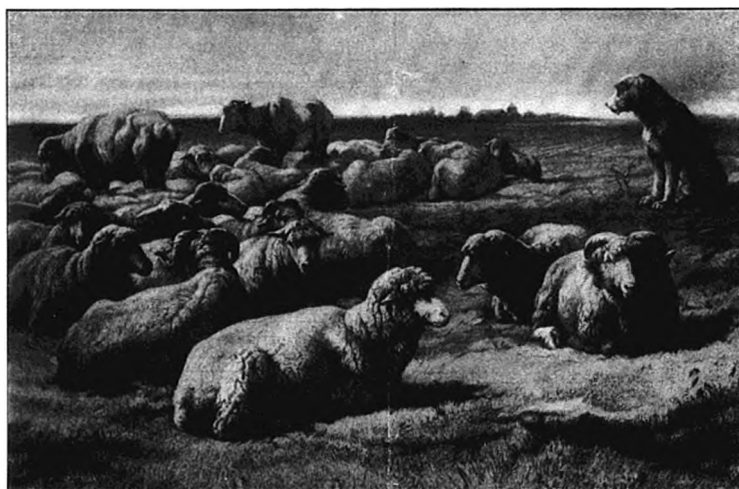


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Editorial Department

Corporal Punishment in Prisons.

H. C. HODGES.

The question is, "In what century are we living?" Is it the twentieth or are we still in the cruel ages of the past? Is it in Russia or the United States? One would suppose, from reading articles in the daily press concerning the methods of dealing with convicts in state prisons, that the dawn of the twentieth century and its progress were far from being realized.

We boast of our advancement in the fact that capital punishment has been abolished in some of the states; still we are permitting these cruelties to continue in prisons to the extent that men who have been subjected to them once would rather die than submit to them again. It chills the blood to think that such practices still exist in this country. The first blow struck upon the back of the convict is instantly known by every prisoner within the walls of the institution, and a spirit of revenge and revolt is kindled. Every such practice is degrading to the human mind, and it is the duty of our lawmakers to come to the rescue of those unfortunate creatures and put a stop to a further continuance of such barbarities.

It is claimed by one of the wardens of a Michigan prison that corporal punishment is necessary to maintain proper discipline in the prison of which he has charge. *In those prisons where these practices have been eliminated, proper discipline has been and is maintained*, greatly to the benefit of the convicts as well as the institutions in which they are confined. When will the world realize the power of kindness firmly exercised? If a dog is brutally used he bites; if you pat him on the head he wags his tail.

The object underlying all penal institutions should be to protect the public and at the same time bring about a reformation in the life of the criminal; but how can the latter be accomplished so long as these cruel methods are tolerated?

Every person who has any respect for the

rights of man should enter a protest against corporal punishment in our penal institutions. In many cases judges lack discretion by inflicting long terms of imprisonment upon offenders when shorter sentences with proper treatment would lead to better lives. There needs to be a reformation in this regard as well as in prison discipline.

We must trust in Man to save him.

Make him feel he is a Man;

Then the good that is within him

Strives to do the best it can.

But call him rascal, and we drive

Him from all goodness by the ban;

And the bad that is within him

Strives to do the worst it can.

In a general way the cruelties and barbarous treatment meted out in prisons, insane asylums, poorhouses and other institutions where people are unfortunately deprived of their liberty, should be supplanted by more intelligent and humane methods. There is also an opportunity for greater precaution in the treatment of patients in hospitals. It is the judgment of the writer that no serious surgical operation should be performed without first being pronounced necessary by a competent board of examiners.

Perfection is not the prerogative of man; diversity is the law of nature, no two human beings are exactly alike. Each individual placed under the ban of the law should undergo a scientific examination for the purpose of devising ways and means for developing the good that is in him; but this spark of goodness can never be cultivated through the practice of corporal punishment.

The Spiritual Baptism at Pentecost.

At a recent meeting of the Interdenominational Lenten services in the Detroit Opera House, Rev. Dr. Beals pronounced Pentecost one of the world's foremost events. He said further:

"The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Whole, just as the holy man is a whole man, not merely one who has an abnormal

development in the direction of religion. Whoever tries to separate men or promote the spirit of exclusiveness is sinning against the Spirit of the Whole.

"Second, this Spirit was the Spirit of Jesus. The qualities, dispositions, purpose that characterize His life are regnant in the universe, in spite of all appearances to the contrary, appearances we notice as we confine our attention to this little province.

"Third, this Spirit was the Spirit of Power. In its grasp the weak became strong and the timid brave. They felt the push of a resistless force and were transformed into flaming heralds.

"This should mean more to us than to them. It is the highest phase of the cosmic pressure that is behind and within the whole evolutionary process. Whoever is touched by this Spirit is impelled to bear witness and to work. He cannot rest until every man shall hear his message. He must fight and build until every enemy is conquered and the kingdom of truth and love everywhere established."

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The Law of Evolving Health and Happiness.

There are many people who are not bedridden but are performing their daily occupations under health conditions that are decidedly below par. They plod drearily through their tasks haunted by fears of poverty from inability to work; others, like the clocks on their walls, measure the hours with monotonous regularity accompanied by dull aches through the day and restless wakeful nights; cheerless vitality flows sluggishly through their veins and they know scarcely anything of the real zest of life and health.

These conditions may be readily overcome by such sufferers through methods similar to the following, if earnestly given a fair trial, and will prove beneficial to even the happier classes, who may also become more successful.

The first step toward better conditions should be taken with the food. The first meal you eat after reading this page may nourish and cheer you surprisingly if you

will relax your mind and body from the tension of hurry, anxiety or of despondency to one of passivity and freedom from care. Then as you partake of each morsel, masticate it thoroughly, taste its flavor and think a moment about the foods so abundantly provided by nature in countless varieties and the marvelous sustenance they contain.

Eat and drink deliberately, realize that water is a marvelous creation and so are you and that an all pervading wisdom created both. Let the water cleanse, refresh and nourish you as nature intended it should do. Let your food build your body to health, power and beauty as nature would do if not hindered by fear, anger, envy, hatred, dissatisfaction, hurry and worry. Such mental conditions act upon the digestive processes as would bandages worn upon a well arm, lest it should sometime be wrenched or injured. We know that its contour would become shriveled and its force weakened until it gradually became useless.

Psychic Fluids.

All organs of the body, however, are aided in performing their natural work by a calm, observing, grateful mental attitude while partaking of food; psychic fluids are released which assist assimilation. Cheerful, restful conditions should always prevail while performing the act of nourishing the body. Think about the food, how good it tastes and be thankful for it.

Work should be performed in the same mental attitude devoid of nervous haste or worry but with a feeling of gratitude for the "ability" and the opportunity to use it. Note the facility with which your hands move about your work, marvelous hands! Their construction and supple movements cannot be reproduced by man.

Note the power of your mind to guide your hands; a God-like power! thus diverting and uplifting your consciousness away from haunting fears and morbid discontent, to a plane of realization where latent happiness is stirred into activity and life will become brighter and burdens grow light.

Recreation should be imbued with the same consciousness of health, power and the spirit of gladness that is sure to follow

the willingness to "let nature do her perfect work."

Upon retiring at night relax the muscles, breathe deep a few times, mentally saying, "I am breathing in health, wisdom, power and abundance," and while your body is asleep the soul which never sleeps will continue the vibrations which your mind has set in motion.

These instructions are scientific, based upon immutable laws which work for the good of all and if intelligently and reverently followed each day, good health will diffuse itself throughout your physical body, latent capabilities will unfold and gradually the days will fly all too swiftly, freed from care and physical suffering because lived in harmony with the mysterious and powerful influence of the law of evolving life.

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The Man With The Torch

MABEL GIFFORD SHINE

The man with the torch stepped out into the world's highway. He held the torch now high, now low, and with strong strides he traveled the earth.

And I was there. And I followed him, to-wit., that I might discover what was his errand and whither he was bound. I accosted him: "Friend, what seekest thou?"

"Men," was his reply, pausing not in his swift flight.

"And may I ask what is thy business with men?"

Raising the torch on high he turned, and the steadfast look he bent upon me thrilled me. I saw that he was of wonderful stature, and that his garments were translucent as though he himself was a torch illuminating them. "Come and see," was his answer to my question. And I followed him.

He passed through a beautiful garden and entered a castle, where was a large

banquet hall filled with gay banqueters at feast. Holding high his torch in the midst of the revel, my companion gazed with the strong look he had bent upon me, into the faces of one and another at the banquet board.

No one appeared to note our arrival or to be aware of our presence until the torch-bearer paused beside a certain young cavalier, the gayest of the gay company at table. His laughter was suddenly arrested; a look of surprise overspread his countenance; following this came a look of pain. The glass, half way to his lips, fell with a crash, and the wine trickled from the cloth. The din of revelry was at its height and no one noticed. Hastily gathering his embroidered cloak about him he left the hall unheeded by the company. The man with the torch preceded him.

Out through the beautiful garden passed

the young cavalier, out into the highway. And the highway was deserted, for it was midnight. He passed his hand over his forehead, bewildered. Then he looked up at the stars. "What does it all mean, this empty life?" he cried. "Whither does it tend, and what is the end?"

He mused awhile, gazing at the stars, then, "There must be something better worth while; that I seek."

And the young cavalier traveled the earth, and always the man with the torch preceded him. Many a castle and mansion he visited, and everywhere was feasting and gayety. "What ghastly mockery of life!" he cried, and passed on.

And the man with the torch whispered, "To *wrest* is to *die*, to *give* is to *live*."

The cavalier paused and listened intently; the light of the torch illumined his face; we paused at the entrance of a grand cathedral and entered. We paced the dim aisles with bowed heads. The cavalier struck his hands together exultantly; "Here is life, here I will live," he said.

But the man with the torch passed on beyond the aisle to the altar, and beyond the altar to the robing room and beyond the robing room to the home of the priest. "Power and riches and corruption," cried the cavalier in scorn, "this is not life," and passed on.

The man with the torch entered the halls of fame, and his taper moved along the walls, lighting up the names written there. And the cavalier stretched out his arms and laughed joyously; "Here will I make my home," he said.

And we passed into a great forum, and there were men wrestling—and women. Each was striving to crush the other under his heel, and each one that went down built a mound that carried the others higher and ever higher.

And I looked to see toward what they were striving, and I saw a mountain peak white and cold, and at its summit a brilliant star. And we passed on to the mountain and found it but a shadow and the star tinsel, that caught its light from the eyes of the worshippers. And the cavalier hid his face in his cloak and sighed, "This is not life!"

And we entered a workshop. The workshop was filled with workmen. Each

workman was busy about something useful to the world. They had cheerful faces and were working with a right good will. "To give is to live," whispered the man with the torch.

And the cavalier looked about and about, and a look of great content dawned in his face. "Here I take my stand," he said, "and for this I will work."

And the man with the torch passed on to seek for other men. And I—I returned to my home, for my question was answered.



Dr. Carey says:

When men and women betray and desert you, go not down to the beasts for comfort and guidance, but rather look up to the angels.

Ingratitude and betrayal may be the means of our regeneration if we reach and climb up for help instead of descending to the animal plane. We are not helped by things below us but by aspiring to things above us. When the undeveloped person is thwarted in his desires, or his friends desert him, he goes into solitude, makes companions of a dog and a pipe and thus locks himself in the prison of animal grossness. When the wise man is betrayed by former friends he climbs upward to the way where there are no ravenous beasts—the way where they who have worked out their own salvation dwell.

The plane of dogs and tobacco is not the plane of adeptship.

If you are held down by poor or unsuccessful people who refuse to be enlightened and refuse to climb with you towards the sun-crowned peaks, cut loose from them and leave them with the burdens they refuse to cast off.

Nietzsche was right when he said: "Better that one should advance than that two should miserably fail. If my brother refuses to climb with me shall I too remain on the lowland and be submerged by the flood?"

Climb, and let those follow who will.

Crucifixion means retrogression. It is the voice of a standing prophecy that sacrifices do not pay. Gethsemane and purga-

tory for him who halts on his journey to the delectable mountains to try to help the dolt who can not see the highlands and will not believe that they exist.

When you know you are on the open road that leads straight out of the wilderness to the hills of freedom, travel on though you walk alone.



Let the past be dead, and forgotten,
With its darkness, mistakes and tears,
Look forth to a glorious future,
Filled with bright, and fruitful years.

Looking back no! never can aid you,
Regrets will but hold you in thrall;
The future is calling all brightness,
Then hasten to answer the call.

Let it lead you to heights all gladness,
Let it lead you to peace, and love;
Go, leave the valley of sorrow,
For joy on the mountains above.

—Estella Buhlinger.

You leave an impression with every thought you think. Like tiny rippling rills of water they steal unconsciously out to mingle in the Great Ocean of Thought on which mankind travels.—*M. Evalyn Davis.*



My Creed.

I believe in the Life Universal,
I believe in the Oneness of Life,
I believe in perfection of souls,
And the ultimate ceasing of strife.

I believe in the yearning of God,
In the Allness and grandeur of Love;
I believe in a heaven on earth,
Not afar-off, above.

I believe in the Beautiful,
In the Good and the True;
I believe in the Here and Now,
I believe in myself and in you.

I believe in Expression and Life,
And I hold that man's soul is divine;
For God is the soul of all things,
And God is your soul and mine.

—*Verne Dewitt Rowell.*

Optimism versus Pessimism

VICTOR DU BOIS.

The Century dictionary tells us that "A pessimist is one who exaggerates the evils of life, or is disposed to see only its dark side; one who is given to melancholy or depressing views of life."

When one sees a chronic pessimist coming the first impulse is to lock the door. If that is impracticable, the next impression is to get behind some one. His appearance is looked upon as a misfortune by the busy man; he is unwelcome to all but to those of his kind. There are many of him. He should have some leprous cry of warning at the approach of an optimist, for the protection of the latter.

Pessimism digs lines in our faces; paints sallow colors on our complexions, and gets ahead of nature in frosting our hair. It

is to be avoided as one would avoid any other pest; and the person who does not avoid such a mental condition must expect to be shunned.

A woman whose pastor asked after her health replied, dolefully: "I feel pretty well now; but I always feel bad when I feel well, because I know I'm going to feel worse by and by." There are many people who really cannot enjoy a beautiful day because they know there will be stormy ones.

The pessimist may reap a degree of success in any business; but he is like a man running a race with a great handicap; he would attain much greater success if he were free from this condition. He always sees business going to the bow-wows;

he always sees hard times coming; and, while he may succeed fairly well, his competitor with very much less ability, but with an optimistic disposition, will do as well or better. The pessimist sells his goods because people need them and must have them; the optimist sells them when men do not realize a need for them, and *have even decided not to have them*. The pessimist supplies men's needs and fulfills their desires; while the optimist awakens desires and creates needs.

It has been said that ill health, poverty and environment are causes of pessimism. This is the exception, not the rule. No matter what the condition of one's health, circumstances or environment, one absolutely need not be a pessimist. While any one of these may be the immediate cause, the ultimate cause is to be found deeper in the human make-up; but it can be eradicated. When we realize that mind is master, we can dominate and forever cast out all such defects of character.

Many think that every man's hand is turned against them, so they have soured against the world, believing it to be their natural enemy. They have no faith in human kindness or in friendship. They suspect every man of trying to "do them"—and they do; because we receive what we look for. The world they live in is what they make it. They sow pessimism and wonder why they reap it. The pessimist snarls at the world, and the world snarls back. He never seems to realize that he started the snarl, but prates of the injustice of the world, and the "inhumanity of man to man."

"The thorns which I have reaped are of the trees
I planted—they have torn me, and I bleed;
I should have known what fruit would
spring from such a seed."

The optimist, on the other hand, sees light through the darkest night: morning, sunrise all glorious with color; noon, bright with noonday radiance; evening, resplendent in rich purples and gold of sunset—these are indelibly photographed on his mental vision, rather than the darkness of the night that he is temporarily passing through. An optimistic old lady was heard to exclaim: "If it hadn't been for them

blessed to-morrers, I never could've stooden it to-day!"

In all calamities the optimist declares, "It might have been so much worse"; in all perplexities, he *knows* there is some way out—and he proceeds to find it. As he looks for the best it comes to meet him, attracted by his attitude. He believes and affirms—yes—but he also goes toward prosperity, meeting it half-way.

The optimist who loses his position, sits down smilingly and waits for another one to turn up, believing that "his own will come to him" *without any effort on his part*, is running a great risk of being without a position for some time. That is foolhardiness, not optimism. He only has a right to colossal optimism, in such a case, who is willing to roll up his sleeves, if need be, and earn a right to his attitude. The optimism of the shiftless; of the one who will not work, if he can work others; the optimist who believes everything will come out right, *without any effort on his part*; and the one who only makes a listless effort, because he is being watched, are just as much to be shunned as the pessimist. They have one redeeming feature; they are cheerful.

There are many times when one must "stand and wait." There are times when one must obey the injunction, "Having done all, to stand"; but it is *after having done all*, not before.

It is certain that there is hope while life lasts, and the optimist sees that hope ahead. Though all the misfortunes in the calendar come to him, he rises above them and struggles cheerfully on, keeping the hope of ultimate victory just ahead—the indelible mark of a brave spirit. Optimism will blast a hole through trouble large enough to get out; it will tunnel its way through great rocks of discouragement and despair.

The true optimist is not, as claimed by some, unbalanced; but he is perfectly normal. He is not visionary; but truthful; not a builder of air-castles; but a man of action.

One sometimes finds an optimistic spirit where one least expects it. The story is recalled of an old woman who lived in a cold, bare attic room, devoid of all comfort. A friend called and was surprised at

her cheerfulness. Upon inquiry as to why she was so happy under such adverse conditions, she replied:

"I have two teeth left, and they hit!"

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Let Go.

By Bertha De Wolf James.

Could we tense Americans carry these two little words, "let go," into our lives, incorporating them in mind and body, a marvelous change would be wrought, spiritually, mentally, physically and materially.

Many striving most intensely to live the spiritual life seem to assume omnipotence in that they will not be led by the gentle spirit of love, taking time to relax and listen, but give their own wills full sway, when, too often, the peacock in man comes strutting to the front, demanding to be seen and felt above others, bringing only heartburnings and failure where true happiness and peace should exist.

Jesus, conceded by all to be an ideal man (if not divine), left this message: That He came into the world to bear witness unto the "Truth" that we should do nothing of ourselves; He would send the "Spirit of Truth" and He would "bring all things to our remembrance and teach us all things." Other teachers are willing to assume that the world did not "happen by chance." How can we receive instruction unless willing to let go long enough to relax to infinite mind for instruction?

Why can we not let go before the loss of loved ones, health, social position or financial disasters overtake us and grieve and chasten our souls into relaxation to seek happiness and health from within?

In Nature, God's counterpart, the rotting bulb and seed show relaxation, and most beautiful and beneficial results come forth.

Can we not accept the lesson of patient growth?

So many "thrifty people," "good housekeepers" and "business managers" are constantly reaching out and hanging on to the possible future and its "rainy day," instead of living in the now, and trusting to the divine within and present blessings for happiness. This is a mental strain, and its harm upon mind and body cannot be estimated.

Each day in our busy world brings enough joy and sorrow to fill it without crowding in more.

Give away the old clothes you intend to make over. Imagine yourself as at least rich enough to help someone poorer than you are.

Let go. Let your "soul be fat." Forget that a "rainy day" may come.

Trust! Have faith! Enjoy!

Let go of fear when you eat.

Don't be a glutton, but give Nature a chance, and indigestion will seek someone who has less sense.

You overanxious parents, let go of your children. Half their resistance is because they don't want to be "bossed," and is the stirring of the personal divine within themselves seeking a chance to grow.

Let go of your past illness as well as your children and other loved ones. Don't live it over, calling forth harmful as well as unbeautiful pictures on memory's walls.

Let go the slights and wrongs, imagined and unimagined.

Let go the worries about the future which, no doubt, will never materialize, then hustle in the present with renewed force that has not been wasted by useless tension.

Let go the possession of material things until they really possess you. When relatives pass on, don't worry because you fail to receive your portion. Worse still, don't "contest the will."

There is plenty left in God's world, and all that pain and useless heartache for yourself and others may be avoided if you will only think so.

Let go of your business when you come home at night. Give your poor tired brain a chance, and don't distress your wife, who has cares of her own, by relating the unpleasant financial matters that have come up during the day while you force yourself to live them over again.

In Nature, which is God's object-lesson and emanation, we can always go to school, for there is no graduation; and in Nature we find the greatest factor for growth in beauty and blessing to mankind in the inactive, passive, just plain dirt.

It brings forth everything to charm the senses of man and also gives him his sustenance.

The beauty of the flower, pleasing his eyes with shape and color and instilling its sweet fragrance into his brain, the lowliest herb, the grains, the luscious fruits and all the verdure of the earth with its grand forests, restful meadows and tropical jungles overflowing with color and life, draw their supply from this relaxed, restful source.

As the beautiful spring days draw on, when one feels all the wonderful result of the passive winter bursting forth into charming effect of bud, blossom, fruit and life itself, let us take time to let go and absorb the lesson placed before us.

Let us passively relax on old earth's bosom. Just on the common(?) dirt, and with God's sunshine over and within us we can grow to such a stature that we shall surely become "Sons of God."



A Characteristic of Great Men.

"So far as I have encountered them," said a citizen of the world, "a characteristic of great men is that they have time. They are not in a hurry; their work does not boss them, but they boss their work. They do not act as if every minute you stayed

was valuable time lost to them; they do not fret and fidget. What time they do devote to you appears to be time they can spare and take things easy in and be comfortable. The work seems to be incidental, and it seems as though they could turn to it when the time came and get through, besides, to have strength in reserve. It is a characteristic of the great man that he has time."—*Popular Therapeutics*.



I Know Not Why.

VERNE DEWITT ROWELL.

I know not why the golden sun
Streams ardent from the summer sky,
Nor why unbridled lightnings flash;
I know naught of the reason why.

I know not why the gentle rain
To fruitage woos the fertile soil;
Nor why the rushing torrents break
O'er monuments of human toil.

But this I hold, that God is Love,
And through all things, some plan Divine
Leads ever on to better things,
This wild and restless heart of mine.
London, Ont.

Stellar Science Department

Were You Born in the Sign Aries?

By H. C. HODGES.

If you were born between the 21st of March and the 19th of April, the sun was in the Zodiacal sign Aries.

Aries people are sensitive, proud, self-willed, but are usually well poised in demeanor and affable to friends and strangers. They make true friends, are generous and tolerant of faults in others.

When an Aries individual says that he will do any one thing, it is apt to be accomplished, no matter at what odds, or under what difficulties. In this respect, there is inclination to undertake at tremendous odds to accomplish what their better judgment tells them to be unwise.

Aries people are also students and philosophers even though they may be deprived of the advantage of education.

The sun in Aries contributes to health, vitality and length of life; gives strength of will, energy, activity, self-confidence, inclined to rashness.

Some kind of responsibility falls upon the natives of this sign, for they are capable of directing others, whether they move in humble spheres or more public ones, according to the position in the individual natal charts.

These people are fond of travel, are very enthusiastic, sometimes militant and should overcome a tendency to being intolerant of opposition.

Those who recognize any of the above characteristics in themselves, or friends,

born in the sign Aries, may also note the influence of the moon in modifying or intensifying, or even counteracting them according to the position of the moon in the natal chart of one who was born with the sun in Aries. The moon's movements are so much more rapid than that of the sun, that it changes its position many times while the sun is still in the sign Aries.

For example, if the moon were also in Aries at time of birth, there would be intense mental activity, increased self reliance, in fact an abundance of self conceit.

The moon in Taurus would give better judgment, more determination, fixed in opinions even to the point of stubbornness.

If the moon was in Gemini, the nature would be more expansive and stronger in mental expression.

The moon in Cancer would indicate a very finely sensitive nature, retentive in memory and although initial, seldom relying upon its intuitions.

The moon in Leo would give larger sympathies, philanthropic, but often too proud for their own good.

With the moon in Virgo the critical faculties would be more noticeable, giving a logical, scientific mind, inclined to use too much discrimination; and so on through all of the signs will be observed the marvelous variety of color and tone expressed in each individuality according to the position of the moon and other planets in the natal charts.



Aries: "The Lamb of God."

By DR. GEORGE W. CAREY.

March 21 to April 19.

Astrologers have for many years waited for the coming discovery, of a planet to rule the head or brain of man, symbolized in the "Grand Man" of the heavens by the celestial sign of the zodiac, regnant from March 21st until April 19. This sign is known as Aries—the Ram or Lamb.

Prof. L. E. Johndro of Rochester, N. Y., has for several years declared that a ruling planet for Aries would be discovered. Prof. Johndro has delved more deeply into the chemistry of astrology, than any astrologer of the present day.

A noted astronomer has recently an-

nounced the discovery of a new planet; and at a most peculiar juncture in the religious and scientific world. Angles of planets cause effects or influences; the Priesthood of the middle ages, wishing to control the ignorant masses, personified the influence of planetary aspects, positions or angles, and transposed the letters so they spelled *Angel*; upon this one "slipped cog" the stupendous frauds of Ecclesiasticism were built.

With the false teachings of the Church ingrained into the fibre of the brain of man, is it strange that for years before the advent of a new planet with its added *angle* (influence) that the brain cells of Earth's inhabitants should be disturbed, as the effects of the coming storms disturb the fluids and mechanism of the weather forecaster's laboratory?

The coming of Christ and end of the world has been preached from every street corner for several years, and thousands, yea, millions, are pledging themselves to try to live as Christ lived or according to their concept of His life.

No great movement of the people ever occurs without a scientific cause.

In ancient lore Aries was known as the "Lamb of God," or God, which represents the head or brain. The brain controls and directs the body and mind of man. The brain itself, however, is a receiver operated upon by celestial influences or *angels* (angels) and must operate according to the directing force or intelligence of its source of power.

Man has been deficient in understanding because his brain receiver did not vibrate to certain subtle influences; the dynamic cells in gray matter of nerves were not finely attuned and did not respond—hence sin, or falling short of understanding.

The looked for Christ has "appeared in the heavens" the "Lamb of God" (the ruler of Aries) that will give *Judgment* and understanding to the race and thus bear away their sins, of ignorance.

Contemporaneous with the startling events in the heavens and the religious systems of earth comes the great healing movement, with Bio-chemistry as the central figure.

From the teachings of the Chemistry of Life we find that the basis of brain or

nerve fluid is a certain mineral salt known as potassium phosphate, or Kali Phos.

A deficiency in this brain constituent means "sin" or a falling short of judgment or proper comprehension. With the advent of the Aries Lord, God, or planet, cell-salts, are rapidly coming to the fore as the basis of all healing. Kali phosphate is the greatest healing agent known to man, because it is the chemical base of material expression and understanding.

The cell-salts of the human organism are now being prepared for use while poisonous drugs are being discarded everywhere. Kali phosphate is the especial birth salt for those born between March 21 and April 19.

These people are brain workers, earnest, executive and determined—thus do they rapidly use up the brain vitalizers.

The Aries gems are amethyst and diamond.

The astral colors are white and rose pink.

In Bible alchemy Aries represents Gad, the seventh son of Jacob, and means "armed and prepared"—thus it is said when in trouble or danger "keep your head."

In the symbolism of the New Testament, Aries corresponds with the disciple Thomas. Aries people are natural doubters until they figure a thing out for themselves; as Thomas must needs examine the body of Jesus before he would believe in materialization.

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New York and Fortune Telling.

In regard to the hundreds of arrests for "fortune telling" in the city of New York, the following extract will be useful. "What is fortune telling?" Every magistrate seems to have a different idea!

"New York Sun," April 4th, 1901.

"The State Legislature by a vote of 26 to 15 passed Senator Wagner's bill aimed at 'fortune tellers.' The bill takes effect January 1st next (1902) and provides that a person who practices clairvoyance, palmistry or fortune telling by any art, device or method whatsoever is guilty of a misdemeanor.

"The bill does not apply to persons en-

gaged in the practice of practical astrology or psychology nor to the legitimate practice of any religious sect or denomination, nor to any incorporated scientific educational institution."

Now what is fortune telling? No one seems to know!

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February 11, 1911.



The Outlook for April, 1911.

By FREDERICK WHITE,

President National Astrological Society of the United States, also Editor of the Adept, Crystal Bay, Minn.

The New Moon for April occurs on the 30th of March at 6:17 a. m., the Full of the Moon on April 13th at 8:36 a. m., Chicago standard time. At the time of the New Moon, the Sun is 9° in the sign Aries applying to a sextile of Mars, the sign Aries is ascending, therefore Mars is a significator for the coming month, and the Sun and Moon being in a good aspect, indicates a favorable month ahead for business, etc., general contentment of the people.

The Spring begins with this New Moon and with Saturn in Taurus, an earthy sign, and Uranus in Capricorn, also an earthy sign, the outlook is favorable for fairly good crops, although the strong aspect of Jupiter and Saturn indicates that the season may be somewhat like 1910, uneven and scattering moisture, parts of the country being very good and other parts being quite barren.

Jupiter retrograding to an evil aspect of Saturn is an indication of conflicting elements among the politicians, such as will affect prices to some extent, during the next few months, probably cereals being inclined to seek a lower level in price, and stocks also affected off and on; those who speculate will do well to be careful and take the short side after any of the markets have had small advances, during April, May and June. However, I consider April quite favorable for starting new business, and for any reasonable changes by the

average individual; those who are making permanent investments will do well to look carefully to the titles of the real estate that they invest in, and be careful that contracts, deeds, etc., are made out correctly, as the aspect of Jupiter and Saturn is a tricky one that often causes contention a time after the aspect is passed in such matters as were started under the aspect.

The month of April as well as the coming six months, is a period when there will be a great deal more travel, many making changes of location, seeking new homes, etc., than is common. The last half of April is not as favorable for making changes as the first half, the Sun passing a strong aspect of Uranus about the 21st of April indicates excited times in speculative markets and quite unusual weather.

The Days for April, 1911.

1st. Good till noon, then changeable and uncertain.

2d is active and generally favorable for all reasonable changes, asking favors, etc.; a good Sunday.

3d. Is uncertain, but even.

4th. Is generally good, but a quiet and uneventful day.

5th. Is quite favorable for business, employment, dealing with old people.

6th. Active and changeable; avoid risks, but be energetic and push affairs.

7th. A bad aspect of Sun and Moon at 2 p. m., is very deceiving, use care.

8th. Good aspect of Sun and Moon at 8 a. m.; is active, and generally good.

9th. Sunday; no aspects of importance; is very good for Sunday affairs.

10th. Good aspect of Moon and Neptune. Is active, generally good.

11th. A good aspect of Uranus and Moon at noon; is generally good.

12th. Moon applying to bad aspects; be cautious, avoid risks.

13th. Full Moon, unfavorable for risks, changes, etc.

14th. Moon opposite Saturn at 4 p. m.; is deceiving, evil, uncertain.

15th. Moon trine with Neptune 2 p. m.; is active, good; buy, push business.

16th. Sunday; Spring begins; generally good, but quiet.

17th. No close aspects; is even and good, but quiet.

18th. Moon trine to Sun 6 p. m.; is fortunate generally; push affairs.

19th. Moon trine to Saturn 4 p. m.; is generally favorable; deal with the old.

20th. Moon opposite Neptune 2 p. m.; be careful; avoid risks; sell.

21st. Last quarter of Moon noon; is changeable and uncertain; sell.

22d. Moon square to Jupiter at 10 a. m.; is active, changeable; be careful.

23d. Sunday; no close aspects; is good for all Sunday affairs.

24th. Moon sextile to Saturn at noon; generally good; buy.

25th. A generally good day; push affairs.

26th. A good day; no close aspects.

27th. Moon square to Neptune 10 a. m.; is uncertain and changeable.

28th. Moon sextile to Mars 2 p. m.; is generally favorable.

29th. Moon sextile to Neptune noon; is fortunate generally; buy.

30th. Sunday; no close aspects; a generally good day, but quiet.

Sirius

STUART ARMOUR

Astrological students are prone to keep their eyes glued to books and are likely to overlook the beauties of the stellar realms about which they prate so much and usually have so little real personal knowledge of outside of what they glean from their beloved astrological text books. Because the stars are there every evening we all seem

to take the beauty of the heavens quite as a matter of course. As Emerson put it, "If the stars should appear one night in a thousand years, how would men believe and adore and preserve for many generations the remembrance of the city of God which had been shown?"

On clear winter nights there is no more

beautiful object than Sirius, the Great Dog Star, which rises after the constellation of Orion. Garrett P. Serviss, in "Astronomy with the Naked Eye," writes, "Look directly towards the south at nine o'clock in the evening in the middle of February, and you will see the brightest of all stars—Sirius, the Dog Star. It is situated about sixteen and a half degrees south of the celestial equator, and is the leader of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog.

 . . . 'In his fell jaw
Flames a star above all others with sear-
 ing beams
Fiercely burning, called by mortals Sirius.'
—*Aratus*.

"The name of this magnificent star has been derived by some from the Greek word (meaning) 'sparkling' or 'scorching'; by others from the Egyptian Osiris; by Dupuis from the Celtic word Syr. All readers of the Iliad will recall the passage in which Achilles is likened to this star as he rushes across the plain of Troy to encounter Hector at the gates:

'Him the old man Priam first beheld, as he sped across the plain, blazing as the star that cometh forth at harvest time, and plain seen his rays shine forth amid the hosts of stars in the darkness of the night, the star whose name men call Orion's Dog.'

"It is impossible to be guilty of exaggeration in speaking of the splendid beauty of Sirius. Its radiance is as indescribable as that of a great diamond; it stands in a class by itself as far as magnitude is concerned. It has a hundred moods, according to the state of the atmosphere. Sometimes, when the air is still, the star burns with a steady white light, unflickering, like a core of electric fire; then, as invisible atmospheric waves flow over it, its rays spread and leap and flutter, breaking into keen prismatic darts that almost cause the eye to wince. By turns it flames, it sparkles, it glows, it blazes, it flares, it flashes, it contracts to a point of intensest brilliance or expands into a coruscating spectrum. There is some evidence for thinking that two thousand years ago its prevailing hue may have been red. From its cross-motion in space it has been calculated that six hundred centuries ago it

was on the eastern border of the Milky Way; now it is on the western border.

'Since Sirius crossed the Milky Way
Full sixty thousand years have gone,
Yet hour by hour and day by day
This tireless star speeds on and on.

'Methinks he must be moved to mirth
By that droll tale of Genesis,
Which says Creation had its birth
For such a tiny world as this;

'To hear that One who fashioned all
Those solar systems tier on tiers,
Expressed in little Adam's fall
The purpose of a million spheres!

'On planets old, ere form or place
Was lent to earth, may dwell, who knows?
A godlike and perfected race
That hails great Sirius as he goes.'

—*E. W. Wilcox*.

"The spectrum of Sirius is typical of a class known as the Sirian stars, which include, perhaps, half of all that is visible, and which are characterized by a brilliant white color and broad absorption bands, indicating the presence of enormous quantities of hydrogen. They are believed to represent a relatively early stage of solar evolution, so that Sirius is to be regarded as a youthful giant among the suns. . . .

"Those who find a prophecy of the coming of the reign of Christ in the constellations have made much of Canis Major. Novidius called it the Dog of Tobias. Dr. Seiss claims that it represents the Messiah Himself, 'the Appointed Prince.' He has a curious passage in which he derives the name Sirius from the word *Seir*, meaning 'Prince' or 'Guardian,' and then connects this with '*Naz-Seir*,' found in an Egyptian zodiac. Thus he arrives at the word '*Naz-seir-ene*,' whence '*Nazarene*,' and lo! an explanation of the much-discussed origin of the prophecy that Christ should be called a Nazarene!

"In Egypt the Dog Star was regarded as the celestial forerunner of the annual flood in the Nile, announcing the coming of the waters by rising just before the sun. Mr. Lockyer has found seven Egyptian temples which were so oriented as to receive upon their altars the rays of Sirius

rising. In the famous zodiac of Dendera, Canis Major appears in the form of a cow carried in a boat. It was also represented as the goddess Sothis, and bore likewise the names of Isis, Osiris, and Thoth. As the 'Nile star,' Sirius was worshipped under the name of Sihor. Its supposed influence in causing the annual flooding of the river is indicated in the zodiac of Dendera by overflowing urns."

F. Marion Crawford made it the Star of "Mr. Isaacs."

Not only in ancient writings but in modern we find constant reference to this star, and the late F. Marion Crawford made it the star of the principal character in his novel "Mr. Isaacs."

"Isaacs paused a moment, and drew in two or three long breaths of smoke. 'Do you see that bright star in the south?' he said, pointing with his long jewel-set mouthpiece.

'Yes. It must be Sirius.'

'That is my star. Do you believe in the agency of the stars in human affairs? Of course you do not; you are a European: how should you? But to proceed. The stars, or the fates of Kali, or whatever you like to term your kismet, your portion of good and evil, allotted me a somewhat happier existence than generally falls to the share of young slaves in Roum. I was bought by an old man of great wealth and of still greater learning, who was so taken with my proficiency in Arabic and in writing that he resolved to make of me a pupil instead of a servant to carry his coffee and pipe, or a slave to bear the heavier burden of his vices."

And then "Isaacs" proceeds to describe the utter destitution he had arrived at before meeting this benefactor. "At evening I bathed in the tank of a temple, full from the recent rains, and I lay down supperless to sleep on the steps of the great mosque.

"As I lay on the hard stones I looked up to my star, and took comfort, and slept. That night a dream came to me. I thought I was still awake and lying on the steps, watching the wondrous ruler of my fate. And as I looked he glided down from his starry throne with an easy swinging motion, like a soap-bubble settling to the earth

"The star came and poised among the branches of the palm-tree over the tank, opalescent, unearthly, heart shaking. His face was as the face of the prophet, whose name is blessed, and his limbs were as the limbs of the Hameshaspenthos of old. Garments he had none, being of heavenly birth, but he was clothed with light as with a garment, and the crest of his silver hair was to him a crown of glory. . . . then

he looked on me and said: 'Abdul Hafiz, be of good cheer. I am with thee and will not forsake thee, even to the day when thou shalt pass over the burning bridge of death. Thou shalt touch the diamond of the rivers and the pearl of the sea, and they shall abide with thee, and great shall be thy wealth. The sunlight which is in the diamond shall warm and comfort thy heart; the moonlight which is in the pearl shall give thee peace in the night-time, and thy children shall be to thee a garland of roses in the land of the unbeliever.' Then I awoke and saw him again in his place far down in the horizon, and he was alone, for the dawn was in the sky and the lesser lights were extinguished."

The events of the following day are then described which led up to the final meeting of "Mr. Isaacs" with his venerable patron.

Glory Renown and Great Wealth.

Sirius in these northern latitudes rises with the sign Leo though its ecliptical position during this year is about 12° 51' Cancer and its R. A. 100° 18'.

"Science and Key of Life" gives its nature as similar to that of Moon and Jupiter with Mars. Nearly all text books concur in stating that when prominently placed in a nativity it confers "glory, renown and great wealth," and if my memory serves me right Dr. Simmonite says that the wealth will come from metals and minerals of the earth. I do not know whether F. Marion Crawford was ever a student of astrology but it is significant that he should describe this character "Mr. Isaacs" as one who had made an immense fortune in the buying and selling precious stones!

It is well for all of us to study the literature and mythology of the stars as well as their actual appearance and places in the sky, otherwise we are likely to degenerate into mere dry-as-dust bookmen with no real appreciation of the beauty and poetry

of the subjects of our study, for to quote again from "Astronomy with the Naked Eye": "Make the acquaintance of Polaris, Sirius, Arcturus, Regulus, Vega, Spica, Rigel, and they will be always with you on your mundane way, never leaving you alone and unfriended. He who knows the stars and constellations carries the map of the world in his head. He has a book older than Homer always open before him. He is in a gallery of pictures containing the masterpieces of the human imagination when the world was young and thought untrammelled. The mere names of the

ancient constellations captivate the mind. Who can look unmoved upon Andromeda, chained, and Perseus, with diamond sword, speeding to her rescue; or upon Orion, lifting his starry club to meet the Bull, charging headlong down the curve of the zodiac? It is a felicity to know Sirius, that great prismatic star that awed the ancient land of the Nile at his rising, and in whose honor immense temples, the oldest in the world, were erected; or Arcturus, whose power and beauty inspired the poet Job."

February 18th, 1911.

Psychic Research

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The Credulity of Skepticism.

Prof. James H. Hyslop.

The following consists of extracts from an editorial in the Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research, February, 1911, page 133. We regret that lack of space prevents publishing it entire.

When psychic research started its work it had to meet universal incredulity and ridicule for its interest and patience. That apparitions, thought transference, dowsing, clairvoyance, premonitions, mediumistic phenomena purporting to represent communications with the dead, or even subconscious mental action, should receive serious scientific attention was regarded as preposterous. The skeptical mind, saturated with several centuries of physical science, simply shouted in contempt at the effort to regard them as anything more than chance coincidence or hallucination or fraud, as the case might be. * * *

Take an illustration. When it was proposed to ascertain whether apparitions of living or deceased persons occurred often enough to exclude chance coincidence from their explanation we were constantly told by the skeptic that they were all hallucinations, illusions, products of the imagination and our fears, or illness, a bad liver,

too much mince pie, or a hundred other imaginary causes. He never took the trouble to ascertain whether imagination or fear were capable of producing such effects. He had no scientific knowledge of these imaginary causes. He simply thought it sufficed to present them and the human mind would accept his self-complacently assumed authority and retire to silence. He could never see that it was precisely to determine whether his own assumptions were legitimate that the inquiry was set afoot. Railing at mediaeval dogmatism and superstition he was simply resorting to them in this field and betraying as much credulity and prejudice as could be suspected in the persons whom he criticized.

When you prove to him that it was not fear in any case he is confident that it was imagination. When you prove that imagination could not do it he is sure that a full stomach or a bad liver is the cause. When you prove it is none of them he bobs up as confident as ever that it is chance, and when this is refuted he is just as sure as ever that it is telepathy or some other conjured product of his fancy. It is never what it claims to be. It is everything but the most natural explanation. It is anything but what will require a revision of his prejudices.

Telepathy.

At first telepathy was nonsense. It was impossible that ideas should be communicated from mind to mind without normal sense perception. Science had presumably settled that fact. Chance coincidence presumably explained all the facts alleged in favor of supernormal connection between mind and mind and it was preposterous to suppose such a thing. But when facts came forward that superficially suggested the existence of discarnate spirits either communicating by means of apparitions or through mediums it was quite easy to believe in telepathy. No more evidence was forthcoming than before, but it was quite a respectable belief in comparison. It could be gulped down without evidence now. *It was no longer credulity to believe in telepathy, but a mark of deep scientific insight and knowledge.* What had all along been contrary to established scientific truth, absurd, superstitious, impossible, etc., was now the easiest thing in the world to swallow and the man who believed in anything more natural was simply prejudiced, credulous, unscientific and simple-minded. All the while that he was thus shifting his position he never suspected that he too had as violent prejudices as the poor inquirer he treated so contemptuously. The more he changed his position the more he remained the same, and expected with every shift that he made that we should still continue to respect his judgment for knowledge of the subject. * * *

Apparitions.

Apparitions are absurd if you think they are anything but fear or imagination or chance. But if you prove that they are none of these you save your face by maintaining that they are useless for any practical purposes. Your skeptic is always right, even when he admits he is wrong. When he can prevent you from believing that a thing is true he thinks he has wisdom on his side. When you prove it is true, he says it has no importance anyhow, and is as self-complacent as before.

The same course is gone through in connection with telepathy and mediumistic phenomena. At first spirits are absurd, contrary to science. Then if you make out a reasonable case for them they are not

important or their communications are trivial. When this is explained they are of no use to life and ought to be disregarded as if they did not exist. In any case the *skeptic must never surrender*. He must believe in the infallibility of previous knowledge and the finality of allegiance to it. Only one thing he must never do and that is to admit that he has changed his position, no matter how much he does so in fact.

I am not going to exempt belief from the same faults, or at least the liability to them. We do not have to choose between belief and denial. There is the alternative or ignorance which is quite as honorable, where unavoidable, as knowledge or the claim to illegitimate knowledge can possibly be. Our first duty is to be frank with ourselves and others and not to evade issues.

I accept the naturalness of skepticism about any of the claims to the supernormal. The reaction against the ideas of the middle ages and the established knowledge of physical science create a natural and legitimate standard for measuring the probabilities of anything new and transcending them, whether it be telepathy or something less respectable. But it is only a measure of probabilities. This knowledge has no dogmatic limits. It is only human experience and that is never a finality, *pace* Kant with his forms of knowledge.

The doctrine of evolution has taught us that all is in a flux, change, a movement from one position to another and we must expect some progress in this process. I concede that this expectation will not of itself entitle us to decide what we shall accept or reject. It only creates a situation where open-mindedness is the highest of duties and the extent of previously determined human experience must be our *guide* as the probabilities of anything new, not a permanent *obstacle* to its admission. We should escape prejudice and bigotry as much on one side as the other.

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Physical Manifestations in Italy.

With the exceedingly pleasant memories of a recent Italian tour comes also the thought of how much the harmonizing influences of such a climate and scenery

must conduce to the production of occult phenomena in that fertile land. This is borne out by the account given in "Luce e Ombra" (Milan) for December of a successful seance with the promising medium, Signora Lucia, during which, under the control of "Remigio," moulds and casts of a human foot and two fingers were obtained. The sitting, which was held in Rome, in January of last year, was characterized by the usual touchings, snatchings, and knockings, the medium being securely enshrined in the cabinet, with arms and hands made fast and kept under the close observation of Signor Enrico Carreras and his assistant. The usual red light was employed, and when at the request of "Remigio" a candle was lit, the moulds of paraffin wax, still warm, were discovered floating on the surface of some cold water in a pan placed under a small table out of reach of medium and sitters. Photographic illustrations of the moulds and casts are given, and the facts are attested by a number of signatories, the striking point in connection with the mould of the foot being that no human foot could possibly have been withdrawn without breaking it! A similar account, but of a later sitting, with Signora Lucia is also given in the December number of "Filosofia Della Scienza" (Palermo), at which the editor of that journal was present, when sea-shells and parts of human faces were obtained, likewise moulded in paraffin wax.

Chas. W. Turner, in "Light."

Remarkable Phenomena at Marseilles.

Comte G. Le Goarant de Tromelin reports to "Le Messager" for January and February various phenomena which have occurred in his house, the Villa "My Home," in Marseilles. He states that he asked whether the spirits of the Brothers Davenport could give their assistance in the production of important physical phenomena and received a reply in the affirmative. Mlle. Pauline Bernard, the first medium, was in poor health, but a table weighing more than two hundred pounds was moved, and the movements were continued after the medium had left the seance. In full light, boots were removed from the feet of the sitters both at once

with a single movement and without being unbuttoned or unlaced. One sitter defied the unseen powers to move him, but in spite of his efforts, although he is a professional boxer, he was seized by the feet and the head and thrown as lightly as a feather on the middle of the table.

With another medium, M. Ch. Baume, the table was lifted horizontally with all four feet above the floor to the height of about eight inches, and remained up for about ten seconds in a brilliant light.

Mlle. Bernard passed to the beyond on January 9th of this year. On the 24th of last November, while she was in ill-health, her brother, aged twenty-five years, was brought from his home, about two and a half miles away, in a state of catalepsy, clothed in his nightgown and with bare feet, and placed on the floor of the dining-room of the villa, in the presence of ten sitters. He was transported through the walls of the room in which he slept. After the phenomenon was completed Mlle. Bernard became seriously ill and her brother remained two hours in the cataleptic state.

Within twenty-four hours of the lady's decease and while her body lay on the bed, four different people heard her voice call to them.

The brother manifested signs of mediumship immediately after his transportation, and under his mediumship, at a subsequent seance, a tooth-brush was brought in a few seconds to its owner who had left it in a tumbler in his hotel, and who asked at the seance for it to be brought. This occurred on the 17th of January.

A sitter asked that a guinea pig might be brought to the seance. Immediately a guinea pig from a closed pen at the bottom of the garden was placed on the middle of the table, having been brought from the pen into the closed room—an example of the transport of a living animal through matter.

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Charity.

Some say charity begins at home,
But I say let sweet charity roam
To those in need and in distress,
And "God" will bring to us success.
—G. H. Ogden.

"Eternal Spring in My Heart."

The greatest French author of his century, one of the greatest minds of the world's history, Victor Hugo, near the close of his life wrote the following thoughts:

"I feel in myself the future life. I am rising, I know, toward the sky. The sunshine is over my head. Heaven lights me with the reflection of unknown worlds.

"You say the soul is nothing but the result of bodily powers; why, then, is my soul the more luminous when my bodily powers begin to fail? Winter is on my head and eternal spring is in my heart.

"The nearer I approach the end, the plainer I hear around me the immortal symphonies of the worlds, which invite me. It is marvelous, yet simple. It is a fairy

tale, and it is a history. For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose, verse, history, philosophy, drama, romance, tradition, satire, ode, song—I have tried all. But I feel that I have not said the thousandth part of what is in me. When I go down to the grave I can say, like so many others, 'I have finished my day's work,' but I cannot say, 'I have finished my life.' My day's work will begin the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes in the twilight to open with the dawn. I improve every hour because I love this world as my fatherland. My work is only beginning. My work is hardly above its foundation. I would be glad to see it mounting and mounting forever. The thirst for the infinite proves infinity."—From *"East and West."*

Brooklyn, N. Y., March 11th, 1911.

Henry Clay Hodges,
Editor "The Stellar Ray,"
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The First Temple and College of Astrology of Brooklyn, N. Y., branch of the National Astrological Society, held its second meeting at the residence of Bro. Thos. J. Hovell, 84 South 10th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 29, 1911. The meeting was called to order by Rev. A. Z. Stevenson, who offered prayer and invocation to the All Wise and Omnipotent. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The roll call showed the following present: Pres. J. L. McCollough, Vice Pres. W. C. Mildenberger, C. A. Bostwick, W. H. Roberts, Mrs. M. E. Martine, W. B. Halsey, and Sec. Tos. J. Hovell.

Rev. A. Z. Stevenson of the N. A. S. installed the officers for 1911, using the installation service written by Bro. Halsey. Bro. Thos. J. Hovell and Bro. W. B. Halsey were appointed a committee on by-laws; Bro. Hovell chairman of all public demonstration committees. A motion was adopted that the installing service be presented to the National body. Quite a little sum was donated to help the good work along. Many good and important matters

were discussed. At the present time there is some unrest, owing to the city officials placing under arrest many so-called Astrologers and Palmists. At present we are going slow and sure in our work. We have twelve applications for membership and the board of directors have thought it wise to hold initiatory services. We have delayed this until all our printing matter is complete. Brooklyn is one of the best cities in the United States for our society and when we begin to move, watch out. What we want most is help in the way of printed matter, Stellar Rays and Adepts. We have plans under consideration for developing the organization and extending its influence in dignified and effective ways for the good of the cause.

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So many write us they cannot do without Stellar Ray. Now that it has so many interesting articles, it is enjoyed even by those who are not interested in Astrology. "The Gospel of the Woodpile" by Madame Du Bois, is fine. She might have added that every mother ought to know fresh air is as good for children as for grown-ups. Little Mary, the baby of this club, has her naps outdoors every day. Wrapped in a warm blanket, she does not care if it snows on her. She comes in warm and rosy. She is so pretty. We hoped to give you her picture this month. Look for it later.

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A Window-Washing Hint.

Do not put soap into the water with which windows are to be washed. A little borax or household ammonia may be added. Use very little water. Wipe off the window-casing with a dry cloth and rub it over the glass as well before you begin to wash. This removes the dust which would other-

wise streak the pane. The cloth should be well wrung out before it is applied to the glass and this should be rubbed dry at once. A small quantity of kerosene added to the water gives a polish to the glass and in winter a little alcohol in the water keeps it from freezing on the pane. Old newspapers rubbed soft in the hands are admirable for giving the glass a final polish.—*From Woman's Home Companion for March.*

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Clouds.

Murmurings of fear and pain,
Ye have fled, and hope again
Glow, like sunlight through the rain.

Swift an angel band of Loves,
Like a flock of startled doves,
Seek the heart whence fear removes.

Well I know 'tis but a dream,
When the heavy storm-clouds seem
Blotting out the great sun's beam.

Very near the ground it lies,
Shell of clouds that veils the skies,
Where they infinite arise.

Very thin, I know, the shell,
Though it hides the sun so well
From the ones that 'neath it dwell.

Very thin the shell of clay,
Though it shuts the light away,
Makes our night what is their day!

When the shell shall burst in twain,
As the clouds dissolve in rain,
So will melt the spirit's pain.

As the sun, through sapphire skies,
Smiles upon the earth's surprise,
So will Love smile in our eyes.

As the bough bursts into leaf,
After winter's tempest brief,
Joy will blossom after grief.

Ye that once this planet trod,
Well ye know how thin the sod,
Well ye know how great is God!

—By Mary Isabel Wymore.

Dubois, Illinois.

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Samuel T. Clover,

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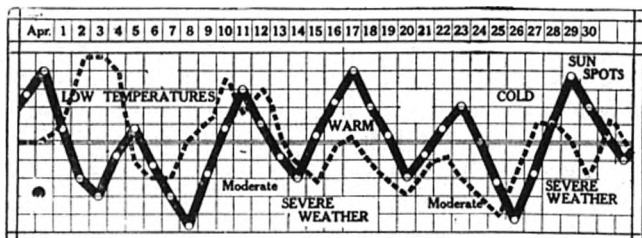
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(Special Correspondence.)

Peking, January 19, 1911.

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The Mincheng Pu has carefully investigated the present situation of the prohibition of opium and begs to present the following report. It is on record that on the tenth day of the third moon of the second year of Hsuantung, the Grand Council transmitted to the Pu an Imperial Edict to the effect that *the prohibition of opium was a measure to make the country strong*, no effort should be spared to make it a great success. There had been repeated instructions reminding the officials of this fact and defining for them the procedures. Regarding the enforcement of the prohibition regulations in all the provinces the Mincheng Pu was commanded to carefully investigate and report, etc., etc.

Peking being the capital is especially looked to for the best results. Here, according to record, the number of opium smokers in the Inner and Outer Cities is at present 4,190 against 25,600 in the winter of the 34th year of Kuanghsu. Since the beginning of this work in the spring

of the first year of Hsuantung till this summer the cured number is 3,440 persons. In the different private or public hospitals the cured number is more than 17,000 persons. This is the real situation of the prohibition of opium smoking in Peking.

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