeed in almost any line, but do not take an over-worked idea. Do not leave the state you are in, but when you do go into business it would be advisable for you to get into a more populated district.

Independent Messages

To William Roe: Dorothy wishes to greet you from spirit. She sends love to Chas., William and J., and also to all the folks. She is very new to the spirit world; evidently she has only been over a very short time. She sends love to dad and mother.



VICTOR BRIGGS

To H. Martin: Business affairs are very bad just now, but will improve shortly when the mortgage is paid up. Helen and Rose send love from spirit land.

To Jim Thompson: You are about to be married, and success is over you, in this move. You will have a new home soon, and a car also. Watch your money a little closer.

To Margaret Allison or Allinson: Bob wishes to send his love to all the folks. The car didn't work right. You must not be so sad.

To Mr. Ford: Your loving child, a boy, is brought to me by an attending spirit. "Tell daddy not to cry. Mother is better. The car killed me, you think, but I am very much alive."

THE LAWS GOVERNING MEDIUMSHIP

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and produce the same end his own pure spirit eventually shall do.

Man was created in the image and likeness of his Creator and given power over all things. Being subconsciously aware of a part of this power man proudly proclaims leadership over the kingdoms below him, and in his arrogance resents being classed as some evolutionists would have him. Man scorns the humble seed, yet that very seed through its innate force can split a massive boulder. It is something of divinity within it that gives it the power. We have that same divinity within us if we will but recognize and use it.

The same power, consciousness or spirit which enables two invisible gases, such as oxygen and hydrogen, to combine and form a visible fluid called water which can be seen, tasted, and felt by the lower senses, enables the spirit incarnate to vitalize the sixth sense for the purpose of attracting to the realm of physical consciousness that which heretofore had remained outside. When water, or densified oxygen and hydrogen, is subjected to the low vibration called, "cold," it becomes so dormant it freezes and is called "ice" which is likewise impressionable on the lower senses. Subjected to a higher rate of vibration which we call "heat," and in contact with other chemicals and liquid gases, water crystalizes, and so on through a process of chemicalization which we call natural, the former invisible gases become transformed into the diamond, one of the hardest known substances. It is worthy of note that a still greater degree of heat or vibration than that which created it, can also destroy the diamond, and after going through a process of liquification it again becomes gaseous and is released into the ethers whence it came-invisible, and unrecognizable by any of the five senses.

All nature is constantly going through a process of evaporation, absorption and reconstruction. Heat water to a certain degree in your tea kettle and within a short period of time it will become steam and then completely disappear into the 'invisible,'—yet it is still there waiting for future manifestations. It is logically and totally impossible that anything whatsoever can ever be lost. It may change its form, but once existent it can never be lost. Likewise, the form of man may change, but not the man himself.

A BLIND MAN'S DENIAL

There are people who discredit the beauties of the world because they do not see. There are also people totally blind and deaf in a spiritual sense who similarly deny the beauties and reality of the spirit world. They do not understand. Realizing this, do not all things pertaining to mediumship, which is the basic principle of Spiritualism, fall within the realm of natural phenomena when understood?

Capacity to respond to vibrations determines what shall be seen and heard. Some see things far away, some only a short distance. This is because their eyes register different rates of vibration,—different wave lengths if you please. The same law applies to those who see and those who hear little or not at all. Some people are color blind; yet the fact that they cannot determine a color or recog-

nize its beauty is no disproval that nature is not one grand pageant of light and color.

The trouble with us is that we do not reason enough. We limit our natural gifts and abilities, and consequently limit the manifestations which should bless and comfort us. Being steeped in our own limitations we also place limitations on God, for the simple reason that we unconsciously picture a God like ourselves.

We place too much confidence in our primary five senses, and too little in our higher ones. Yet the eyes testify that the parallel rails of a track come together. After a little investigation we discern the fact that the rails do not meet. It is only illusion. We cannot absolutely rely on the lower senses. Where then shall we find certainty?

This subject is such a great and endless one that we must draw it to a close still unfinished. But we want to leave this thought which it will pay to remember if one would be spared future embarrassment. Never make a too positive statement that a thing is either true or untrue. Mundane knowledge is always partial at best. Our knowledge must forever "grow from more to more." As long as we are on the physical plane we must rely on a reason and consciousness limited in a thousand ways.

We would also drop a warning about the reports of spirits who make statements contrary to reason, or which are dogmatic. A wise spirit or person NEVER makes a dogmatic statement but always leaves a "loop-hole" for "exit" when superseding truths are unfolded, for that which seems truth to both mortal and spirit today may appear on the morrow as the story of the "flat earth" does to us today. Both mortal and spirit can only truthfully tell what they believe a thing to be from their impressions or investigations of it, and spirits as well as mortals are too often swayed or influenced by preconceived opinions. At best we all see so short a way along the pathway of the eternal spaces, nor know what mystic truths or wisdom our "soul consciousness" will unfold to us on the morrow -perhaps destroying forever those illusions to which we clung as truth. It is as Sir Albert Pike wrote in his remarkable Masonic book, "Morals and Dogma." "God makes visible to men His will in events; an obscure text, written in a mysterious language. Men make their translations of it forthwith, hasty, incorrect, full of faults, omissions, and misreadings. We see so short a way along the arch of the great circle! Few minds comprehend the Divine tongue. The most sagacious, the most calm, the most profound, decipher the hierglyphs slowly; and when they arrive with their text, perhaps the need has long gone by; there are already twenty translations in the public square—the most incorrect being, of course, the most accepted and popular. From each translation a party is born; and each misreading a faction." And so it is with Truth.

We believe by this time you will agree that a thing is either true or false 'to us' according to our understanding of it; therefore do not try to convert the world to your ideas or way of thinking and you will not be humiliated by having it deny or ridicule that which you love as fact or which spells truth to you. Each must make independent investigation to be objectively convinced,—and all the knowledge and investigations in the world are exceedingly limited in comparison with the grand cosmic plan.

Some day people will realize that material force leads

nowhere but to illusion. Our human life is but a shadow of the real self, the I AM, the Divine dwelling and manifesting in each of us. High and holy matters must be spiritually discerned, but it is the same spirit, as Paul said, the same law which governs all spiritual gifts—whether it be prophecy, clairvoyance, healing, materialization, or other kindred gifts—it is the same law, the same spirit which worketh in all. Jesus said: "It is not I but the Father dwelling within me which doeth the works and greater things than I do ye shall do, for I go to my Father."

Having this promise from one who demonstrated the law, arise then to the glorious purpose of this earthly existence. Know thyself. Have faith and confidence in your divine heritage. Know that the same power which guides the feathered wanderer in its trackless flight, will guide each one of us along life's trackless coast, teaching us the laws, the mysteries, the lessons, the eternal truths that we must learn some time, somewhere, before we attain the illumination which lifts the veil of illusion and reveals to us ALL in God, and God in all.

FEAR THE HERITAGE AND SCOURGE

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ligence, for He is over all, and if we do our part He will see that all is well. We need not fear Man for we are his equal, and should he be desirous of doing us harm, fear only makes us more subject to attack and breaks down our defense. We need not fear the Devil for there is no such entity within the confines of Infinite Space.

Let each one realize that only he, himself, can do himself permanent injury, and that if each one directs his life by his best reason, Infinite Intelligence will see that the result is good.

Then banish Fear forever, and be Happy always!

THE MOTHER OF PHILOSOPHY

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latter are to the philosopher of the East. With regard to these primitive old doctrines of Astronomy, Astrology, Physiology, etc., handed down from far back times and still embodied in the teachings of the Gurus, though it is impossible to accept them on the ordinary thought plane. In the Old Myths and Legends (Andromeda, Cupid, and Psyche, Cinderalla and a great many others) an effort was made to embody indirectly, in ordinary thoughtforms, things seen with the inner eye and which could not be expressed directly; so was the same process carried out in the old Science. Most people in the West say, "God, O God!" but they have no definite knowledge or methods by which they can attain to see God.

The views on the influence of India and its wisdomreligion on the world, are partly justified by two facts which appear practically certain; (1) that in every age of the world and in almost every country there has been a body of doctrines handed down, which, with whatever variations and obscurations, has clustered around two or three central ideas, of which perhaps that of emancipation from self through repeated births is the most important; so that there has been a kind of tacit understand-

ing and free-masonry on this subject between the great teachers throughout history, from the Eastern Sages, down through Pythagoras, Plato, Paul, the Gnostic Schools, the great Mediaeval Alchemists, the German mystics and others to the great Philosophers and Poets of our own time; and that thousands of individuals on reaching a certain stage of evolution have corrobated and are constantly corroborating from their own experience the main points of this doctrine; and (2) that there must have existed in India, or in some neighboring region, from which India drew its tradition, before all history, teachers who saw these occult facts and understood them probably better than the teachers of historical times, and who had themselves reached a stage of evolution at least equal to any that has been attained since. If this is so, then there is reason to believe that there is a distinct body of experience and knowledge into which the whole human race is destined to rise, and which there is every reason to believe will bring wonderful and added faculties with it. On all sides God surrounds us, staring out upon us from the mountains, from the face of the rocks, and of men, and of animals.

No class of works is received with more suspicion than those which deal with the Sciences and Religions. To quote Bacon—"This I dare affirm in knowledge of Nature, that a little Natural Philosophy, and the first entrance into it, doth dispose the opinion to Atheism, but on the other side, much Natural Philosophy, and wading deep into it, will bring about men's minds to Religion."

Browning—"I spoke as I saw, I report, as a man may of God's work—all's Love, yet all's Law. Now I lay down the judgeship He lent me. Each faculty tasked, To perceive Him, has gained an abyss where a dewdrop was asked."

With Copernicus, Galileo, and Kepler, the first regular lines of the Universe began to be discerned. When Nature yielded to Newton her great secret, Gravitation, was felt to be not greater as a fact itself than as a revelation that Law was a fact. Despite the limitations of its sphere on every side Law is still the largest, richest, and surest source of human knowledge. Plato's Prisoner, if not out of the Vace, has at least his face to the light. "The earth is crammed with Heaven, And every common bush afire with God."

HINTS ON HEALTH

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Men from time immemorial have tried to abrogate this method of treatment by claiming to be the result of their own scientific investigations, but this is not true. I have told you that Divine Healing is the result of true faith brought about by applied psychology and discovered by mother's intuition, love and devotion.

Women should make the best healers if they only realize that they are naturally gifted and qualified for the purpose; they are endowed with Divine attributes and more able to manifest them in a higher degree than men for the reason of their qualifications for motherhood, their flexibility of character, sensitiveness and tenderness of heart; and even though they lack the physical strength of men they possess such firm determination and diplomacy

that often have saved a situation when men appear to be helpless. The reason is that man depends too much on himself. Men ask for no quarters nor give any. Men fight to their physical ability and strength while women think and pray for spiritual assistance.

The afflictions of the human race are not always physical, neither in origin nor in expression as often is the case that man may appear to be in a perfect condition of physical health and still be dangerously ill mentally, almost to the point of a general break-down due to overwork or failure to solve some important problem that stands in his way. He has thought himself sick and the harder he tries the more confused he becomes until the world seems black; he gets discouraged and throws up his hands and if a woman does not come to his rescue he will soon be ready for the undertaker; -such is man. Such cases only women can alleviate by their natural instinctive understanding, with their sympathetic encouraging words, by the gentle magnetic touch of their hands; they pacify the tension of that man's nerves and cause him to relax and let go.

A touch to the key has done the work; it has opened the avenues to the reservoirs of mental power. His body is being recharged with the vibrations of life. Things will change and he will soon be on the road of recuperation.

For a man to do this for another it will require special mental training on spiritual lines for the purpose, while any mother or wife will do it without any training at all as a natural expression of her love and desire to mitigate the suffering of those in whom she happens to be interested.

There are to-day institutions for the training of women on "how to take care of the body of the sick." I hope to see the time when these institutions will combine mental and spiritual training as well, which is of greater importance.

MISCELLANY NEWS

NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Judge Fred E. Stivers, president of the C.S.S.A., and

Harold P. Courtney, Treasurer of C.S.S.A., both of whom are trustees of the N.S.A. have been granted a leave of absence for the month of October to attend the National Spiritualist Association Convention at Boston, Massachusetts, October 15-19, 1929.

Rev. Florence Becker, Northern District Missionary of C.S.S.A., was the official delegate representing California at the National Convention.

Rev. Elizabeth R. Courtney, as is Rev. Florence Becker, is one of the appointed message bearers of the 1929 Convention. California is well represented considering the journey across the continent.

Registered—Associate Minister,—Mrs. Mae Nass, Wisconsin State Spiritualist Association.

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1929 WORKERS' MEETING

Judge Fred E. Stivers, president of the California State Spiritualist Association, has asked us to announce that the "Workers' Meeting of 1929" will be held on November 18th at which time tentative plans will be made that are of vital importance to every member and worker of the C.S.S.A. He has urged that all workers be present at that time to express their views on the issues for discussion.

In behalf of members who are interested enough in the cause to heed these rare occasions when we are called together, we are asking ALL WORKERS, if not actually confined to bed, to be present as a mark of courtesy to those who are "always there when something is doing." Last year we met as per official instruction and because of the small attendance the meeting had to be postponed until a later date thereby causing undue imposition on those who had to make the trip twice; some for a long distance. This is not necessary, and very unthoughtful negligence on the part of the absentee without a reasonable excuse.

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now, as at no other time in history, the sincere cooperation of every earnest worker to counteract the influence of those who are discrediting the beautiful philosophy which we represent. There is a solution to the problems which almost daily confront the honest medium, but these solutions must be worked out by the people themselves and at such times as we are urged to meet in conference at a Convention or Workers' Meeting.

Much good is accomplished by these meetings, and after such sincere expression as was given last year, all have a deeper understanding of the ambitions and ideals which motivate our spiritual and material activities. Let us not fail to be present on November 18th so that we may have these problems met and understood before the confusion of the holiday season.

Remember the date, November 18, 1929. THE PLACE will be announced in the November 15th issue of the Spiritualist Monthly.

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HEALERS ASSOCIATION MEETS

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The absence of the mortal body of our deceased late president, Rev. Mary C. Vlasek, was keenly felt, but her touch of love and kindness in the Spirit was manifested with such affiliation and reverence that the meeting was a big success. We are happy to know that she is still interested in us and will still be with us to guide and direct our efforts into constructive channels for the good of all humanity.

Her loyalty was personified in the work that she accomplished, and the powerful Spirit Forces that she attracted to us on that eventful evening, which again placed the Healers Association on a substantial and progressive basis of usefulness. She pleaded for loyalty to the organization and to the Spirit Guides.

Book Reviews

ATTAINING YOUR DESIRES

This new book by Genevieve Behrend has just been published by The Elizabeth Towne Co., Inc., at Holyoke, Mass. It presents a clear and definite system of Mental Science. It tells how the individual may unfold his own subconscious powers of attainment. The originator of the philosophy was the late Judge Thomas Troward, a well known English jurist. Some of the chapters are: "How to Get What You Want;" "How to Overcome Adverse Conditions"; "Strengthen Your Will"; "Making Your Subconscious Mind Work for You." The effects of prayer and faith are presented in a clear and convincing way.

"The fault, dear Brutus, lies not in the stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings." With this thought in mind, Mrs. Behrend has compiled a definite system of "Mind Science" by the use of questions and answers between herself, as only personal pupil, and Judge Troward as sage. It is written in a concise and logical manner which should prove invaluable to every seeker and student of the higher things of life.

We extend it a sincere recommendation as an incentive to material and spiritual success.

WHAT NEXT?

Through the pen of Ethel P. Hill, 817 Waterloo street, Los Angeles, Charles Norton, who previous to his demise held a highly responsible position in the affairs of the United States Government at Washington, D.C., has written one of the most captivating books of his experiences "in the land of the living dead" that has yet been added to the literature of Spiritualism. The value of "What Next?" as a Spiritualist textbook lies in the simplicity of its composition and the beauty of its detail. Both the artistic and intellectual faculties of the human nature have been appealed to by this advanced spirt who in a clear, concise manner has given his message of "eternal life" to the world.

"So many teachers make the mistake of trying to force spiritual truths upon unwilling listeners. This is worse than useless. Soul hunger must precede any spiritual satisfaction to be gained from any presentation of the truth. The appetite indicates a readiness for nourishment in the mental and spiritual life quite as much as the physical."

With this thought in mind, the author has not tried to force his experiences upon the world, but rather to relate them in an interesting manner to those whose soul hungers for the "food" they contain. This is the secret of the phenomenal success of "What Next?" which has attained world wide popularity, and which should be a part of every library.

In Our Morning Mail

An Open Forum for Our Wonderful Family of Subscribers and Friends

ON A TRAINING SCHOOL

Dear Mrs. Editor:

You have said "Our Real Need" when you say; "We should have Training Schools or Colleges with the vibratory influence of Spiritual teachers." Yes, Madam,—spiritual teachers only!

Having been a public school teacher for eight years, I hasten to say:—Let us acquire the fitness. The real need is Fitness to prevent future incongruities.

Let me add a prayer for twelve-noon each day, when we approach the Father with our request. (N. B. "The Foundation Stone Impregnable" for the growth of Spiritualism.)

Our prayer should be:—"Father, please send across my path, or your path, or across the path of one of the people who see the real need of a training school, the philanthropist who sincerely wishes to use his money for religious advancement, as Senator Leland Stanford planned while here on the earth plane." That philanthropist is somewhere waiting to make his purpose useful.

The psychic Senator, Leland Stanford, left money to put a 'Chair' in his college, Stanford University, to teach all branches of psychic phenomena. That chair is not there yet. I am led to believe that the Faculty, at Stanford University, under David Starr Jordan (President Emeritus) did not know how to plan to teach these higher Spiritual Laws. A man cannot teach chemistry if he has not studied chemistry. Have we got some one sufficiently trained in psychic phenomena that we could supply to that University if they should call on us? (Their method up to date, I presume, is pardonable.)

At the instigation of Spirit Leland Stanford through the trumpet, I wrote a letter to Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford before he entered President Hoover's cabinet, on this matter:—the misappropriation of the money at Palo Alto, California.

By studying the Laws of the different phases of psychic phenomena we get to solve the Mystery of Being. There are no mysteries to those who understand the Psychic Laws.

I saw in our press where Prof. Van Hook, of Northwestern University, Chicago, said before the Round-table, of medical men:—"We must include the Study of Occultism, Freudism, the Mystery of Death in our Curriculum. I believe from personal experiences at a few Spiritualistic seances that there are Phenomena in that realm that we should go into, etc., etc."

In one of our daily papers for July, 1929, there was a statement from Dr. E. C. Moore, Director of U.C.L.A., wherein he said that he would have Religious study in the University, if students would make their desires known. I wrote Dr. Moore a few of the "Facts of Psychic Phenomena" so that I could mention the negation of Senator Leland Stanford's wishes to date. Dr. Moore has already acknowledged that missive.

Stefansson, the explorer who has studied Theology, issued this statement in 1926, viz:—"Other churches will have to adopt 'Spiritualism' if they would continue to exist, etc., etc."

Are we ready to supply pastors who can give truths on the "Mysteries of Life" selflessly? Are we in need of training schools so that we can have this Truth given out as is now given by Rev. Etta S. Bledsoe, Rev. Elizabeth Courtney, Rev. Thomas Grimshaw and F. E. Stivers, K. C., president of C.S.S.A.

Born message bearers need training to get to be as capable as Rev. Florence Becker, Rev. Inez Wagner, Rev. John Slater and Rev. Elizabeth Courtney.

Gifted children of the "materialization branch" to be as true as were Maude Lord Drake, and Mr. Joe Johnson, whose equal is now in Los Angeles in the person of Mrs. Zulu Allyn, need training. Seekers are here waiting for the School of Phenomena.

These named, and all such good workers as these named, have trained themselves with sincere thought;—have been trained, I know, to become so efficiently capable as they show themselves to be on the public platform. We need to train the Ministers of the Truth for the future. Only the seriously determined can get anywhere; can succeed in this Spiritual School as "Masters." In many schools you have heard said:—"We want enough to get by." In this school there will be no getting by without the "Psychic Jewels."

Your style of gown is not what the spiritually hungry want to see;—they come to see the "gift from within." That will be the attraction. That gift will give to you, spontaneously, the money to build your churches. I wonder what kind of a gown Joan of Arc wore when she went to deliver the "message" to the King of France? Not one word about it—but what a colossal report about the Spiritual Message: so great that again in 1929 we hear of a monument and a million dollar mausoleum being built to her memory, the latter in Los Angeles, California.

Yes, we need a school with students classified to reach the harmony needed. Harmony is the sterling requisite for our spiritual prosperity in progression. Like will attract like! The Spiritual Teachers "eye" the detail of this secret. There is a magnetism that binds the birds that flock together. Each person will suit his or her circle adamantly. Love will dominate the Spiritual Teacher. She does not want to be a chestnut on her platform. She will be seeking to build a strong foundation.

When I was assembling people for a midnight "Easter Seance" (1929) I consulted my Spirit-guides through the trumpet. They selected the people for me.

When Mrs. Ethel P. Hill was selecting her first Circle for materialization, by automatic-writing, Spirit Charles Norton said he would do the choosing. He not only did the choosing, but named who should sit side by each. I was there.

How correctly the Spirit World sees the need of classification. Without this observance, the loss is paramount to production every time.

We need schools; we need love; we need harmony gotten only from the vibratory influence of Spiritual Teachers.

Mrs. Crossley, God bless you. Your paper is a monument to the Truth of Life. I am so glad you assumed the responsibility of taking over the Spiritualist Monthly.

HELEN TEMPLEMAN.

September 14, 1929.

A LAW AGAINST GOSSIP

My dear Mrs. Crossley:

I was deeply interested in an article you published in the June Spiritualist Monthly, "A Spiritualist and a Mason."

Having had the honor to be appointed one of the Democratic Legislative Committee for the State of California, I was conversant with the Bills for this session of the Legislature enactment. I knew the inclosed Senate Bill number 460. An act to add a new chapter of the Penal Code to be numbered chapter eleven, comprising sections 258 and 260, to the title eight of part one of said code relating to slander; was in the committee and had promise of passage. I waited until it was a law before I wrote you.

To my mind character assasination is despicable. I also know too many of our dear officers and members have suffered because of the venemous tongues of slander. Now thanks to those splendid men in our Senate and Assembly, we have at least a lasso to tie the tongues of the jealous and evil minds. No more slander when the perpetrators of such vile calumny are face to face with a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars or imprisonment in the County jail not exceeding one year.

This is the best thing that we have, and believe me I know one deeply interested in this Bill who will prosecute the first one who wilfully and with malicious intent injures another.

Lovingly,

MINNIE G. MAY.

EDITORIAL REMARKS

Once again man has had to formulate a law to protect himself through fear against the weakness of his unbrotherly attributes. When we think of the facts which motivated such a procedure by our State Legislature we are wont to smuggle a sigh, a pain deep within the soul of us. That mankind is not spiritual enough, not loving enough, or in the parlance of ordinary expression, "not big enough" to do what is right without constant whip lashes of the "Penal Code" to remind him of right, or punish him if in error, is something which prompts the question,—what manner of man are we?

Met with the stern reality of the gossip menace which can tear down in a few words that which has taken a life time to build, we realize that something must be done to arouse humanity out of the error of its ways; to save it from the evils resulting from the tongue promiscuously relaying an exaggeration of what the ears have heard or the mind has imagined.

Let the prayer of the "Thoughtful" be, that in the ranks of Spiritualism we may never have occasion to cast a shadow over us by the need of enforcing this law; that the cause for such may be eliminated through the wise application of our thoughts and words into constructive channels.

PROHIBITING SLANDER Senate Bill No. 460 CHAPTER 682

An act to add a new chapter to the Penal Code to be numbered chapter eleven, comprising sections 258, 259 and 260, to title eight of part one of said code, relating to slander.

(Approved by the Governor, June 4, 1929)

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A new chapter, to be numbered eleven, comprising sections 258, 259 and 260, is hereby added to title eight of part one of the Penal Code, to read as follows:

Chapter XI.

258. Slander is a malicious defamation, orally uttered, whether or not it be communicated through or by radio or any mechanical or other means or device whatsoever, tending to blacken the memory of one who is dead, or to impeach the honesty, integrity, virtue or reputation, or disclose the actual or alleged defects of one who is living, or of any educational, literary, social, fraternal, benevolent or religious corporation, association or organization, and thereby to expose him or it to public hatred, contempt, or ridicule. Every person who wilfully, and with malicious intent to injure another, utters any slander, is punishable by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Words uttered in the proper discharge of an official duty, or in any legislative or judicial proceeding, or in any other official proceeding authorized by law, shall be privileged and shall never be deemed a slander within the meaning of this section.

259.—The injurious utterance of slander is presumed to have been malicious save when it is a communication to a person interested therein, by one who is also interested, or by one who stands in such relation to the person interested as to afford a reasonable ground for supposing the motive for the communication innocent, or who is requested by the person interested to give the information.

260. In all criminal prosecutions for slander, the truth may be given in evidence to the jury, and if it appears to the jury that the matter charged as slanderous is true, and was uttered with good motives and for justifiable ends, the party shall be acquitted.

HEALERS' DECEMBER MEETING

The Spiritualist Healer's Association of California will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:45 Saturday evening, October 19th, at State Headquarters, 1401 South Berendo street.

Mediums and friends of the Cause are invited to attend these instructive and beneficial meetings. Come and receive mental and spiritual instruction for both yourself and Guiding Forces. If you attend one meeting you will come again.

Correspondent.

C. S. S. A. CHURCH NEWS

NOTICE TO CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES

Each Spiritualist Church and Society is entitled to 150 words of church news free in each issue; 3 cents a line thereafter. Church correspondents are requested to keep their own accounts and mail us the amount for "extra space" with their regular bills. We are pleased to print any reasonable amount of news, but it must be written in an interesting manner. Accounts payable monthly. Correspondents and writers see notice on Directory page.

BELVEDERE GARDENS

First Spiritualist Church-

Another month has passed and we are still having wonderful meetings during which we have had some remarkable healing demonstrations.

On September 15th, Mrs. Katherine Weiss of First Spiritualist Temple gave some excellent messages. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

On September 22nd we had with us as guest lecturer, Mr. L. Madison Norris who gave us a fine address. We look forward to having him with us again. Accompanying him was Mrs. Rosa Hyams who gave us some good messages which were greatly appreciated.

On September 29th Mrs. Lena Schenck, of the Church of Revelation, was with us and gave us readings from flowers.

Our Thursday Circles are getting larger and marked interest is being shown to the extent that we have had to hold our Circles in the church.

We soon hope to have our dear editor, Mrs. Crossley, with us again to give us one of her educational lectures.

Our pastor Mrs. Maude Clark, is giving us loyal service and all our members and friends are very appreciative of her efforts.

HOLLYWOOD

Spiritualist Science Church-

At this writing a cloak of sorrow lies over our membership for our beloved pastor, Rev. Mae Taylor, has been confined to her bed with a very serious illness, though she has now made promise of recovery. We are looking forward to having her in activity as our leader in the very near future, knowing her amazing faculty for sudden recovery from what to many would prove fatal.

Our faithful secretary, Mrs. Carrie Pierce, has also been on the sick list and confined to her bed. Her absence has keenly impressed us with her value as a church worker for we miss her greatly, and hope soon to have her on the "well and busy" list, as usual.

We have been fortunate to have with us so often, Rev. George Bunton, D.D., who has been delivering some eloquent addresses on Spiritualism. Dr. Bunton's presence in our ranks as a loyal Spiritualist worker is specially interesting because of his former associations as a minister of the Methodist church. coming into the ranks of Spiritualism he has attained prominence throughout the length and breadth of our country for the fine quality and eloquence of his lecture work.

We have been having the usual capacity attendance which promise of a greater increase with the cooler weather. We extend a cordial welcome to all sincerely interested in the finer portrayal of our philosophy and phenomena.

-Correspondent.

LONG BEACH

First Universal Spiritual Church-

We are sorry to state that our pastor, Mrs. Kathleen Foulke, is still unable to be present at the church but that she is much improved and trust that she will be in her place among us soon.

The month of September has given the people of Long Beach some of the best speakers and message bearers available. September 8th our editor, Mrs. Felicie O. Crossley gave a very instructive address to a large crowd. Mr. Jack Flemington of Huntington Park assisted Mrs. Crossley by giving the messages of the evening. Dr. Lee Howard spoke to an appreciative audience the evening of September 15th as only Dr. Howard can speak. Following Dr. Howard we had the pleasure of having Rev. Sophia Norton who conducted both services September 22nd. Rev. Norton gave a very instructive lecture following with her convincing messages. Sunday, September 29th we had an all message

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The regular workers of the church are working hard, with the healers busy all the time and the message bearers giving very convincing messages to the strangers that are attracted to us.

We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend our services.

> -Correspondent. LOS ANGELES

Church of Revelation-

September was a good month, with two occasions that deserve more than passing mention.

On Sunday evening the 22nd a large audience gathered to hear Joan Adamson of New York City, who gave, in abbreviated form, her brilliant lyceum lecture on Marriage. Dressed in a robe of blue and gold fashioned in ceremonial style, and wearing a large gold cross suspended from a long chain, she brought a touch of exotic occultism to a Spiritualist platform. She spoke with the diction, poise and force of one accustomed to address a critical but admiring public. Many audiences in Los Angeles ought to hear this lecture in its full length.

A poetic prelude to the lecture was the pretty church wedding which the pastor, Rev. Minnie Sayers, assisted by Dr. Howard, performed for Mrs. Helen Lowney and Mr. F. E. Doyle. The tiny granddaughter of the bride was ringbearer, and Mrs. Priestly sang the bridal solo. For many months Mrs. Lowney had read an original poem every Sunday night, and won a large circle of friends who wish her happiness in her new companionship.

A week later, on the 29th, there was a still larger attendance, approximating the record established by John Slater last winter. Judge and Mrs. Stivers, and many distinguished strangers were present. The special guest of honor was the Rev. Dr. James L. Gordon, internationally famous preacher, who recently came to Los Angeles-after three notable pastorates, in Winnipeg, Washington and San Francisco-to found an independent, metropolitan pulpit in one of the large theaters of the city. His presence was a mark of friendship for the speaker of the evening, Dr. Lee Howard, who had given the invocation at his theatre services the two previous Sunday mornings. A very strong attachment exists between the two men. Both are Congregational ministers who cherish their standing, while eager in the pursuit of psychic truth. Both are honorary alumni of the same college which at successive commencements a few years ago conferred upon them the degree of doctor of divinity. And both have the courage of their convictions.

After the invocation by Dr. Gordon, Dr. Howard gave the address, speaking on the question, "A Loyal Christian and a Candid Spiritualistcan one be both at the same time?" His answer was a reasoned affirmative; and then he raised the more searching question, can one who professes himself a Christian be considered "loyal" if he obstinately refuses to accept the facts with which psychical research is flooding the world?

Judge Stivers followed in a tenminute talk of warmly appreciative vein, and then asked Dr. Gordon to speak. His response, which was utterly impromptu, captivated everyone. He revealed the sincerity of his adherence to the central truths of Spiritualism. He declared that psychic power is as undeniable a fact in nature as electricity.

Then came what ought to be the crowning feature of every Spiritualist service, the demonstration of spirit return and spirit communion. Never was Mrs. Sayers more winsome or convincing. It was deeply interesting to Dr. Gordon, for although his sermons on psychic themes have often appeared in The Progressive Thinker, it was his first time at a Spiritualist service anywhere. He was most generous in his appreciation.

The Sunday evening speakers for October will be Dr. Howard on the 6th and 20th, and Dr. Austin on the 13th and 27th.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Lena Schenck president, will hold its annual bazaar on October 19th. Entertainment will be furnished by Miss Marjorie Lake and twenty-five of her pupils. The proceeds are for the building fund.

Mrs. Ballentine is receiving an enthusiastic welcome home after a long visit in Salt Lake City. Just as she returns Mrs. Jean Nottingham Shaw and husband leave for two months in Ohio.

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We extend to all Spiritualists, and truth seekers a cordial invitation to visit our Healing Center. Thanking you for all past favors.

Correspondent.

Central Spiritualist Church-

After a two months vacation the many members and friends of the Central Spiritulist Church assembled on Sunday, September 8th, to welcome the return of our beloved pastor, Rev. Elizabeth Courtney and our president, Harold P. Courtney. The day will long be remembered for the splendid church-family reunion which symbolized the occasion.

Our September services were well attended and the appreciative audiences attest the receiving of much mental and spiritual food from the lectures and messages. Our Healing and Message Circles are also doing a splendid work and many fine demonstrations in both phases are being made.

The Willing Worker's card party was both a social and financial success and is a splendid means of bringing our members and friends together in social contact which brings a deeper understanding to all.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Courtney left for another trip East on Sunday evening, September 29th, to attend the National Spiritualist Convention at Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Courtney is on the program as "message bearer," and Mr. Courtney as a delegate from California in the capacity of both C.S.S.A. and N.S.A. officer. We wish them a pleasant trip and a "speedy" return.

Correspondent.

First Spiritualist Temple-

With each month the program of month; and both she and our pastor always have a real message for the people.

On November 21, 22 and 23, the Sunshine Club is holding its Annual Bazaar and promises an interesting array of booths with articles of all kinds for sale. The program will include afternoon and evening demonstrations during which mes-

the Temple shows increased activity and new members are being attracted to us. Our pastor, Rev. Gertrude Hough, has proven to be a poised leader in guiding us out of the difficulties always accompanying a change in leadership. She has been giving some fine lectures, as has also our editor and member, Mrs. Felicie O. Crossley, whose work is always of a fervent, and instructive nature. She is with us the last Sunday of each

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Correspondent.

Spiritualist Temple of Light-

The members and friends of this church heartily welcomed our pastor, Rev. Mary Miller, home from her extended trip throughout the East where she was engaged in serving our Cause in many church and camp

associations. If the enthusiasm which accompanied our re-opening fall services continues throughout the winter, this is going to be a "banner year" for us.

Every Sunday evening during the month of October we will have with us, demonstrating her remarkable day-light trumpet gift, Mrs. Murphy Lydy from Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Lydy is well known throughout the East for her remarkable demonstrations and we feel fortunate in having her with us.

On Sunday, October 13, Mrs. Felicie O. Crossley has promised to be

with us as the lecturer of the evening, and as is her custom we are

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We welcome all to our services. Sincerely,

Correspondent.

SANTA BARBARA Spiritualist Temple of Light-

This church has its doors open to the public every Sunday, Thursday and Friday. Our meetings have been well attended during the summer months. We greet new friends at every meeting, giving them messages from their departed loved ones, teaching the philosophy of Spiritualism and carrying on the ministry of healing. We have added to our membership several new names.

Beginning with October class work starts again, and much will be accomplished. The ladies of the church are always busy on the last Friday of the month, when the occasion is social, with refreshments and circles. Recent visitors have been Mrs. Cora Collins and Mrs. Florence Hall of Los Angeles. The former gave some wonderful messages, while the latter instructed all by her clear, forceful and incisive address. Mrs. L. B. Forster of Santa Barbara gave her convincing work from the vibra-tions of the floral tokens. The good of humanity is our watchword.

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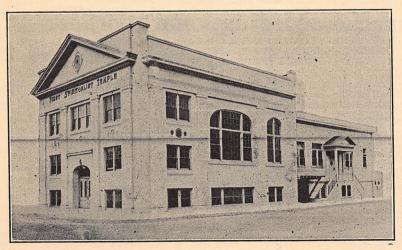
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