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Editorial Department



Happiness Lies in Greeting Life's Changes.

Henry Clay Hodges.

Mutation and transformation without end is the law of life.

We sometimes live more in one day than in the rest of the whole year. It all depends upon the attitude of mind; we cannot take care of more than one day's real life at a time. We may be younger when tomorrow comes but that youth is in the sense that life grows fresh and green and not decrepit and expressionless.

What all need is the quickening spirit, the life giving power of nature in the soul. This is the interpretation of living in the present, in the eternal now, and unless we mistake our bodies for ourselves we do not grow old with years.

Hope takes root and grows in the present, while the elements of the bright and sunny are all included in it and not in the past of which the present is the result.

We are beset on all sides with apparitions of those who are approaching the autumn of their lives, extending empty hands filled with regretful sorrows. Haunted by the spectres of hope long since dead and buried; pinched with the chill of passing memories of yesterdays gone forever, these cannot be, are not, the pleasures of memory so much talked of. It is not life. They only represent and embody premature death, with which the soul is overtaken, that turns to the dead past for its consolation, that worships with a blind infatuation ideals that have long perished. Memory is aptly termed the lumber room of a dead past where the mind retires for its consolation. This should not be, happiness lies in greeting life's changes.

The aim of life should be to attune our consciousness to that of the infinite and expand the limitations of our personality.

No matter how limited and cramped the environment may be it can be expanded.

We can all expand to love, profiting by past experience. We all may some day attain wisdom, when doubt makes way for hope and faith that leads to charity. This expansion of consciousness to realize that the all good cannot fail, that Infinite wisdom and Love govern the changes of life will enable us to greet them as harbingers of light instead of gloom and fearsome perils.

Happiness lies in greeting life's changes.

"There is nothing to fear in all the Universe. There is much to overcome and avoid, but man has the right of way on the highway of life. He is beginning to realize and accept this right."

"Truth is the searchlight of the ages."

"Whether followed or not, the fundamental truths of Ancient Astrology remain unshaken, and are made manifest by every natural event in each individual's experience."

A Teacher is Born, Not Made.

Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, in a statement to the Yale Daily News recently on the benefits of a college education, said that "there was a great deal of time wasted at college by studying things which can be of very little service to the average citizen, and in his opinion the average college curriculum in the United States needs overhauling." He said "the college professor who does not arouse in his pupil a love of learning is not worth his salt, and this applied to all other teachers."

Yes, teachers, orators, poets and "the man with the hoe" are all born for specific purposes. If they can find the line of their best adaptation they will take pleasure in

their work and success will follow their efforts.

It is true that a large portion of the time spent in our schools and colleges is wasted in teaching along lines which are impractical and of no use to the student in later years.

The time is coming soon when science and investigation will point out with exactness the right path for each child to follow and then labor will be looked upon as a highway to Happiness.—*Editor.*

The Real Successes.

You think that the failures are many,
 You think the successes are few,
 But you judge by the rule of the penny,
 And not by the good that men do.
 You judge men by standards of treasure
 That merely obtain upon earth,
 When the brother you're snubbing may measure
 Full length to God's standard of worth.

The failures are not in the ditches,
 The failures are not in the ranks,
 They have missed the acquirement of riches,
 Their fortunes are not in the banks,
 Their virtues are never paraded,
 Their worth is not always in view.
 But they're fighting their battles unaided,
 And fighting them honestly, too.

There are failures today in high places
 The failures aren't all in the low;
 There are rich men with scorn in their faces
 Whose homes are but castles of woe.
 The homes that are happy are many,
 And numberless fathers are true,
 And this is the standard, if any,
 By which we must judge what men do.

Wherever are loved ones awaiting
 The toiler to kiss and caress,
 Though in Bradstreet's he hasn't a rating,
 He still is a splendid success.

If the dear ones who gather about him
 And know what he's striving to do
 Have never a reason to doubt him,
 Is he less successful than you?
 You think that the failures are many,
 You judge by their profits in gold;
 You judge by the rule of the penny,
 In this true success isn't told.
 This falsely man's story is telling,
 For wealth often brings on distress,

But wherever love brightens a dwelling
 There lives, rich or poor, a success.
 —Edgar A. Guest.

Twenty Years' Imprisonment for Another's Crime.

Under the title, "The Wrong Man," in the December American Magazine, Madge C. Jennison writes the story of Andy Toth, who served twenty years in the State Prison of Pennsylvania for a crime committed by another. Toth was convicted of a murder that was committed by another man, who recently confessed on his death-bed, thus bringing about the release of Toth.

Andy Toth is a Hungarian and was a worker in the steel mills of Pennsylvania at the time the murder was committed. He could not speak English and was "railroaded through" to conviction unceremoniously. On the 18th of September last he reached his old home in Hungary, where he rejoined his wife whom he had not seen in twenty-seven years, and found five grand-children, none of whom he had ever seen. He was sentenced to life imprisonment and had a narrow escape from execution. The story as Miss Jennison unfolds it is extraordinary. Following is a brief passage:

"Andy had a letter from his wife every month of that twenty years, and he wrote back, creating his letter out of hers. She constantly planted with fresh green his memory of that little farm of sixteen furrows, lying like a sash of brocade behind the little Hungarian village street as if it were an island of the south upon the north seas of his prisoner's horizon. She told him how it was with them, and with the neighbors and kin, the goings and comings, births, weddings, and deaths. The road was being mended in front of Hassa's; Mike had twin boys; Andy's wife had run away with another man and taken all the money; the carrots were sweet as nuts this year; the Rusneks had given the weight of their child in silver to the holy church.

"'Ah, well is thee'—said the old German

emperor so long ago—"if thou hast tender women to cling to thee."

Psalm of Life.

Tell me not in mournful numbers
Life is but an empty dream,
For the soul is dead that slumbers
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest;
Was not spoken of the soul.

—Longfellow.

Undeveloped Power.

Your so-called soul powers are no more mysterious than breathing, walking, talking, for all are forms of your being's manifestation, in different stages of development.

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Prophecy.

The superstitions of all the ages may be traced to their parenthood in false prophecy or the wrong interpretation of the true. Prophecy has ever been garbed in mystery and, to the human consciousness, has depicted doom and destruction so far in excess of reality, that today only the unenlightened are moved by its doleful knell.

True prophecy must ever imbue the mind with courage, determination and joyful anticipation. It must reveal the ultimate goal of attainment and ever hold its

beauty and richness before the mind, thus inspiring highest endeavor, counting tribulations to be just what they are, incidents on the highway to greatness.

True prophesy must be based upon immutable law, as taught by nature all where, to which the thoughtful mind ever turns for light upon the problems it seeks to solve.

That through the cold of winter is nourished the never-failing bloom of summer, that the restful or turbulent darkness of night but augments the glories of the daylight which never fails to appear, are phenomena so familiar that one needs to be reminded of their eternal fulfillment to realize that all of life's movements are recorded where they may be deciphered by human intelligence; and when it becomes so purified that it can reflect them as they are, not in distorted forms of evil, then shall prophesy shed the light of its sublime cheer over the lives of nations and individuals.—*Editor.*

The Christian says that earth is a vale of tears and misery, and that heaven is the abode of joy, peace and eternal bliss, but let said Christian have so much as a pain in his solar plexus and he calls upon doctor and nurse, priest and nun, the pharmacy and suggestive therapeutics to keep him in the beggarly elements of this world with other poor worms of the dust for another day and night.—*Dr. Geo. W. Carey.*

Cruel Sports Forbidden.

We learn with pleasure of the act of President Taft whereby he prohibits in the Panama Canal zone all contests between birds or animals of any kind. This puts under the ban cock-fights, dog-fights, bull-fights, as already prize-fights between two-legged animals have been forbidden. Indeed any one who should act as umpire, or assist at any such exhibition, is subject to fine or imprisonment or both. This new order of the president went into effect on Labor Day, a holiday on the isthmus, and saved, who can ever tell, how much of cruelty and suffering! Mr. Taft is a whole humane society in himself.—*F. H. R.*

EARTH'S EARLY AGES

By Henry Proctor, F. R. S. L., M. R. A. S.

It would scarcely be possible to propose to thoughtful and intelligent people a more entrancing subject than the origin of the earth and man. It is surrounded with mystery, because from the very nature of the problem its solution must carry us back far beyond the time when thought could be transmitted as now to future generations. But taking this into consideration, it is astonishing what tremendous strides have been taken during the last half century in reading from rock and fossil, bone and stone, the history of the earth and man.

Some think that the whole matter is settled by the Bible, and perhaps in the widest sense this is so; but it is not only interesting but also extremely useful to be able to fill in the outline of creation there given to us, from what is found written in the earth itself. And going back far beyond Adam, who according to geological reckoning is quite modern, we find that Quaternary man has bequeathed not only his bones and teeth, but human portraits—the work of his hands—giving the rough outlines of his stature. Even when both skeleton remains and portraits are absent from his former dwelling-places, there exist the traces of an activity in the form of weapons and tools of stone, bone and horn, besides the tubular bones of the animals he slew in hunting, and hearths where he cooked the flesh.

But Professor Boyd Dawkins takes us still farther back in his book on "Early Man in Britain and His Place in the Tertiary Period." The first part of this period is the Eocene, or New Dawn Age, at which time Britain was connected with North America by a continuous tract of land forming part of a great continent extending north and west to America by way of Iceland and Greenland, and to the north-east it was continuous with Norway and

Spitzbergen, and joined on the southwest to the western parts of France. This great Northwestern Continent, or Northern Atlantis, existed through the Eocene and Miocene Ages and was finally broken up by submergence at the beginning of the Pleiocene Age.

The River Thames came into being, as Professor Sir William Ramsay points out, after the close of the Miocene Age. At the mouth of the Thames, in the London Clay, says Professor Owen, "more true turtles have left their remains than are now known to exist in the whole world. One of these (*Chelone gigas*) is of enormous size, with a head upwards of a yard across. The estuaries were the feeding places of soft turtles (*Trionyx*), while basking on the shores were to be seen crocodiles, alligators and the long-snouted gavial, now living only in the rivers of India."

The earliest Eocene mammals found in Britain consist of marsupials, that is, of pouched animals, of which the kangaroo is now the best known example. And it is a remarkable fact that altho' the marsupials passed away in Europe during the Eocene age, at the present time all the animals of Australia except the dingo are marsupials, and that the trees and vegetation are also characteristic of the Eocene formation showing that the Australian continent must have survived from that period, and that no catastrophe has taken place there, such as was formerly supposed, of a universal deluge.

Australia indeed has been looked upon by many anthropologists as one of the earliest homes of man, for, as Dr. Schotensach affirms: "No part of the whole world could have been more favorable to man's development than Australia, for the struggle for existence must have been milder here than elsewhere; the hunting

of the marsupial fauna offering no particular danger." He nevertheless assumes Northeastern Asia to have been the first home of man, the pithecanthropus having been found in Java. From this point the descendants of the pithecanthropus spread to Australia by way of the Clebes and New Guinea, which in the Pleiocene period were still connected with the mainland.

The Australian of the present day may be described as the remnant of a very ancient race both in physical and cultural aspects. At the time of their discovery they were ignorant of the art of pottery and the use of bow and arrow, their only instruments being the boomerang and the throwstick, both of which have been found among palaeolithic remains in other parts of the world. Dr. Shotensach further assumes that when early man migrated from Australia back to Asia he took these weapons with him and thus spread their use. The arts of pottery and stone-grinding and the use of the bow and arrow he learned later on other lands.

Those who remained in Australia could have no share in these inventions, for the pleiocene isthmus became later submerged. The Australian had discovered the art of making fire and subsequently that of cooking; the frequent thunderbolts and prairie fires having taught him the meaning of fire and its effect on the flesh of animals. Thus man may have originated in Asia and at an extremely remote period parts of the human race migrated to Australia and were eventually cut off from their fellow-beings.

The latest discoveries in regard to man also favor the idea that the Australian aborigines represent one of the oldest, if not the very oldest of the living races of mankind. For from Neanderthal in Switzerland, as well as from several other Continental localities, such as Spy and Krapina, have been obtained skulls and fragments of skulls indicating a low type of the human race, which in brain-capacity are nearly akin to the Australian natives of the present day. The Neanderthal race,

says Professor Sollas, the most remote from us in time, of which we have any knowledge, and the Australian, the most remote from us in space, probably represent divergent branches of the same original stock. In the most important of all characteristics, cranial capacity, the two races are almost identical.

These facts give the death-blow to a mechanical theory of evolution, which strives to account for everything on purely natural grounds, and which would do away with the necessity for a Divine Creator and Disposer of events. For when the anthropologist is asked to point out the oldest race of mankind, he indicates not the highest but some of the lowest, such as the Hairy Ainus, the Toalas, the Veddas of Ceylon, and the Australian natives who are said to be living representatives of the Neanderthal, the oldest race of which we have any knowledge.

And surely if natural causes, such as sexual selection and the struggle for life were alone sufficient to account for the mental and moral growth of mankind, then the oldest races should be the highest. But on the contrary, we find that the race whose existence extends over only about six millenniums, the latest arrival, is the highest, and generally speaking, the oldest is also the lowest, and has a tendency to disappear altogether, as the Tasmanians have done in our day, a race which we have reason to believe was older even than the Australians.

But if we admit the fact of a spiritual evolution, which is going on side by side with the physical evolution, and that the souls that are born into the later races are of an infinitely higher order, we can see why the older races are dying out, and being replaced by the later and superior orders of mankind. For in this way the whole race is proceeding upward, the unfit are being eliminated, and a New Race, sometimes called the Sixth Race, is coming into being, who shall be fitted as Sons of God—bearing His perfect likeness—to act as His Viceregents in the New Earth and the New Heavens and to reign with Him to the ages of the ages.—*From the Kalpaka Magazine, published at Tinnevely, South India.*

Adelaide Begins The New Year

Mabel Gifford Shine.

Adelaide stood before the Great White Door, the door of the New Year. The Door was of pearl.

By and by the bells rang out the hour of midnight. Faint flashes of rainbow tints played over the whiteness. Slowly the Great Door swung back and revealed to Adelaide—what? Another door; a small door; a door of pearl.

This is the door of Today.

Adelaide heard the Great Door of the New Year close softly behind her, and saw the little white door swing noiselessly on its hinges. She fixed her eyes eagerly, yet fearfully, upon the opening being revealed to her; what was she going to see?

Just a small, white room; floor, walls, ceiling all of pearly white.

Adelaide clasped her hands tightly and sank to her knees as she crossed the threshold. "'Tis the New Day of the New Year!

"What will it bring to me? What shall I bring to it? How I shrink from the first mar! I shall place on these pure walls. Oh, my heart, keep them pure; keep them pure; let nothing mar!"

A soft, white light breathed through the walls and illumined the room.

While Adelaide rose to her feet and stood gazing in happy wonderment and awe, a beauteous being glided in and came toward her. A maiden all in white, with a face like a lily.

"Who are you?" asked Adelaide, softly, fearing the vision would dissolve as soon as it came.

"I am your prayer."

"But I did not pray; I only wished."

"A wish is a prayer."

"How long will you stay?"

"As long as you pray."

"I will pray all day," replied Adelaide, and then, turning—"Who is this?"

"I am a part of your today," answered

the youth entering the room.

"But I have not begun today!" exclaimed Adelaide, mystified.

"O, yes, you began it and finished it yesterday."

Adelaide gazed upon the youth with wondering surprise. "How could I begin and finish today before it got here?"

"Every day gets a day ahead of *time*; today always comes yesterday. Perhaps you will understand it better if I say, today is tomorrow."

Adelaide shook her head with a puzzled smile. "Worse and worse," she replied.

The youth remained silent for a time and then explained, "We *live* tomorrow today, and it objectifies tomorrow."

"I see now," smiled Adelaide, "then I can tell exactly what today is to be."

"Not exactly, for the natural course of your life is combined with the day *you* created, and modified or enlarged by the combination."

"Why, I never knew life was so wonderful!" she cried, her face a-light with interest. "A new day is like a new child; a child is like its father and like its mother, and a something that is the result of the combination of both, a new being, and you cannot tell how much it will be like the father or how much it will be like the mother, or what it will select from each, or how much, or what the new combination will be. And a new day is like yesterday and tomorrow, and a combination of both which makes it different from either."

"And now," said Adelaide, "I know who you are; I know by your yellow gown, and by your speech; you are Wisdom. But why do you carry that cup in your hand?"

Wisdom smiled and held the cup high over his head.

"I know," said Adelaide reverently, "Wisdom seeks from above. But why have you come as a youth? Wisdom is always hoary old age."

"I am come as a youth because you are youth; we begin and go on together. I shall grow as fast as you do."

"Here is another!" whispered Adelaide, paling, "and I am afraid of him."

"He is Fear, that is what is the matter," replied Wisdom. "But why are you afraid of him; you made him, and he can't do anything only what you make him do."

Adelaide burst out laughing. "You put everything so queer; but I see it is so; I never thought of it that way."

"No; that is the trouble; people *think*, but they do not *think out* things; if they did they would see how it is."

"I know just what to do," declared Adelaide, and she turned her back; "I will not recognize him. He can't exist, if I persist in ignoring him."

There was a moaning and whining sound like a protestation. Adelaide turned, out of curiosity; Fear was crouching and shrinking and fading away.

"He doesn't want to go," cried Adelaide, clapping her hands; "just keep right on, you, and go to nothing."

"But you owe him something," said Wisdom, "you created him, and brought him here; you ought to do something with him. And nothing happens; in the economy of life, everything is for something; he has something for you."

Adelaide stood puzzled for some moments; then she gave up the puzzle and gazed intently at Fear, and held up her hands in imitation of Wisdom's cup.

After a time she cried out, "I have it! Every unhappy creation is a blessing reversed by our thoughts; I will restore the angel to its true form. Fear is Faith reversed; *I see Faith now.*"

And Fear, who had seemed to shrink into a white mist, sprang out with a glad cry, a beautiful, glowing Faith, robed in garments of light.

Adelaide opened her arms to receive her. "My very dearest!" she said, "you must never, never leave me. You are the best of life; you are the one who makes everything come true." Then, seeing Wisdom standing silently by, she added, "Let us come and thank him; I could not have thought you if it had not been for him; I couldn't have got the right feeling to think you."

In the midst of their rejoicing a shower of roses floated down around them. Adelaide gasped and spread out her hands in her delight at the sight of them. "Where do they come from, and how did they get in here?"

"That rose shower is your song," said Faith; "the song you sang yesterday, you know."

"But I did not sing any song; I do not sing."

"It was a song of the heart, a song of joy; do you not remember?" Faith looked at her earnestly.

A radiant smile broke over Adelaide's face. "Oh, and is that what heart songs make in the invisible; and what will it be when it objectifies today?"

"You will see, maybe, and maybe not, but someone who is sad will be glad, and not know why."

"There is more coming; pictures on the wall!" exclaimed Adelaide.

"Yes, the roses were only the prelude."

A beautiful pastoral scene appeared, with fairy forms flitting about, caressing each other, frolicking, playing with the beautiful creatures that fed in the pastures.

"I never shall be lonesome again so long as I live," declared Adelaide, "there is so much in a day. Just think, I have only begun yesterday, and there is tomorrow to make, and today to live, and to see what it will be. I must think all about what there was in yesterday."

"Now I hear music; heavenly music. If music is flowers, perhaps flowers are orchestras."

Wisdom and Faith returned Adelaide's bright smile, and nodded. "That is right," said Wisdom; "and that music is the kind deed you did yesterday."

Then heart songs are flowers, and kind deeds are songs."

"Both are both. We let you see them separately, to concentrate your mind on one thing at a time."

"You? What are you doing?"

"We," smiled Wisdom, "are tempering the aura so that you may see and hear in this finer atmosphere."

Adelaide listened until the song ceased, and then asked, "And what will this song be when it objectifies today?"

"Somebody, you may never know who, will hear it and go and do a kind deed, or speak a kind word."

Adelaide took a deep breath and glanced about the room; it was much larger than when she first came into it. "Will it keep on growing larger all day?" she asked.

"It will expand as fast as your thoughts expand," replied Wisdom.

"And if I did the opposite——"

"It would contract. Everything would be opposite if you did the opposite. It is very simple. Now we are going to show you the remainder of yesterday, before it is time for you to begin the objective day, and then you can see how much of it you can see."

So they revealed to her all that she had created yesterday and just as they finished, a hustling little alarm clock down in the kitchen went off, whirring at a great rate.

"I am going right down now and get breakfast," said Adelaide, and you two be sure to keep close to me. I am never going to hate dish-washing again; I shall be seeing flowers, and hills and meadows and brooks, and hearing music, and working and walking with lovely friends. But what shall I do when my Stars and Heredity come bothering around?"

"Just remember that both stars and heredity 'incline but do not compel'; if you like the way they incline, go along with them and have a good time, but if you do not like the way they incline, just incline them the other way. Or, rather, do some independent inclining on your own account, and make yourself and your life what you wish to have them."

"I can, with you two and all the others to help me," replied Adelaide brightly, and—reaching up her arms—"with the filled cup."

Child Telepathists.

By M. Evalyn Davis.

Do they exist? They certainly *do*, and are made of such soul-substance, such honesty, innocence and truth, that none can doubt the messages they receive, the proofs they give us.

I will narrate to you a very interesting experience that I have had with one of these wee intuitives, very recently. A dear friend, who is the mother of a beautiful little girl some two years and four months old, gave a Hallowe'en party on the night of October 31st, just past.

The day preceding the party the mother had constant care of the child and also had her by her side to help entertain the guests until late that evening. About ten o'clock on the morning following, realizing how welcome would be a rest to both mother and child, Mrs. C—— and myself took the babe with us in the carriage for a drive, keeping her out for some two or three hours.

During the time, little Miriam was wide awake and seemed unusually sensitive to the beauty of the changing scenery, ex-

claiming joyfully, as she heard the notes of the songsters from the tree tops; gleefully she would clap her hands and call to the passing children, and again, reach lovingly toward the bright flowers that grew by the way, remarking, "Baby wants flowers." She also had much to say about the mountains and the ocean.

On the homeward drive, she became more quiet and looked long and very intently into the eyes of my friend; at times she seemed to look *through* and *beyond* Mrs. C——; so much so that we both commented on the peculiar expression of her face.

Thinking to divert her attention, we let her out of the carriage to play a few moments by the wayside; but she soon wanted to be on the move behind "biful blondie," as she called the horse.

When within ten or fifteen minutes of her mother's home, suddenly the little one leaned forward and put her hand on the dash-board of the carriage, assumed a listening attitude, and called loud and clear, "Baby *here*, mamma, baby *here*!" I said, "Why, Miriam, mamma is not here; what do you want?" She pointed her tiny fin-

ger out to the west and said, "Mamma call baby," and listening a moment, again shouted, in baby tones, the prompt answer, "Baby tummin', mamma; es, baby tummin'!" Still holding the listening attitude, said, "Mamma over there."

As soon as we arrived at her home I asked her mother what she was doing ten minutes ago. She said, "I was upstairs and thinking how sweet of you to take Miriam out this morning and thus give us both such a fine rest. I also thought that baby had been gone so long that I was lonely for her return."

Now, who can say that the mother's soul did not cry out "Miriam!" as so often we hear her calling. Who *dares* to question the innocence and truth of the wee one, in her hearing of the call and her honesty in quickly answering, "Baby tummin', mamma."

Such facts as these may well serve as a subject for thought, for investigation, for *faith* in the *power of the soul*. "Even a little child shall lead them."

Another incident: Many times, shortly

after my brother had passed into the spirit world, his little grand-child, who was scarce two years of age, and was especially fond of her grandpa, whom she lovingly called "Gaga," would climb into his easy chair, in which he was in the habit of resting, when on earth, and patting the (to us) invisible head and face of her grandpa, would, for several moments at a time, coo and call softly, "Gaga, Gaga"; and cuddle her tiny head seemingly on his shoulder.

This child was not old enough to play to an *imaginary* grandpa, as a child of five or six might have done, but was simply natural, psychic, intuitive and full of the soul power.

When children can see and hear in the invisible, why not the children of more mature years? The question may be answered by the one word, "doubt." It is the *faith* of the child in the *ever loving presence* of the mother, that opens its baby eyes and ears to see and hear in the *true* realm of *Spirit*, in which *all* live, and move, and *have their being*.

Drop the Useless.

By Madame du Bois.

Half of our clinging to old things is unworthy of us; the other half is simply foolish. While we are making our New Year resolutions, let us resolve to drop the bygone trash out of our lives.

Many ills can be easily cured—and forgotten; but we fuss over them, and cling to the memory of them, and repeat them to our friends (this very thing sometimes causing us to lose our friends), thus living in an unpleasant past.

We cling to old letters; to old garments that would do some one good when first cast aside. Who wants them after they are so moth-eaten that we give them away in self-defense? We cling to dead pets. Even though animals do not see and feel and suffer from our standpoint, many of them are better off out of their misery. We cling to dead people, who, we are told, will make better progress on the other side

of life, if we will just let them go.

"I was so very weary
Surely you could not mourn
That I a little sooner
Should lay my burden down?"

We cling to life, though we read that "He that loveth his life shall lose it." If we give it no clinging thought we will be much happier. We will not die until our time comes, anyway. We can spend many happy years while we wait for that change that must come to all.

We cling to people who do not care a rap for us. We can spend our thought and time to much better advantage. It is usually our egotism that makes us believe that our letter "written by return mail" is always welcome. Did you ever notice that it is not answered in the same haste? When we cease to gush over our friends, visit them so often, and stay so long, probably they will see more in us to admire.

We cling to dangerous old furniture because our ancestors used it, until it breaks

with us. It was their misfortune that they were obliged to use some of the uncomfortable, slippery stuff.

We cling to old disputes and grievances until they spoil our dispositions, and mar our faces with lines that we call age lines. Many of them have nothing to do with age; it is not how long we have lived, but how ill, that makes many of the furrows.

As we face the New Year let us face it with courage—and let go. There will be all we can possibly need to keep us busy, body and mind, that will come to us with the days. Hanging on to the old and dragging it with us into the new, will only weaken our forces; and we need to give present problems our undivided attention. We do not need any left-overs of care, sorrow or pain; such evil memories should be declared as nothing, just as our material bodies are nothing—in the sense that they are not eternal.

"The past is turned from us, and sleeps—
Do not wake it.

The future is His, with its brambles and
flowers.

Face to face with today,
We can mar it or make it—
The present is ours."

"The memory is renewed and revived by righteous forgetting—forgetting the evils and the nothings, the vanities of existence and remembering only its eternal verities, the Good and the Divine."—*Annie Rix Millitz.*

Progress.

The enemies to human progress are not the bad people but the "good people." Humanity moves forward in a very curious way. We advance one step; then we bitterly attack those who would have us advance to the next step. "Good" people are those who stand for the existing order; they not only oppose those who break it (the criminals), but also those who would improve it (the reformers). A good church member is as hard toward a heretic as toward a sinner. The men who occupy the Present, with its convictions and organizations, fight front and rear, and repel the men of the Past and the men of the Future. Hence the progressive person is

often classed with the criminal. "The same authority," says a recent writer, "which crucified two robbers at Golgotha stretched Jesus Christ on the middle cross between."

There is a modicum of truth in the charge that "advanced thinkers" are loosening morality. For the mass of men do not think at all, and take their opinions and their morals from existing institutions. Naturally, whoever intimates that these institutions are not perfect tends to confuse the average mind. And, naturally again, those in charge of the flock look askance at all progressives. Why can't things be let alone? The Pharisees thought Jesus was removing all law; the church believed Luther to be opening the way for every immorality.

If any man finds himself shunned because of his efforts to lead others to new heights, let him cheer up. The proverb runs, "The Good is the enemy of the Best." And of Christ it is written, "He was numbered with the transgressors."—*Human Confessions, by Frank Crane. See Book Reviews.*

Christmas is the Birthday of One Who Never Gave to the World a Dollar.

In the December Woman's Home Companion, Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle in New York, writes a great Christmas sermon. One of the eloquent passages in it follows:

"It is worth remembering that Christmas is the birthday of Jesus, the Man who never gave the world a dollar. He bestowed upon mankind not a solitary material gift. He carved no statue, painted no picture, wrote no poem, composed no song, fashioned no piece of jewelry, built no edifice, founded no city, erected no triumphal arch; but He stands in history as the great Giver. Silver and gold He had none, but such as He had He gave to men, the gentle touch of a sympathetic hand, the golden glow of a genial mind, the healing love of a generous heart, the bracing energy of a courageous spirit. Paul calls Him God's 'Unspeakable Gift.' The best thing God is able to give us is not

gold or silver, or costly stones, but Himself.

"It is when we give of the things of the spirit that we escape from the realm of embarrassments and burdens. Into a spiritualized Christmas we everyone can enter, the rich and the poor, the high and the low, the small and the great.

"In preparing, then, our Christmas presents, let us get ready to give some of the things which Jesus gave. Along with the many gifts which have prices, let us give

a few which are priceless. Let us give thought to someone who needs it, sympathy to someone who craves it, praise to someone who deserves it but does not get it, kindness to someone whom the world has overlooked, affection to someone who is starving for it, inspiration to someone who is fainting because of the lack of it. One's Christmas does not consist in the abundance of the *things* which he receives or gives away, but in the spirit of good will which fills his heart."

Stellar Science Department

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Were You Born in the Zodiacal Sign Capricorn?

By Henry Clay Hodges.

If you were born between December 21st and January 19th, the Sun was in the sign Capricorn. The native of this sign is ambitious, aspiring, desirous of fame or power, well fitted for leadership; sooner or later he occupies some position of importance; is inclined to have few confidants or intimate friends; is thoughtful, subtle, serious and reserved; may be wanting in buoyancy and hope, although Mars prominent in his natal chart would modify his nature.

He makes a better master than servant. The Sun in Capricorn is not indicative of the best health nor of longevity unless other planets in the chart strengthen the physical and thus lengthen the life. Neither is the position of the Sun at time of birth favorable for marriage, and it threatens the death of children.

However, much depends on the sign rising, also other planets in the Sun sign as well as the Moon's polarity, so that the above applies only in a general way. Nevertheless, many who read this will recognize the principal characteristics as belonging to those who were born with the Sun in Capricorn.

As there is a sign rising every four min-

utes of time, it will be seen that the place and time of birth are necessary for the erection of an accurate chart, from which an able astrologer may read the nature and events of the individual life as if by magic. It is not at all magical, however, simply the practical application of a mathematical science established through ages of experience and myriad data found in the horoscopes not only of people but of nations.

As Stellar Science becomes better understood, it will be required of all parents to ascertain for what field of activity a child is adapted before his education is undertaken, in order that best results may be attained. If a father desires that his son should become an electrical engineer, the instructors will first inquire, "do his planetary configurations show that he may expect success in this line?" An intelligent father will reply, "His natal chart indicates adaptability for engineering and mechanics." Then will the child's education bear upon his best adaptations before he is old enough to give the matter his own attention. As he will be unfolding his talents according to the laws governing his birth, he will love his studies and doubtless not think of a change except to such broader fields of operation as his education shall eventually fit him to enter.

We repeat the art of living will ever be crude until the stellar configurations at time of birth are considered and followed as are

the currents of the sea by the navigator, and the strata of the earth's formation by those who seek for its hidden treasures.

The Chemistry of Astrplogy.

December 21st to January 19th.

By Dr. George Carey.

There are "Times and Seasons." The revolution of the Zodiac, an illusion produced by the revolution of Earth, and the ever-varying pathway of Moon and planets cause angles or influences which impinge upon the Earth's aura (the envelope of aerial substance that enfolds Earth), and sets in motion the electrons that run the dynamos of our world, or whirl. The electrons, or molecules, atoms, are the letters that spell the Eternal Word, "The Heavens declare the glory of God," or Energy.

"Day unto day uttereth Speech."

"There is no voice where their language is not heard."

Thus we see that the astrologers of old knew that Earth was one of the Heavenly Worlds (whirls, or planets), and that the language of the Cosmos was heard in the Speech of man.

Capricorn means goat; and goat traced to its root means God. In fact all words traced to their primal source mean God, yod, IOD. Iod is the unpronounceable Name—the Word from which all things proceed.

The industrial world, the trades unions, the railroads and great manufactories, and trusts, are represented by Capricorn, and ruled by Saturn or Chronus, the slow and powerful god with "feet of wool" and a halo of ineffable light encircling its resplendent sphere. One of the component parts of the "Philosopher's Stone" is known as phosphate of lime (known by a score of names in alchemical writings), which is the chief bone-builder. Bone tissue is fifty-seven parts lime phosphate. As the great industries are the foundation of society, the State, so is bone the foundation, *Stone*, of the flesh man. A deficiency of laborers in the industrial World causes the decay of Civilization. A deficiency of the phosphate of lime causes necrosis (decay) of bone structure and disease of the whole body.

Those born in the Sign Capricorn are more liable to lack their birth salt than those born in other Signs.

The phosphate of lime should be triturated with sugar of milk up to the 3d X in order to be fine enough to be taken up by the mucus membrane absorbents and thus carried into the blood.

The 3d X corresponds with the solution of this bone salt in vegetables, fruits, nuts, etc.

Chemistry is the result of Stellar rays or angles (angels).



Esoteric and Practical Astrology.

Written for The Stellar Ray by Coulson Turnbull.

The art of reading the stars is simple, compared with the labor and expense of a few years ago. Star study is a subject that has the highest claim upon the metaphysical student, in fact any one devoted to the study of life's mysteries and wonders. In this study, he is led up rationally and harmoniously into the hidden beauties of creation, the Verbum, or Logos. He sees how the star vibrations mystically weave themselves into the thought-waves of man, and tell how and when those thoughts and therefore acts shall germinate.

The study is marvelous, uplifting, and gives life a broader meaning and grander dignity, and if there were no other lesson to be learned than that it teaches the absolute justice of our present material incarnations, the effort would not be lost to the heavy-laden sons of men—absolute justice in all the exigencies and circumstances of our life—star correspondence most clearly teaches, and that is the question that has troubled weary, honest thinkers in every age. Our leaders of thought—our theologians—have not answered that question. They have tried again and again to harmonize the idea of eternal justice, and the dissonant cry of those who suffer in the slum and gutter, but have utterly

failed. The law, the economy of this universal changing, growing, progressive life is everywhere the same. All humanity lives and works, surrounded by the same primordial forces. The Divine Spirit is constantly involving itself, and the Soul of Man is constantly evolving itself according to its desires, loves and emotions. The same spirit permeates all, surrounds all. It is a perpetually active intelligence that brings man through travail, age, and its infirmities, but the sorrows that he is subject to can only be borne by a Divine Soul, that is ever learning while entombed in flesh, the methods of creation, how it shall bring all matter to reply to order. Sometimes the will of the soul lends its consciousness to the corruptible and temporal, and again to the incorruptible and eternal. When the soul of man turns its face away and forgets its Divinity, suffering and limitation is the result. Man then becomes a child of circumstance and sorrow, he forgets his mission here, and so dwelling in his finite mind he finds himself a slave ever bound by his own forged chains. We all have to travel the same path, all learn the same lessons, and how far we have progressed is registered by the silent watchers overhead, in their mazy, countless whirlings. When the consciousness of man recognizes the true self, he at once comes under higher influences, and the "stars no longer fight us," when man is full of material longings invisibly he links himself to lesser orders of life, with the attending struggles.

"No one can live unto himself alone," for nature acts according to a unit whole. Every atom, "angle-worm" and angel is intimately connected. Each of us carries the imprint of the same harmony, proportion and color found in the perfect whole, and while this is unseen to mortal vision, yet it is seen and known to those who have cultivated soul vision, and it can also be interpreted by the things seen. St. Paul says: "The invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, been understood by the things that are made."

The stars index our doings. They reflect above, life in all its workings below. The master minds of the past knew this

when they wrote such sayings like: "As in the Outer, so in the Inner."

"As in the Great so in the Small."

"Everything contains all things in itself."

"The Sun is in the Stars, the Stars are in the Sun."

"The Small is Great, the Great is Small."

There are those souls today who, having crossed the Threshold of their Being, see dimly perhaps that like design in the canopied heavens, as in the atoms, plants and life on earth. Living largely in the active external world, we fail to appreciate the finer forces, those intangible, invisible, formative, vital elements ever playing around us. Our senses have dwelt upon the external so long that we have forgot creation is first in the unseen before the seen. It is in the luminous body around man that are first set up the agencies that combine, order, and make manifest. This body is, as it were, an instantaneous photograph of the invisible astral currents that are playing on earth at our present birth. These currents are vari-colored, and are moved into brighter or darker shades by man's thinking and imaginations. The polarity established in these unseen astral currents become the processes which bring about the seen physiological functioning.

We select at our birth these unseen necessary materials and use them, bringing them into manifest action by our mental likes and dislikes. If the mind loves purity alone, the finer elements of this beautiful, active, unseen body of currents directly superintend and control the shorter darker currents. If any mental disturbance takes place, there is at once a re-combining, condensing process started up in the astral currents, and later the disturbance is felt in body. The time is only seen above in the stars. We can never put the blame of our limitations to any planetary cause. In star correspondence, emphasis must again and again be laid upon this point, or we shall find ourselves in the belief that the stars cause our suffering. Truly must we recognize the inner self—"the soul"—which "is form," and "doth the body make." As we love, and think, we act. Only our emotions link us to the

Eternal Ego, and they are so varied, so different, yet all have a beauty of their own; as are our emotions, so is our soul-consciousness; if moved into activity by material desires we come under the grosser and more limited astral currents, and are therefore children of Fate. Let us learn in these lessons, which will be metaphysical, the mastery of our Fate. Those who teach astrology without a knowledge of the soul and its laws, are like the blind leading the blind. The tendency in the last few years is to redeem the study from such narrow beliefs.

Star study in the past has done much for humanity. Think of what it has done for navigation and geography. The time was when even the best informed philosophers regarded this earth as the universe and the sun, moon and stars as only its appendages and ornaments.

Our earth was considered a vast plain, underneath somewhere at an unknown depth, they imagined a dismal cavern peopled with the countless ghosts of all departed mortals.

It is now different. The age of intuition is here. Man beholds a bond of connection in all forms of life. He seeks to be a master—a knower—a Gnostic, a Christ.

The Outlook for January, 1912.

By FREDERICK WHITE,

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The first half of January, till the 19th, will be under the full of the Moon, which occurs on the 4th of January at 8 a. m., Chicago standard time. The first new moon of the year occurs on the 19th, at 5:30 a. m.,

Chicago time, or one hour earlier for New York time.

At the time of the New Moon on the 4th, the Sun is in Capricorn, trine to Saturn, a slight good aspect, as Saturn is retrograde. This is better than no aspects or bad aspects and favors a slight improvement in business and general affairs, but the period till the 19th is a more quiet one than usual, not as active in business. Health conditions about the average, fairly good. Weather conditions normal, indications favor a little more warm weather in January than is usual, till the middle of the month, then we may expect an unusually cold wave to sweep the country and make us remember that Spring is yet to come.

At the time of the New Moon, the Sun will be in close aspect to a conjunction of Uranus, which is one of the uncertain aspects, causing activity in unusual ways, unusual weather, unusual events, activity in unusual lines of business and an unfavorable period to some extent for labor unions and those connected with them. Many will be contemplating travel, change of location, etc.

The cereal and stock markets somewhat quiet the early part of the month, but beginning to show unusual activity the last of the month and very deceiving, strength, to quite an extent followed by sudden reverses, those who speculate, should have plenty of margin during the middle or last of January or they may regret that they attempted it. The month as a whole is not a very favorable one for starting important moves or changes for the average person; it is best to wait till the Sun comes to a more favorable aspect of some of the other planets.



Topical Notes.

By Snowdon Hall (Stellarius)
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The writer of an article on "Planetary Influences" which recently appeared in one of the American magazines, gives it as his

opinion that the mental forces of the inhabitants of each planet play upon the mentality of the inhabitants of this earth, who in turn affect the inhabitants of other planets.

That the earth radiates a malefic influence no dweller on this sublunary globe

can doubt for a moment. We are continually sending thought waves and desires into the astral realms that bring woe to others; much of the effort for success in business or to obtain a livelihood is tinctured with the desire or attempt to hinder our fellow-mortals from succeeding in the same direction.

The question as to whether the planets are inhabited is one which has been debated by several astronomers, but beyond the discovery of the supposed canals on Mars nothing very definite seems to have been arrived at, and while Mr. Percival Lowell is practically convinced that Mars is inhabited, Professor Barnard of the Lick Observatory is equally convinced that it is not.

The ancient astrologers, however, believed that every planet was inhabited, and that each planet was but the physical body of a great planetary spirit.

In this connection it is well to remember that in these matters as in many others, the ancients were very much in advance of us moderns, for practically all that we know of planetary influence was known in Egypt, Hindustan and Chaldea thousands of years ago.

After all it is somewhat unreasonable to suppose that our earth is the only portion of the vast planetary system which is inhabited by intelligent beings. It is quite possible that not only the other planets are inhabited but that the boundless space which divides us from them has also its appropriate life and intelligence.

As Lord Lytton says in "Zanoni," "Man is arrogant in proportion to his ignorance. Man in his infancy of knowledge thinks that all creation was formed for him. For several ages he saw in the countless worlds * * * only the petty candles, the household torches that Providence had been pleased to light for no other purpose than to make the night more agreeable to man. Astronomy has corrected this delusion of human vanity, and man now reluctantly confesses that the earth on which he crawls is a scarce visible speck on the vast chart of creation. But in the small as well as in the vast, God is equally profuse of life. * * * Each drop of water in your moat is an orb more populous than a kingdom is of men. * * * Reasoning,

then, by evident analogy, if not a leaf, if not a drop of water, but is not less than yonder star, a habitable and breathing world * * * common sense, if your schoolmen had it, would suffice to teach the circumfluent infinite which you call space, SIX—Stellar Ray—Howard Charter the boundless, impalpable which divides earth from the moon and stars is also filled with its correspondent and appropriate life. Is it not a visible absurdity to suppose that Being is crowded on every leaf and yet absent from the immensities of space?"

The mystic knows that just beyond the ken of our normal sense, there is a great realm of active, living intelligence and to study astrology in its highest aspects, we have to step beyond the threshold of the physical universe and approach the subject from the standpoint of the mystic and occultist.

There are certain days in the week when our affairs progress favorably, and others in which worry and irritation are experienced. On the days when we feel "off color" and low spirited we are apt to accuse our livers as being the cause, forgetting the words of Solomon that "there is a time for everything under the Sun: a time to sow and a time to reap," etc.

It has been found by those who have studied planetary influences that the law of harmony proceeds to us by way of color. The light of the universe as it passes through the Sun is decomposed into several colors, each of which is absorbed by a particular planet, approximately as follows: Mars, Red; Saturn, Green; Venus, Blue, and Jupiter, Indigo.

In the human aura certain colors are vibrating, and these will be dominant according to the strength of the planets in the nativity. Those who come under the influence of Mars have a decidedly red aura, those under Saturn green, and so forth. Even in connection with the physical body the relationship between the planetary influences and color can be seen. Those born under Mars have a red complexion, those under Saturn a greenish-yellow appearance.

Persons of artistic taste are well aware of the effect certain combinations of

colors have upon the mind, and every one experiences a peculiar sensation on being suddenly brought into surroundings which are inharmonious. Take, for instance, the discordant note of a woman's dress with the wall paper of a room. We are all sensitive to this particular feeling of harmony or discord through color, and this is

the true explanation of the good and evil days or hours.

The colors of the planets correspond with certain principles in our nature; they also rule over certain material affairs in life, and just as we set in motion certain vibrations of color, so will the result be discord or harmony.



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News and Notes, Queries and Answers.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held at Crystal Bay, Minn., January 3rd, 1912, at which the Board of Directors for the ensuing year will be elected, and many important business affairs transacted. The Society is now well established and the outlook for uniting all genuine Astrologers, so that they may distinguish themselves from fakirs, is most promising.

The new By-laws will be ready for distribution directly after the annual meeting, as there will be some amendments considered at that meeting, which will have to be settled, before the By-laws are printed.

The "Stellar Ray" would welcome brief items of interest concerning the affairs of the Society, and any questions in the Divine Science of Astrology will be answered in this column.

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Psychic Research



Nearness of the Spirit World.

By the Rev. H. Mayne Young.

On the evening of St. Michael and All Angels' Day, last year, I was preaching in the Church of St. John's, Westminster, on the subject of 'The Ministry of Angels,'

and afterwards I was told that a member of the congregation distinctly saw a group of angels stationed above me whilst I was preaching. The other incident was related to my wife by the lady herself. When she was about sixteen years of age, she was one day keeping watch near her little

sister, who was seriously ill with some internal complaint. She had just relieved her mother, who had gone to rest in the next room. The girl laid herself down upon the bed near her little sister's cot, but did not go to sleep. Suddenly the door began to open slowly, and a figure dressed in grey, resembling a Sister of Mercy, came quietly into the room, and advanced to the side of the cot where her little sister was lying. Terrified, the girl tried to move and cry out, but found that she was unable to do either; all she could do was to follow the movements of the figure with her eyes. She saw the figure stoop over the cot, and gather the little one into her arms, and carry her out of the room. Then the door closed again as quietly as it had opened.

The minute the door was closed her power of speech and movement came back to the girl, and she called out loudly to her mother that someone had entered the room and taken away her baby sister. Her mother rushed into the room, and when they looked into the cot they found that the child was dead! Such incidents as these, which I feel sure could be multiplied a thousand-fold, prove to us the nearness of the spirit world, and that the angels, now as ever, are doing God's service here on earth.

As for praying for the departed, I believe that they need our prayers, and that we in turn are greatly blessed by them. I believe that they are greatly capable of influencing us. They loved us dearly on earth; prayed for us daily; would have been willing to make any and every sacrifice for us. Now they are in higher and more etherealised conditions, in fuller, freer, completer life. And surely that love which they bore us on earth, would it not lead them to endeavor, at least, to impress our spirits, by some impact of mind upon mind, to set free for us good influences by prayer? We may not be actively conscious of their influence, but that is no proof that they are not working for our benefit. Others whom we have dearly loved have passed away manifestly in incompleteness, with faculties undeveloped, and appetites and passions unrestrained. Now, I believe if we are faithful and true and believing we can influence them for good by mingling

our prayers for greater light with theirs, and by reaching forth in spirit to the conditions in which they now are, and seeking to identify ourselves with them in heart. This impulse to pray for our loved ones who have gone on before is instinctive, and instinct is the prompting of the Universal Spirit. The hideously selfish doctrine—so strangely at variance with the spirit of Christianity—which forbids praying for the departed has driven many a devout soul into the Romish Church, and many a rationalist thinker into the ranks of agnosticism.—“Light.”

Seen Afar.

By Allen Rosenkrans.

I saw in a vision vivid and fair
Glad nuptials yet to be
In the far radiant Otherwhere
When man will be wise and free.

Sweet Faith and Reason had clasped warm
hands
Bright angel and giant strong
While Wisdom welded the golden bands
Of a union Eternity-long.

Physical Phenomena at Tunbridge Wells.

Physical phenomena, such as are familiar to Spiritualists, are said to have been occurring for nearly a year past at some dark seances held in a house at Tunbridge Wells, England. We quote some of the statements which a special correspondent reports:

“Things have happened,” said the occupier, “which I cannot possibly explain. On one occasion the marble clock glided gently down to the table, ticking all the time. On another, a tambourine floated from high up on the wall, and banged us each lightly on the head. Once a violin, which lay on the chest of drawers, began to play—not in tune; still, it played, and then the bow fell to the floor.

“I am quite unable to even think how all these things happened,” said his wife. “One time there were the tongs. We had missed them all day, and so we asked if the spirit would bring them back, and sure enough back they came on the table. Woolly

rugs came from the floor and curled up round my head and my husband's, during one seance—for sometimes the spirit will not bring what you ask, but will bring something you have never dreamed of asking for."

"I went quite disbelieving in spirit powers," said Mr. Wymark, of the leading drapery establishment of the town, to me. "I held an electric switch in my hand, which our host's son had fitted up, so that we visitors could keep on the watch for any human agency. And when I suddenly switched it up, and saw a tambourine, which I had heard jingling, drop from space, I tell you I was astounded. I cannot explain it all."

Mr. Fearn, keeper of a local hotel, is equally emphatic. "There was a great noise one evening," he said. "We switched on the light—for the room is in complete darkness, with even the window barred up with cloth, during the seances—and there was the fender on the table. Now, we had all been sitting round, and it is only a small table. How the fender could have been lifted over our heads, without touching us is a mystery to me. I cannot think that any human power did it."

Mr. Wymark's two sisters have also been present at seances, and have expressed their absolute wonderment. A local solicitor told me that he had been at the house when a heavy drawer, out of a chest, was lifted out and placed on the table. "Yet, had one of the party taken his or her hand away from the table," he told me, "I am sure it would have been more than one hand could do to lift that drawer out; and I really be-

lieve that no hand had moved, for when the light was switched on all were on the table."

Another resident told me of an even more difficult test which the mysterious power had fulfilled. He said: "I went quite as a skeptic, and I placed in a vase a penknife and a pencil-case, among a lot of other things. Then we asked if the spirit would bring them back to me, and the next moment I felt the penknife slipped between my fingers, as I held them on the table, and the pencil-case arrived on the back of my hand. I carried an electric torch, but though I switched it on time and again, there was no sign of anybody moving. We all had our hands on the table. And I am sure there was nobody else in the room. The door was locked. I had inspected the window, one of the ordinary kind, which could never have been unfastened without our knowing. There was nobody under the sofa, either. It is a mystery to me. One evening a box of cigars was put on the table, and the spirit, at the request of one of us, put a cigar into every man's mouth. I was flabbergasted."

Similar opinions were expressed by other prominent tradesmen and residents. Not a single person of the thirty or forty who have been to these psychic evenings can explain how any human agency could possibly be at work. The owner of the house is in quite a "comfortable" financial position. I am assured by all who have been that there is no suggestion of payment. The meetings are quite private, and only personal friends are asked.—"*Light*," London, Eng.

The Voice of Counsel.

By WALTER DEVOE.

(In Answer to Correspondents.)

The spiritual body, which is often called the soul, is similar in form to the physical body. In its developed state it is composed of luminous substance.

When the soul is awakened it shines like a sun in the center of the spiritual body and it is the polarizing-God-center.

The spiritual man or woman is a self-luminous being of Divine intelligence.

The only guide for realizing the presence of divine Teachers is the Truth.

The Truth will make your spirit strong and more positive, and as it becomes a mightier magnet of wisdom, it will attract higher intelligence.

I can never advise anyone to use the planchette or sit for mediumistic development, because I have had a large corre-

spondence with those, who through that means, have come under the dominion of spirits that have devitalized their bodies. It is impossible to tell what you are dealing with unless you can see clairvoyantly into the spirit plane of life, because spirits of the most ordinary sort can make large claims and promises which have no basis in reality.

If you have not the spiritual discrimination to tell whether they are lying or not, how are you to know what they are? The safe way is to develop your own soul powers that your judgment may be quickened and your mind brought into a higher state of consciousness.

There is no rule that will help you to discriminate in regard to the class of spirits that are controlling a medium. It requires clear clairvoyant power to see those spirits and a large knowledge of human nature to judge their quality after they are seen, and I have found very few that have the combination of the two so well developed that they cannot be "taken in" by spirits.

Spirits are not necessarily earth-bound because they come to their friends on earth. They are in the realm of human affections because they are still attracted to the earth plane through their affections. It is called "summer-land" by the Spiritualists.

I do not believe that because one is spiritually minded he should be poor. There is plenty in the world for all and if the laws of Goodness were understood and fulfilled, all could be happy and healthy and prosperous, and this earth would be but an outer court of heaven, as I trust it will be some time in the future. But before that time is realized by the race as a whole we shall have gained entrance into the spiritual worlds where the laws of mortals do not bind, and then we shall live according to the innate qualities of our characters and find great satisfaction in unfolding our latent powers of mind and soul as we progress to the goal of the souls aspiration, namely, the Living God.

Development of the faculty of spiritual-ity should not interfere with the expression of your soul in other faculties of human interest.

The use of an automobile need not interfere with your spiritual development. My

chief relaxation is a ride in my automobile, which opens the door of the country to me. I think I enjoy more keenly the sensations of pleasure in external things because they are all related to spiritual things, and are really spiritual forces made manifest. I certainly get more pleasure out of my mind than a person who only has half as many faculties developed and those purely physical.

You ask if there is another soul to match your own in the heavenly state and I can best answer you by saying there are many souls to match our own, and as each quality is drawn out we have the larger experience and pleasure of expressing what is in our souls to as many souls as are in affinity with us, and who become our companions in a social way. I do not believe that we are half souls.

We grow in soul power as we radiate to others and they grow in giving to us, so that the pleasure of life on this or any other plane must come through reciprocity. If you are disturbed by malicious thoughts it would be well for you to arise from your attitude of passive faith and trust to a more positive attitude in which you would deny their influence. Hold these thoughts:

I am a positive soul living in the protection of Almighty God, and malicious thoughts cannot reach me or affect my life or affairs in any way.

When I write about spirits my friends begin to fear I have strayed from the faith into the byways of psychic phenomena. As well suppose I have turned Buddhist when I call their attention to the sublime truths uttered by Buddha, or a Mohammedan when I reveal the beauties of the Koran.

When will those who claim to see the larger Truth unfold to that greatness of mind that is no longer cramped by bigotry and prejudice? When will they recognize that every one has some truth and we can best help that one to see greater things by developing the truth he knows. We must appeal to a man's present knowledge and show him the relation of that knowledge to the truth we wish to teach if we would lead him in the path of Wisdom. By recognition of truth and not by criticism and condemnation do we lead souls into the Light.

I could not advise you to get into communication with the boy who has entered the freer realm of existence because it might interfere with his unfoldment and progress. He is in the hands of tender nurses who are removing all the earthly impressions of diseases from his spirit and treating his soul for the awakening of a new power and strength that it may rise above all earthly states of mind, and you can help him most by sending him the blessings and encouragement of your soul,

in words of truth. If you were to try to reach him through mediums you might get responses, but there is no way of knowing whether these responses are from deceptive spirits, and it leads one into a maze of psychic phenomena which is debilitating to mind and body. Look upon his passing the same as though he had taken a trip to Europe, knowing that he is still in the Mind of God and can, when he gains his spiritual poise, reflect back to you the new glories of the spiritual realm which have opened to his vision.—*Mystic Magazine.*

The High Cost of Dying.

A contributor to the December Woman's Home Companion makes the following interesting comment:

"It has occurred to me, while reading articles on The High Cost of Living, that, apparently, no one has thought of the terribly high cost of *dying*.

"Does it seem fair that a casket should cost so many times its intrinsic value, because of the pressing need? Should liverymen charge double or treble for conveyances at such a time? Can you not undertake to show the actual *robbery* that exists and thrives on the forced purchasing that often leaves a family almost bankrupt? That, too, at a time perhaps when its support is taken away. I hope that you may be able to start a crusade against such rank injustice."

Maida In Heaven.

M. Norman.

Maida lives in heaven every day,
She knows no ill;
The winds her playmates are,
They roam at will.

The clouds are floats of angel-bands,
They keep her world from harm;
The trees are stately sentinels
That bar out all alarm.

The leaves soft dancing in the breeze,
Smile down at her from all the trees;
And stories whisper, old and new,
Sweet Maida knows they all are true.

A carpet green for Maida's feet
Earth spreads o'er hill and field,
And sets with jewels fair and sweet,
For her to love and shield.

The rain-drops come to play with her,
Soft pattering on the pane;
They give the flowers all a drink
Alive down in the lane.

The golden sun shines out "good-night,
I'll come again at dawn";
The watch-stars twinkle fair and bright,
The moon sails o'er the lawn.

And Maida sleeps
To dream unto another day;
And watch and ward her angel keeps,
Ne'er will her trust betray.

Love's Tragedy.

Once there was a man who loved a woman with all his strength. He took her to wife. They were poor. She washed, ironed, sewed and economized for him and grew to love him deeply. She bore him children. They were all very happy those days. Afterward he grew rich. He enjoyed his money because it enabled him to heap benefits upon her. As time went on her love gradually changed from her husband to her children. The more he sought her the more she withdrew. Only her children could awaken her tenderness, her sparkle and quickened pulse. Other women tried to tempt him, but he wanted only the woman he loved. So he consulted the Oracle, and the Oracle said:

"It is all quite simple. You do all the giving and she the receiving. The proverb, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," was not intended merely for missionary collections. It is a deep law of life. She loves the children because they are a constant drain upon her heart. She gives unceasingly to them; that feeds love. She takes from you; so love sickens."

"Then," said the man, "what shall I do?" "I want my wife. I cannot deny her. I cannot mistreat her. Tell me what to do."

And the Oracle replied: "You can do nothing. You cannot change your nature."

"Oh," exclaimed the man, "I feel like the devil."

"Quite the contrary," replied the Oracle, "for now you know how God feels."—*Human Confessions, by Frank Crane. See Book Reviews.*

The New Thought Mother.

Mary Brewerton deWitt.

I spoiled my nice new muslin dress,
I did it in the sand;
I tried to catch the waves, you see;
They did not understand.

And so they ran right after me
And chased me from the shore:
"I hope my mother won't say much,
She didn't once before!"

That's what I said, and do you know
It's wonderfuller quite,
The way the mothers love and kiss
Since New Thought came to light.

My mother smiled, "Oh, is that all?"
That's 'actly what she said,
When, my! an old thought mother
Put *her* little girl to bed!

Chicago, Ill.

Some people, and then some, have such a mania for owning things that they say "my catarrh, my neuralgia, my rheumatism." Thus do they cherish and love their little devils and go on their way lamenting.—*Dr. Geo. W. Carey.*

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From Fort Worth, Texas.

We are in receipt of a pleasant, inspiring letter from Mrs. Nada Ingraham, State Regent for Texas, in which she speaks of the good work Texas Chapters of The American Woman's League are doing helping others to help themselves. She says: "Women's Exchanges and Tea Rooms, giving business training and employment to many women, also providing ready sale for fancy work, plain needle work, etc., etc., are being established throughout the state, showing enthusiasm in the League movement."

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Any news items which Chapters of the League may desire to publish will be given good position in The Stellar Ray free of charge.

He Who Looks and Listens.

By Oriana.

Go forth with eyes for seeing
And you shall find the flower;
Go forth with ears for hearing
And music is your dower.

Raise your eyes to heaven
And you shall find the light;
Listen for the Voices
And learn all things are right.

To Dawning Light.

Aquarius.

My love is deep as the deepest deep—
My soul as light as the light that creeps—
My heart is as warm as the warm sun heat
And my feet as willing as the deer is fleet.

—*Caroline March.*



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For bright impossible things;

Don't sit supinely yearning

For the swiftness of wings.

Don't spurn to be a rushlight

Because you are not a star,

But brighten some bit of darkness

By shining just where you are.

There is need of the tiniest candle

As well as of the garish sun;

The humblest deed is ennobled

When it is worthily done!

You may never be called to brighten

The darkened regions afar;

So fill, for the day, your mission

By shining just where you are.

If you have children in school and the

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