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## Editorial Department



### Learn to Take Life as it Comes In a Joyful Spirit.

Henry Clay Hodges.

Humanity the world over, at least a large majority, love changes and varieties in life and many are placed in a position where they are compelled to tread the weary round of dull routine day after day, week after week, ay, year after year, and naturally will at times feel disposed to resent it and wonder why they should be compelled to perform certain labors which are distasteful and disagreeable to them. The answer to this query is simply because the soul needs strengthening in a certain direction or quality which is latent, and the two qualities most essential to the individual's progress are patience and perseverance.

It is essential to put the whole energy to work and act with a will until the lesson is gained, no matter how annoying or distasteful, and if the individual would only stop and realize that in all manifestations of the forces about him there is a lesson to learn and consider his duty and obligations, not as a debt to be paid with bad grace, but as a means of purchasing success not wasting energy in building castles or making plans that lie so far beyond, they may never be carried out through lack of opportunity, and that very lack of opportunity may arise through the lack of power to eradicate the present environment, brought on by wasted or misdirected energy.

He should learn to concentrate all his forces into the present moment, for he is living in the eternal now, and as the soul grows too large to be contained within the limits of present environments, this environment will become disintegrated and as his stars progress, fresh opportunities will be presented, and then, if the power has been well directed, it will be ready to go forward

and accept the opportunity; but the opportunity will not be presented until the soul is ready, and it will not be ready until it has learned its lessons from present environments; and it will not learn its lessons unless the energies are directed to the present, with its many tasks and opportunities.

There is nothing indifferent in natural law. One stone more or less on the way may cause failure or success or alter the fortunes of the greatest men or the greatest empire, and much more, then, the position of a particular star cannot be indifferent to the destiny of the individual who is being born and who enters, by the fact of his birth, into the universal harmony of the astral forces, and thus finds his natural environments already prepared for his unfoldment and progress.

There is a loss of energy and power for those who stop to lament and magnify their troubles, wasting power that is essential to their success. Then this must be eradicated entirely and we must learn to take life as it comes in a joyful spirit, realizing the great purpose back of it all, and not looking upon it as an obstacle to advancement and unfoldment, but as an absolutely essential manifestation of the astral forces for our special benefit, and that this is just exactly what it is, there is no question.

There must be certain knowledge gained from the environments in which one finds himself and the lesson to be attained must be learned by heart, so to speak, ere there will come a change of conditions.

A student of life's environments and physical condition can readily perceive that it is naught but selfishness, ignorance of truth, and unbrotherliness which makes of humanity a sea of sorrow formed of the tears of mankind. The darkness of selfishness chains man to the animal plane. Altruism and self-forgetfulness reveal the divinity of man and lift him onward to the



superhuman stage, but it must be kept in mind that the birth of new ideas and nobler eras is accompanied by storm and stress, through which all should pass undismayed, secure in the knowledge that the peace and unity of the sixth sub-race await our efforts to prepare the way, and thus amid the clash of war and contention and social revolution which it will be our lot to witness, we shall feel secure in the remembrance that from the storm and chaos engendered by the warring wills of men, the new life of peace, brotherhood and unity will emerge triumphant.

### Editor of The Stellar Ray:

Your excellent magazine, by the spirit of its contributions and the outlook of the contributors serves as an index, pointing the trend of American popular thought and life. It should have half a million circulation, and for the very reason that not a number of the Ray is published but that in it are a score of things (thoughts) which never entered the mind of the next door neighbor of the subscriber. I wish I could say to every reader of the Stellar Ray, "Lend it to your neighbor, and after he has read and returned it, take his subscription and send it forward, with the dollar, to the Stellar Ray Publishing Co.

Have you had the Stellar Food?

Pass it on!

If well for you, 'tis for others' good,

Pass it on!

SHELDON CLARK.

A little consideration of what takes place around us every day would show us, that a higher law than that of our will regulates events; that our painful labors are unnecessary, and fruitless; that only in our easy, simple, spontaneous action are we strong, and by contenting ourselves with obedience we become divine.

Belief and love,—a believing love will relieve us of a vast load of care. O my brothers, God exists. There is a soul at the center of nature, and over the will of every man, so that none of us can wrong the universe. It has so infused its strong enchantment into nature, that we prosper when we accept its advice, and when we

struggle to wound its creatures, our hands are glued to our sides, or they beat our own breasts. The whole course of things goes to teach us faith. We need only obey. There is guidance for each of us and by lowly listening we shall hear the right word.

Why need you choose so painfully your place, and occupation and modes of action and entertainment? Certainly there is a possible right for you that precludes the need of balance and wilful election. For you there is a reality a fit place and congenial duties. Place yourself in the middle of the stream of power and wisdom which animates all whom it floats and you are without effort impelled to truth, to right, and a perfect contentment.—Emerson.

### An Ideal Prayer.

(Authorship Unknown.)

Not more of life, I ask, O God  
But eyes to see what is,—  
Not sweeter songs, but power to hear  
The present melodies;  
Not greater strength, but how to use  
The power that I possess,  
Not more of Love, but skill to turn  
A frown to a caress;—  
Not more of joy, but power to feel  
Its kindling presence near,—  
To give to others all I have  
Of courage and of cheer.  
No other gift, dear God I ask,  
But only sense to see  
How best the precious Gifts to use  
Thou hast bestowed on me.  
Give me all fears to dominate,  
All holy joys to know,—  
To be the friend I wish to be,—  
To speak the Truth I know.—  
To love the pure, to seek the Good,  
To lift with all my might,  
All souls to dwell in harmony  
In freedom's perfect light.

### Believe in New Things.

To reject the new without a thorough investigation is to reject those very things that we require for our next step forward; and to oppose the new without cause is to become obstacles to thousands, who, if not

frightened, would proceed to enter the richer fields before them.

The majority of those who oppose the new will neither enter themselves nor permit others to enter. They are, in consequence, the worst obstacles to human progress that could possibly be found; and no greater philanthropy could be launched than one which would search for the real cause of this abnormal state of mind. No mind is normal who rejects and opposes the new without investigation, in fact this attitude or condition is actually a mental disease. Find the cause of it and the remedy and you will remove an enemy of the race that has done more than anything else to obstruct the path of human progress.

Train yourself to approach everything that is new with a state of mind that wants to know the true; no matter what its nature or its source. This is the normal attitude, not only promote your own health of mind and body, but you will also become a real power of promoting the welfare of the world—*Popular Therapeutics*.

Dr. Geo. W. Carey, the noted biochemist and teacher of occult science, will furnish a short article for each number of Ray during 1912. Read article in this issue, "The Day of Judgment."

This is the time of year when pneumonia will be prevalent in many parts of the country. We therefore publish the following remedies said to be effectual in the immediate relief of this dreaded disease. The directions should be explicitly followed.

## A Cure for Pneumonia.

SPECIALLY SENT TO AUSTRALIAN JOURNALS.

In the United States this disease, which so often terminates fatally, is said to have been cured in many instances by the following, which has been inserted by newspapers from one end of the republic to the other. Accompanying the remedy was a letter signed "Marino A. Redding," in which he relates how it has saved the life not only of himself, but all who have had a chance to use it. In Worcester, Alaska, Seattle, Pasadena, and Los Angeles, it has been tried with unfailing effect. At the last-mentioned place pneumonia was taking off

from two to five victims every day. Four of the Los Angeles papers inserted the cure under the heading, "No One Need Die of Pneumonia," with the result that only one death a day was reported and most of these were infants under a year old. The writer says that the death of his friend, Professor Henry P. Loomis, professor of medicine at Cornell University lately, where none of his associate doctors were able to save him, decided him on making this simple remedy public.

### THE REMEDY.

Get an inhalation apparatus of glass, or, if you cannot procure one, saturate a ball of cotton (as large as a one-inch marble) with spirits of alcohol. Add 3-4 drops of chloroform to each ball of cotton. Place it between the patient's teeth and let him inhale the fumes in deep, long breaths for 15 minutes. Rest 15 minutes or longer if needed, then inhale again for 15 minutes and continue the same operation for 24 times and the result will be that the lungs will expand to their normal condition. In 24 hours the patient is out of danger, and in 48 he is cured, although weak. Change cotton and alcohol often.

The writer adds: "I have sent this prescription to the Stanford University, the Northwestern College of Medicine (Chicago), Cornell University (New York state), and to numerous other places, even across to England, to some of the most prominent men there. Doctors, try it for humanity's sake, and the public for your own welfare."—*Harbinger of Light, Melbourne, Australia*.

DOMESTIC REMEDY WITHIN RANGE OF ALL.  
SIMPLE BUT EFFECTIVE.

Boiled onions.

Rye flour.

Apple vinegar.

Mix. Use as a poultice on the throat and under armpits. Put on as hot as can be borne. Do not blister. Destroy the poultice as soon as removed; renew as often as cold. If taken in season it seldom fails to relieve the congestion; no, not even after all else has failed. Try it and you will be convinced.

F. WILBUR FOSTER,  
Demonstrator of Medicology.

## Contributions

### The Day of Judgment.

By DR. GEORGE W. CAREY.  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Even in the concept of material thought, or the belief in separateness, many gods, many forces emanating from different powers, man strives for facts or knowledge before passing judgment or judging. A judge in our courts, if a true judge, must exhaust every effort to obtain the exact truth in any case of law that comes before him, in order that he may judge correctly. But our so-called courts of justice can only judge of exoteric appearances. No civil authority can help one to judge esoterically or to judge the real motives of another. The soul has a solitary chamber, a holy of holies, where motive dwells and where the causeless Cause sits alone and speaks the word of action. From this awful realm of absolute darkness and eternal silence comes the word that not only says, "Let there be light," but the words that cause every blade of grass and flower and vine that garland the earth to assume forms of beauty. The words are spoken in this silence chamber of the soul that keep the whirling orbs in their appointed paths and hurls them on their way. And shall this Judge, into whose presence no one can approach, be judged by another? "Judge not that ye be not judged," is a statement uttered by the Eternal Principle and refers especially to judgment in dual concept, or judgment of one for another—another in appearance only for in Truth there is but One.

When a soul, lost in flesh for a season, at last realizes its oneness with the Oversoul, it ceases to judge appearances, many of which seem evil, and only realizes or judges for and of itself. Soul can only do this after knowing the Truth of Being. Therefore, the Day of Judgment is the day in which a soul in flesh realizes the truth

that it must be *its own judge and not judge of another.*

Again, let us consider an assayer of ore. He does not judge the value of the ore nor the percentage of certain metals it contains until after a careful analysis has been made and then his opinion, or judgment, is rendered, but his judgment is based upon his own knowledge (or Gnosis) and not upon the opinion of another. The day of judgment comes to the assayer when he receives correct information in regard to the constituents of a certain ore or mineral substance. When the chemist analyzes a substance, he is able to pass judgment upon the qualities of the substance; so, in the affairs of life, one must know the facts before they can judge correctly.

When Soul knows its relation to the universal Cause, it is no longer a lost soul but has found its Father's house in Cause. Soul then fully realizes its divinity and judges accordingly. Thus the day of judgment is the day one recognizes the truth of Being. All along the journey the soul must travel to reach the promised land of happiness, it meets and must overcome obstacles that prevent it from obtaining evidence that will enable it to arrive at correct conclusions or judgment. "Appearances of evil" confront the soul at every step. It seems an apparently broken and disjointed world, literally a world in ruins. All seems to be broken and scattered pieces instead of mosaics in a perfect whole, causing the soul to dwell in the concept of separateness. Here the appearance of accident or mistakes, there the appearance of competition, war and death, while seeming injustice, dishonesty and crime are everywhere present. Then the spirit of investigation stirs within the soul and it longs to reconcile the seeming paradoxes and inconsistencies that mock reason and love.

The time never comes when a reconstruction does not imperil some great interest.—Heber Newton.

## Not Submission, But Conquest.

MADAME DU BOIS.

The general idea of overcoming environment seems to be to stick to it, love it, and camp down in it; whereas, it should be used as a stepping stone to other things—otherwise there is no progression.

If one is placed "on the dump" that is one's environment; and the way to conquer it is to put it under foot and climb out.

To master your environment, whether physical or mental, tunnel your way out, before it masters you.

We may be obliged to remain in a certain place physically for a while, for the sake of others; we are not always free to go and come as we may elect; but the mind is always free and there is no limit to its possibilities. "Where there's a will, there's a way."

We can so cultivate our mental powers that physical environment will cease to hamper and annoy; we may realize a freedom that we have not dreamed existed. There are ways and means at our door—at our command—if we will but waken and use them. We may become veritable giants of mental strength, towering over a dwarfed, unpleasant position in life, thus climbing out and putting it under foot.

A woman tells me that "God" tells her every day that He does not want her to go to the poor house. She makes herself a burden to her friends and the public by begging. There are many well-kept, pleasant poor houses where there is good food, warmth and comfort, including excellent care of the sick. (The writer has investigated them.) It is far better for a poor, lonely cripple to be in one of them, than to surround herself with the mental environment of a common beggar. Another cannot work because "her back is so lame," but she can walk miles and miles to beg and excite pity for her home life. She keeps her environment what it is by her love for pity and lack of self-respect.

As soon as one turns "right about face" and tries to better one's condition, invisible

forces are ready to help. They cannot do it all; we must help ourselves out and up. We would not be given the ability to do it if we were not meant to use it. We not only have invisible help, but humans are always ready to help us if we start vibrations that attract it to us. When we want them and look for them, opportunities spring up on every side—opportunities that are perfectly plain and tangible.

Some of our greatest men have become such in spite of early environment. If Elihu Burritt had not mastered all those languages he would have been a blacksmith, possibly, all his life; and there would have been no laurel wreath placed on his grave in May, 1910.

If Alexander Irvine had not mastered his environment, he might still be living in a stone hut in Ireland, instead of having occupied one of the finest Episcopal pulpits in New York city. His writing is a study in English prose.

Environment is no excuse for poor attainment. Though we may be balked in one direction or many directions, there is always some way to turn if we have pluck, ambition, will-power, integrity, optimism and perseverance in our mental house.

## Mind the Master.

M. EVELYN DAVIS.

Invisible forces are at work to bring into manifestation that which is the righteous desire of man. On the plastic atmosphere surrounding the builder of beautiful ideals, is stamped the thought which is being transmuted into visible manifestations of glorious achievements.

Hidden mysteries unfold their secrets to him who builds aright in the thought realm, and man needs only to be true to the highest and best, to wield the power of God.

High above the taint and misery and woe of ignorance, the Master Mind calls, "If you would know of freedom, if you would see with undimmed and ever clearer vision the beauties of the true universe of spirit, if you would join hands and forces with the heavenly host, and hear the anthems of the invisible choirs, you must come into the greater knowledge of the true soul self; also into the consciousness of soul and body

as one; all spirit. All intelligent, harmonious energy.

You must sit in the holy temple of silence within your own soul and listen for the voice of Love, that shall as surely speak to you in sweetest accents of the soul's desire, as that you give it the opportunity so to do.

Here, in this most sacred silence, you will be enabled to hear the voice of wisdom; and here you may open your eyes and behold either the loved ones of the "seen" or of the "unseen" realm, for just here you are enabled to demonstrate your mind your soul, as boundless power and true self, what God intended you to be, a Master.

There are those on earth today, so highly developed in the power of mind, that they converse at will with their friends of earth, though miles intervene, and both parties are absolutely conscious of the language used, to express the message. The world calls this "telepathy."

These same great minds, converse with equally as much freedom, with those who have long since entered the "unseen" realm. Is it necessary to materialize these earth friends, who may be at different points of the globe, to prove to the thinking public that telepathy is an established fact and that a message has passed? No; the character of the message determines the truth of the phenomena.

So, with communication from the "unseen;" it is not necessary that our friends who have preceded us into the more highly etherialized realm, must appear before us in materialized form to prove to us, eternal life and soul communion; the character of the message will prove the truth.

The more perfectly and truthfully developed is the seeker, the more beautiful and correct will be the message he will receive.

Thus when ignorance of the fact, that mind is power, is spirit, is the infinite, intelligent, and all-harmonious energy of the universe is dissolved, obliterated, from the individualized mind, that individual will find himself enabled to work in oneness with the Universal Power; and cannot go astray; he is following the blazed trail to the heights of spiritual consciousness and knows no limit to the power which is his.

Earth's earnest students in the study of

life, looking out on the pathway to the east, where dawns the light of the morning to every soul, recognize the illumined one, and call aloud, "Behold the Master! He comes! He comes!"

## Finding His Lucky Star.

MABEL GIFFORD SHINE,  
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Felix Mason went out into the world to seek his fortune. "What's the use?" he had asked himself many times, "I was born under an unlucky star and whatever I undertake I am bound to fail."

But the urge within him would not let him rest, and so he had started out.

"No capital, no trade or profession, no influence, and only a common school education; that's bad luck enough to swamp any young man.

"Aunt Margaret will board me for a time, and that will cost less, and be pleasanter than going to a strange place. That's one bit of luck.

"And she says to get any kind of work I can start with, and be on the lookout for something better. Now that is what I detest, and how am I to be on the lookout for something better, when I am working all day every day?"

Aunt Margaret talked with her grocer about her nephew, and the result was a position for him in the store, with recompense for his services sufficient to pay his board, with the promise of a raise to the end of a month.

Felix sighed a good deal over the hard luck of not having a penny to spend; there was so much that was enticing in the city. And he had to work so many hours, there was no chance for study or attending evening school. And he had no taste for the grocery business anyway.

At the end of the month Aunt Margaret told him she would be obliged to have the room, and another boarding-place swallowed up most of the raise in his wages. "Just my luck!" he said.

The truth was, that his aunt was so depressed by his continual bemoaning of his "luck" or his "fate," that she could endure no more of it.

At the end of the second month the grocer said business was dull, and he could not



keep so many clerks, and of course the last to come was the first to go.

"I thought something would happen," said Felix; "too good luck for me." Yet secretly rejoicing to be freed from the detested store.

Now the grocer dismissed Felix because of his being absent-minded and manifesting no interest in his work, which caused him to make many mistakes.

His aunt said that with his two months' experience he might find another position even better than that. "No such good luck for me," he said. What he thought was that he would have no more of grocery stores.

Felix thought he would like to be a doctor, and he walked up and down the streets noting all the physicians signs. At last he chose one and gathered courage to ring the bell and ask for the doctor.

He was received very affably, but when he made known that his malady was bad luck, and that he wanted to study the healing art, the doctor grew very distant and told him that the medical profession was dreadfully overcrowded and he would stand a better chance if he learned some good trade.

Felix left with bitter feelings, while the doctor looked after him a little wistfully. He really wanted a reliable and intelligent young student in his office, but, "What a character for a physician!" he said; "who would want to see him coming, with his long face and his pessimism?"

Next Felix tried a hospital, and met with the same discouraging advice.

"What chance does a young man have in the world?" he sighed.

A niece of the landlady's had been visiting her for several weeks, and Felix was much attracted by the young lady. She had appeared to reciprocate, and many a pleasant evening was spent in her company. He had soon recited all his woes to her, and found her sweetly sympathetic. She assured him that something would surely come if he continued to seek, and kept up his courage. "There is something for each one of us," she said, "and the obstacles we meet help to turn us in the right direction, and what we are coming to is better than that which we miss."

But Felix had no faith in such philo-

sophy; he was sure there never would be anything for him but disappointment and failure, he was born under an unlucky star.

He found himself so deeply in love with the young lady that he could not let her go back to her home without proposing to her. Perhaps it was selfish, he said, to ask her to wait for him; it would be many years before he could marry, but the knowledge that she was waiting would help him to keep struggling.

The young lady was so tender hearted that it pained her to add to his disappointments, and she really liked him much, but how dismal life would be with a chronic grumbler!

He now thought it did not matter what became of himself; it did not matter what he did. While in this mood Felix passed an astrologer's sign. Something urged him to stop there. He turned back.

The astrologer was a woman; a woman of great insight and large experiences; she listened attentively to his story of his unlucky star and his ill-fortune. "You are your own unlucky star," she told him. "Your natural inheritance is pessimism and you are using it to blast your life. What you need to know is that 'The lot is cast into the lap, but the disposing thereof is of the Lord.' In other words, everything is turned to our good. If we look for the good we find it."

"You have much ability, and will be a success in your chosen profession. If you cultivate optimism and look upon every disappointment as a blessing, and keep seeking, you will find the way. And remember, there is always a way, but you cannot see it if you surround yourself with a thick fog."

The woman inspired Felix; he walked the streets light-hearted, expectant. Nothing came of it. He bought a paper and scanned all the wants; nothing there. He returned to his lodgings, still confident. On the steps he found a pamphlet. It was a report of a college; a theological college, and they wanted more ministers. Worthy students might work their way.

When Felix Mason became a Rev., no one would have believed it possible that he had ever been a pessimist. And the beloved young lady had not refused him the

second time, for she said a young man who was faithfully endeavoring to be what he ought to be, was bound to be a success.—*Mabel Gifford Shine.*

### Conservation of the Soil.

[*Extracts from an address of President Taft before the National Conservation Congress, at Kansas City, Mo., September 25, 1911.*]

If the population of the United States continues to increase at its present rate, we shall have in 50 years double the number of people we now have. It is necessary, then, that not only our acreage but also our product per acre must increase proportionately so that our people may be fed. We must realize that the best land and the land easiest to cultivate has been taken up and cultivated, and that the additions to improved lands and to total acreage in the future must be of land much more expensive to prepare for tillage. The increase per acre of the product, too, must be steady each year, yet each year an increase becomes more difficult.

Still, even in the face of these facts, there is no occasion for discouragement. We are going to remain a self-supporting country and raise food enough within our borders to feed our people. When we consider that in Germany and Great Britain crops are raised from land which has been in cultivation for 1,000 years, and that these lands are made to produce more than two and three times per acre what the comparatively fresh lands in this country produce in the best States, it becomes very apparent that we shall be able to meet the exigency by better systems of farming and more intense and careful and industrious cultivation.

The theory seems to have been in times past that soils become exhausted by constant cultivation; but the result in Europe, where acres under constant use for producing crops for 10 centuries are made now to produce crops three times those of this country, shows that there is nothing in this theory, and that successful farming can be continued on land long in use, and that great crops can be raised and garnered from it if only it be treated scientifically and in accordance with its necessity. There is nothing peculiar about soils in Europe

that gives the great yield per acre there and prevents its possibility in the United States. On the contrary, there is every reason to believe that the application of the same methods would produce just as large crops here as abroad.

One of the great reasons for discouragement felt by many who have written on this subject is found in the movement of the population from farm to city. This has reached such a point that the urban population is now 46 per cent of the total, while the rural population is but 54 per cent, counting as urban all who live in cities exceeding 2,500 inhabitants. This movement has been persistent, and has made it very difficult for the farmers to secure adequate agricultural labor, with an increase in the price of labor which naturally follows such a condition. Still we ought to realize that enormous advance in the machinery used on the farm has reduced the necessity for a great number of farm hands on each farm. \* \* \* \* \*

### Force of 3,000 Men.

It is now proposed to organize a force of 3,000 men, one to every county in the United States, who shall conduct experiments within the county for the edification and education of the present farmers and of the embryo farmers who are being educated. It is proposed that these men shall be paid partly by the county, partly by the State, and partly by the Federal Government, and it is hoped that the actual demonstration on farms in the county—not at agricultural stations or schools somewhere in the State, but in the county itself—will bring home to the farmers what it is possible to do with the very soil that they themselves are cultivating. I understand this to be the object of an association organized for the improvement of agriculture in the country, and I do not think we could have a more practical method than this.

On the whole, therefore, I think our agricultural future is hopeful. I do not share the pessimistic views of many gentlemen whose statistics differ somewhat from mine, and who look forward to a strong probability of failure of self-support in food within the lives of persons now living. It is true that we shall have to continue the improvement in agriculture so as to make our addition to the product per acre 1 per

cent of the crop each year, or 10 per cent each decade; but considering what is done in Europe, this is not either impossible or improbable. The addition to the acreage in drainage and in irrigable lands will go on—must go on. The profit of the State or to the enterprise which irrigates or drains these lands will become sufficient to

make it not only profitable but necessary to carry through the project, and we may look forward to the middle of this century, when 200,000,000 of people shall swear fealty to the starry flag, as a time when America will still continue to feed her millions and feed them well out of her own soil.

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### Were You Born in the Sign Aquarius?

HENRY CLAY HODGES.

*"No sign in the zodiac equals it in interest."*

If you were born between Jan. 20th and Feb. 19th, the sun was in the Zodiacal sign Aquarius. This nature is superior in sensitiveness, taste, impression and whatever pertains to the congeniality of home and its comforts.

These natives are popular, sociable, make friends readily, are broad minded, though cautious, are interested in public affairs or popular movements for the benefit of many.

They are patient, skillful, humane, intelligent, original and self-reliant, and they benefit largely through their many friends.

Those born in this sign are independent, dislike control, and require their own way in their work.

The Sun in this position is slightly unfavorable for the father; it favors the birth of sons but brings trouble with one of them. It is not favorable for vitality or longevity unless contradicted by aspects or mundane position.

The sign Aquarius is in reality a thought center and the native's restless mind is ever at work. "Though the son of Aquarius may be sojourning in a far country, satiated with the husks of eternal knowledge, wearied with the deceitful light of illusion, he uplifts his eyes and catches a gleam from the star of wisdom. It is then

his soul awakens, his fetters fall, the prison door opens; the captive is free and where there was weakness now there is strength."

One may know an Aquarius native for years and never surmise the depth of feeling that is within his breast or the altitudes to which his aspirations ascend.

These natives should choose for their occupation either literary pursuits, mechanical or governmental positions.

The different polarizations of the moon modify the sun's influence somewhat and the sign rising at the moment of birth possesses a certain influence to produce a particular form of body and peculiar mental affections and as there is a sign rising every four minutes of time it is necessary to know the time and place of birth in order to determine the influences dominant at the birth of the native.

For example, if the sign Aries was rising it would tend to middle stature, thin face, dark hair and complexion and a combative disposition, angry as the Ram.

If Taurus was rising the disposition would be slow to anger, patient and enduring, but when angry, violent as the bull. The figure well set and the face full.

Leo would give a bold heart, cautious disposition, a firm step and strong countenance, well set body, square shoulders, bushy hair, inclined to curl, large eyes, quick sighted, ruddy complexion.

While, if Cancer were rising, there would be timidity and a weak constitution, rather pale complexion and small features.

The sign Aquarius rising at birth gives a gentle, benevolent disposition, very fond of the water; gives a stout comely person strong appearance, clear delicate complexion, sandy or darkish hair; gives more beauty than any of the signs except Libra.

However, these descriptions rarely apply exactly as the disposition is ruled chiefly by the Moon and Mercury, besides the mind is influenced by every planet which casts an aspect to the Ascendant and by any planet rising therein, so that if the last three degrees of a sign be on the cusp or beginning of the first house, part of the next sign must necessarily be in the Ascendant and the native will partake of both influences.

### Aquarius.

January 20th to February 19th.

By DR. GEORGE W. CAREY,  
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Those born between the dates January 20th and February 19th are doubly blest, and babies to be born during that period for many years to come will be favored of the gods.

The Solar System has entered the "Sign of the Son of Man," Aquarius, where it will remain for over 2,000 years. According to planetary revolutions the Sun passes through Aquarius once every solar year; thus we have the double influence of Aquarius vibration from January 20th to February 19th.

Air contains 78 per cent of nitrogen gas, believed by scientists to be mineral in ultimate potency. Minerals are formed by the precipitation of nitrogen gas. Differentiation is attained by the proportion of oxygen and aqueous vapor (hydrogen) that unites with nitrogen.

A combination of sodium and chlorine forms the mineral known as common salt. This mineral absorbs water. The circulation or distribution of water in the human organism is due to the chemical action of the molecules of sodium chloride.

Crude soda cannot be taken up by mucous membrane absorbents and carried into the circulation. The sodium molecules found in blood have been received from vegetable tissue which drew these salts from the soil in high potency. The min-

eral, or cell-salts, can also be prepared (and are prepared) in biochemic or homeopathic potency as fine as the trituration of Nature's laboratory in the physiology of plant growth, and then thoroughly mixed with sugar of milk and pressed into tablets ready to be taken internally to supply deficiencies in the human organism. A lack of the proper amount of these basic mineral salts (twelve in number) are the cause of all so-called disease.

Common table salt does not enter the blood, being too coarse to enter the delicate tubes of mucous membrane absorbents, but this salt does distribute water along the intestinal tract.

Aquarius is known in astrological symbol as "The Water Bearer." Sodium chloride, known also as *natrum muriaticum*, is also a bearer of water, and chemically corresponds with the zodiacal angle of Aquarius.

The term angle, or *angel*, of the Sun may also be used, for the position of the Sun at birth largely controls the vibration of blood.

So, then, we have sodium chloride as the "birth salt" of Aquarius people.

The governing planets are Saturn and Uranus; the gems are sapphire, opal and turquoise; the astral colors are blue, pink and Nile green. Aquarius is an air sign.

In Bible alchemy, Aquarius represents Dan, the fifth son of Jacob, and means "judgment," or "he that judges." In the symbolism of the New Testament, Aquarius corresponds with the disciple James.

### The Spirit of Mercury.

By COULSON TURNBULL.

Mercury is the first planet nearest the Sun, and revolves around that central orb in 88 days. By its rapid motion Mercury seems to "play hide and seek" with us. It is first an evening star following after the Sun in the west about two hours, and then in a few days we find him plunging into the solar rays to reappear as a morning star. The ancients first believed in the existence of two distinct stars, Set and Horus, Thoth or Thought, among the Egyptians; Buddha Lord of Wisdom and Rahuineya, among the Hindoos; Apollo and Mercury among the Greeks; and in

Iranian or Chaldean, Nebo all meaning Knowledge. Nebo signifies, "He who teaches and instructs." It also implies one who holds the sceptre of power, and many of the Babylonian kings were named after him, such as Nabo-Nassar, Nabo-Polassar, Nabu-Chadnezzar.

The agility of his motion has given to Mercury corresponding functions. He was represented with wings on his feet. He was also the god of thieves, of traders and physicians. In celestial correspondence he stands for the constructive, the inventive, active, excitable, changeful, nervous, cold and moist. His lines on the body, or in form are short and incisive and slender curves. His colors are blue, almost like a slate blue with spotted mixtures lighter than the blue.

His note in music is E, nearly. The color blue has much to do with the nerve energy, which comes directly from the astral matter surrounding the body. When the mind is free from fear, the Mercurial person is quick and ambitious, high minded and intuitional. The impressions are generally true, particularly if in good angle, 60 degrees or 120 degrees, or in conjunction, providing the conjoining planet be not badly aspected to some other planet.

The following I would consider to be the best interpretation of this planet in various points of the zodiac:

When Mercury is upon the mid heaven, and not afflicted, it generally shows the person to be high-minded, ambitious, and one ready and capable of throwing off surrounding troubles. When Mercury is in conjunction with the Sun, it assists the intellect, for the Sun governs the mind, therefore when the brain and mind work well together, we generally have good intellect.

Mercury, in the ascendant, will make the native quick and active; very fond of learning; sensitive, impressional and easily worried. The native is chargeable in mind and sensitive to surrounding influences. He must not allow others an over influence in his life, or the mind easily becomes disturbed, which later tells on the nervous system. This should lead the Mercurial person not to listen to advice from many people about his affairs, for it brings much

wavering and indecision of mind, and ends by his not knowing how to act upon the affair in question.

When the planet Mercury is applying to a good aspect of another planet, the native should always think twice about a matter, as the second impression is generally the better, Mercury being the planet ruling impressions; but when Mercury is separating from the good aspect of another planet it is best to follow the first impression of an affair. When Mercury is applying to an evil aspect of a planet, the first impression is best, and when separating in an evil aspect, the second impression is best.

It is well known that when Mercury is afflicted by Saturn, the native becomes timid, easily worried and imposed upon; hesitating, nervous, often allowing good opportunities to pass and not taking heed of them; often discovering it when too late. This same aspect shows colds in the head, catarrh, dull pains in the head brought about by fear and worry, and sometimes melancholy, and hysteria. All that can be said about this latter aspect is to free the mind from fear and have more faith, and be more readily inclined to let go things, instead of holding fast.

When Mercury is in good aspect to Saturn, it gives great shrewdness and common sense, caution, reserve, deep thought, and a love of study.

Mercury in good aspect to Jupiter gives kindness and affection, good judgment and honesty in all dealings; one who would generally despise a mean act. Such an aspect gives good heartedness and genuine friendship.

When Mercury is in evil aspect with Jupiter, we find the native envious, worried continually over money matters and self interest; the judgment is poor, and therefore there are errors in many things. This affliction of Mercury by Jupiter gives a rush of blood to the head sometimes, dizziness, congestion of the brain, and violent throbbing of the head.

When Mercury is in good aspect with Mars, we have a quick, independent and ambitious nature; a good mathematician; persevering and determined; one who would do well as a chemist, a physician, an engraver, an engineer, or one who would



manage over the affairs of others well. When Mercury is afflicted by Mars, the native is very quick and sensitive, easily offended; touchy; not always honest. The thief and liar come under this aspect as well as the gossip. This aspect of Mercury afflicted by Mars will bring sharp shooting pains in the head, fever, irritability and restlessness, together with malarial troubles. Mercury in good aspect with Uranus gives the native a peculiar sensitivity, much intuition, and presence of mind; scientific, ingenuous, fond of occult study; one who reflects a spiritual nature in the intellectual.

Mercury afflicted by Uranus gives great fretfulness, liability to sudden change, with wrong impressions, moving by fits and starts, showing a great need of mental control. This affliction will be followed by dazed feelings in the head, distress of mind; pains which come and leave quickly; excessive nervousness, followed by a disordered imagination. Under the evil aspects of Uranus, the native may be helped by a magnetic healer, electricity, and the cocoa plant.

When Mercury is in good aspect to Neptune, we have the native quick, active, ambitious, ingenuous, possessing rare judgment, and a good reader of human character; inventive and practical. When Neptune afflicts Mercury, then we have the clever deceiver, with glib tongue; a ready talker; takes advantage of his own native shrewdness over others, and the diseases from this mental condition bring imaginary complaints in the head; great fear, hysteria and nervousness, with pretended ailments also. Such cases can well be treated by thought cure, a magnetic healer, and physicians often use sedatives and morphine.

Mercury in good aspect with Venus gives merriness, music, poetry, a healthy mind, and a persuasive voice, and in bad aspect with Venus, slovenliness, carelessness in dress and speech and mental impurity generally.

Mercury in good aspect with the Moon quickens the intellect, gives repartee and true imagination and impressive speech. But when badly aspected by the Moon, gives back-biting and a lack of good faith generally.

When Mercury is in the twelfth house, it gives oratory when unafflicted. This position of Mercury in the twelfth house, in earthy and watery signs, opposed by Saturn, Uranus or Mars, gives deafness, and weak hearing generally. The twelfth house is said to be the karmic house, and diseases springing from this house are due to mental impressions and inclinations of a malefic order which have been generated in a former incarnation.

Mercury afflicted by Mars often gives a lisp and stammer. His weakest signs are Cancer, Sagittarius and Pisces. It is well to say that a child born with Mercury afflicted will have a troubled mind, which will tell largely in the nervous system. Such a one should always be careful in signing writings, and read any papers, compacts or agreements before they attach the names to such. Mercurial diseases caused by Saturn's affliction, as catarrh, etc., can be well treated by *Nux Vomica*. Jupiter's ailments under Mercury can be treated by belladonna, that is, those relating to the blood and congestion in the head.

A person with Mercury afflicted should try and reverse impulsive tendencies, and instead of being a detrimental aspect at birth, will be beneficial to the soul's good for all time. The cunning must not be used in material things, and the worry will cease; the principle to live to in this case is to be silent, less ambitious about worldly affairs and in this silence will grow a newer knowledge direct from the soul like flashes of inspiration and, firmly fixed in love, will give that nobler patience and intuitive discrimination which can never be obtained by mere exercise of the intellect. The Mercurial man then becomes a communicant with the gods, readily measuring all outward things with the rod of true knowledge; his are the wings of courage, and he can well wear the cap of concealment, for, as the Greek myth has it, "He so excels that he can conduct the very gods on their journeys." Let the Mercurial man keep alive his celestial sense, known to the mystic enthusiast, and joining his will to the paternal will he can well become the nearest satellite to the Central Sun.

## The Outlook for February, 1912.

The Month of February comes in under the Full of the Moon which occurs on the 2d at 6 p. m. Chicago Standard time. The New Moon occurs on the 17th of Feb. at 11:44 p. m. Chicago time, or one hour earlier for Washington time. At the time of the Full Moon, the Sun is within half a degree of a square aspect of Saturn, an unfavorable aspect, indicating uncertain business affairs and uneven temperature, very cold in parts of the country where it generally is warm, and warm where it is generally quite cold. An unfavorable period from the first of the month, for starting new business of importance for the average person, best to wait till the early part of March as the month of February is not as favorable for such as the average month. The health conditions of the country generally below the average, many suffering from Throat and Lung trouble and among the older classes, considerable kidney weak-

ness and more or less rheumatism, those who are born in the month of February, May, and August, of other years more or less effected in various ways. The stock and cereal markets uncertain, and quite risky, the aspect of Saturn will have a weak tendency on markets generally, and cause declines, although as usual, there may be the occasional upturns, but the markets liable to breaks and more or less weakness, but getting to have better strength during March, the aspect of the Sun and Saturn indicate a low point in the markets during this coming month and on the low points, a favorable opportunity to invest for an upturn, the markets should be generally stronger and have advances during March. However, although February may be dull and uncertain month, the outlook is quite favorable in the next three months or till into June or July, then a dull and bad business period indicated by Saturn and Jupiter coming into a bad aspect.



## The National Astrological Society of the United States.



Those who are practicing Astrology will be benefited by passing an examination and receiving one of the DIPLOMAS of the National Society. It is a guarantee to the public that such a member has passed a very difficult Astrological examination and is fitted to give advice astrologically.

At the annual meeting held in Crystal Bay, Minn., Jan. 3, 1912, the following national officers were elected: President, George W. Walvord, D. A., Denver, Col.; Vice-President, James D. Keifer, D. A., Los Angeles, Calif.; Secretary, Frederick White, D. A., Crystal Bay, Minn.; Treasurer,

Walter H. Lewis, D. A., Manchester, N. H.

### News and Notes—Queries and Answers.

The newly elected Board of Directors represents all sections of the country, north, south, east and west, as a National Board should do, and each member is a tireless worker for the cause of the Divine Science. No salaries are connected with the offices, and each member has already expended much money, and still more time and labor, in their earnest efforts, and as the Society is now on a solid foundation, and the chief aim is to keep it up to a high standard, the attention is called to all genuine Astrologers to unite with the Society and make 1912, with the entrance of Uranus into its own sign Aquarius, the era of A UNITED ASTROLOGICAL FRATERNITY.

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# The True Nature and Value of the Trained Psychic Unfoldment.

(A Study in the Expansion of Consciousness.)

By Frederick Helm Sloan.

An enlarged comprehension of the nature of the brain faculties and functions is necessary before the true nature of Psychic unfoldment can be realized. Whether we are dealing with the senses on super-physical planes, or whether with those on the purely material plane, their perceptions cannot be transmitted to the ordinary physical consciousness without a physical basis for this transmission, and the physical basis for the transmission of super-physical faculties is the brain. It is purely and wholly a question of psychological faculty of brain development.

In the same manner that the mind expresses itself through the instrumentality of the brain; so do the feelings, mental feelings, emotions, emotions arising from the intellect; sensations of both a physical and higher nature, arousing true spirituality of feeling; and, in fact, all the numerous aspects of Soul-Consciousness, express themselves in our Physical Personality through the various portions and appropriate brain centers. Meta-Physics or Occult Psychology recognizes three main divisions of the brain: The lowest physical, or lower portion; the meta-physical, or middle portion; and the spiritual brain, or upper portion of the purely physical brain-structure and consciousness. In these portions the corresponding faculties of Consciousness have their seat of physical and material expression.

Thus do all the perceptions of consciousness (no matter from what higher plane they may have originally occurred upon), find their manifestation and expression through and by means of their appropriate brain center. In the case of sight (whether super-physical or physical), this sensation must be translated into a

Perception, for thus only do we realize having sensed or "seen an object," as the appropriate brain center, or the *center of perception* itself is enlarged.

Without this was in perfect functioning order, we might have *any number* of senses, both physical and super-physical, and these might additionally be in perfect working order, yet *our consciousness* would be entirely oblivious to the fact. It is this *sensory faculty of the mind*, or *consciousness of the Physical Personality*, that constitutes one important aspect of consciousness, the ability to *perceive sensations*. This of course may be either to a lesser or to a greater degree, according as this faculty lies dormant, or begins to awaken.

This Perceptory faculty of Consciousness has its Physical Brain seat near the brain-center in the small organ of the Pineal Gland, which may very aptly be called the sixth sense, namely that of perception.

When this Perceptory or Sensory Faculty of the Mind, this Sixth Sense located in the Pineal Gland Organ, becomes attuned, so to speak, with higher and more spiritual vibration of a subtler and refined nature, we (that is, the mind of our Personality and Physical Brain), begin to become aware of Perceptions obtained by *other means* than that of those coming through the channels of the *five* physical senses. As the vibrations of the *Pineal Gland* are raised higher and higher to more refined levels or Key Notes of Vibration, new and more refined Atoms are built into this Brain Structure and these give it a greater field of action and capacity to respond to the finer and more interior vibrations coming from the Psychic Vehicle of Consciousness or Sub-Conscious Mind within and transmitting these *down* into every-day Physical Perceptions, from the interior and sub-conscious mind and

from the sub-conscious sense perceptions.

When this begins to occur the First Sub-consciousness is beginning to be unfolded. The "sub-conscious" is developing into the *super-conscious mind* within us in a hitherto latent condition. The Physical Brain Consciousness is undergoing an expansion, for this is one of the connecting links between the two Planes of Consciousness; of the lower and the higher personality, which, before this has occurred, had distinctly *separate* fields of activity, as far as our memory was concerned, at least. These were then known as the conscious and "sub-conscious" minds. It is the vivifying of this link or *Sixth Sense*, that *causes* the so-called "sub-conscious" to itself be brought into true functioning order (in its first stage at least), and the *growth* of the super-conscious mind to take place.

But it is not a question of "planes" of matter at all, within which the sense-perceptions may occur upon. (Whether these become transmitted down from the sub-conscious on super-physical planes, or whether they may come from the Material Plane), they **MUST** come down through the Pineal Gland Organ, or else be realized by the Perceptory faculty of the brain, if the Physical Senses are the source of the information and vibrations. Even the *First Sub-Consciousness* and its sense perceptions are of such a *refined nature of rapid* and spiritual vibrations, that they are truly entitled to be called "Psychic" or Spiritual in their quality. This is the link, not only between sight, but for all forms of Sense Perceptions and for all Aspects of Consciousness, or rather Super-Consciousness, and the *awakened* Super-Conscious Mind of the first strata within the soul—Consciousness itself.

When the door is opened that allows this mighty stream of Conscious Vibrations to rush through, or down into the Brain (from the super-dimensional depths of the soul), we (in our Physical Personality), undergo what appears to be a decided expansion of comprehension along all lines. The way is opened through which the comprehensive faculties of the highly vibrating phychic brain (in comparison to which the Physical Brain is as sluggish as mud), may send down to us

something of its power of Subtle and Psychic Comprehension, existing as it does in a World of Super-Physical Dimensions; in the fourth dimension of space. In its wonderful Etheric Structure, built, as it is of Etheric Molecules or (of "radiant matter" of Modern Science) and in the world of four dimensions, it is little wonder that it presents for the mind a vehicle of a truly Spiritual and Psychic Power of capacity, in comparison to the Material Brain consciousness, of the low-personality. In such a "sub-conscious" and Etheric Brain as this must be, with its exceedingly rapid vibrations of a New Order of matter entirely and pulsating at a Higher Key-Note of Vibration, and in a World Unmeasurable to the Material Instruments of Science, but Perfectly measurable to the *appropriate* and Phychic Senses and fourth dimensional Instruments of the Developed Occulist, when he is able to detach his consciousness from the material brain and function it in a more Interior manner in the *fourth* dimensional-Psychic Brain and body and senses, and study this World by the Higher and appropriate Scientific Instruments and Methods belonging to the New Order of Vibrations and Space into which the Material plane has been resolved.

In such a *mental* vehicle (as this Psychic Brain and first strata of the developed "sub-consciousness" into the Super-Conscious Mind, must afford to the Trained Occulist, who is really able to enter in full waking consciousness into this *subjective* World (without being merely in a "sub-conscious" condition), there opens up an entirely new world of comprehension, and of subjective mental capacity as well as a new world in external nature, and a new order of vibrations in matter, and a new field of "Nature's Finer Forces."

In this new world of consciousness *everything* in the personality has "gone up" another *octave* of vibration, so to speak, in all our different aspects of consciousness. Where all the higher aspects, at least, are far more subtle, Psychic and spiritual than anything before dreamed as possible. Where the thoughts and emotions may swing through a far wider orbit of consciousness, and ex-

perience a far wider range of consciousness than is possible to the mind while working through the denser limitations of the material brain instrument.

Wherein all the Higher Aspects of consciousness, and also of the surrounding external world, on this new plane of Consciousness and of Etheric and Refined Matter are of a Spiritual quality and of a higher and more perfect form. Where forms of unearthly beauty may be seen, and where thoughts of unearthly grandeur of Comprehension may be thought by the mind in its untrammelled instrument

of this higher expression of the mind and soul. Where True Spirituality of unearthly power may be felt by the Psychic Soul; where the very life-force itself pulsates through the veins with unearthly buoyancy and joy of life; where, in fact, everything in the Material and Physical Life of man has attained a higher octave of Expression, of Psychic Capacity, of Spirituality and of mentality, and is infinitely more refined, subtle, expansive, comprehensive, psychic and Spiritual than is possible to the unawakened lower personality of undeveloped humanity.

## WORDS OF COMFORT

WALTER DE VOE.

*Extracts from Correspondence.*

As your mind or consciousness has no ending and as you cannot cease to exist at any time it will be well for you to start now to live the eternal life. Whether your mind is functioning on this or on the other side of the grave is of little importance. All the efforts you make to live true to your highest ideals now, even in the face of apparent failure, creates those soul muscles which enable you to mount the heights of Wisdom.

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There is a tendency among our friends the metaphysicians to ignore the facts of spirit existence which are so visible to those who have spiritual sight and even to scoff at the revelations of the seers because they are not cast in abstract or metaphysical forms of thought. To those who have written me of such criticism I would say: Your critics are afraid of death and all beyond the portal that leads to endless life because they do not understand the law of mental progression. They have worn metaphysical glasses so long that they think metaphysics is the only form of truth that should be taught. Many need what they have to teach and in just that form, but there are others who would be and are

as greatly benefitted by the knowledge of the spiritual states and conditions of life which you and I try to reveal. In fact many can see metaphysical principles clearer and apply them more easily if they are shown how those principles manifest in visible forms in the spiritual as well as in the physical worlds.

Be true to the truth as you see it and continue to sow the seeds of truth in the souls of all who will receive it from you, and fear no one.

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Extract from a letter: Your brother has entered into a freer state of life in which he will gain full freedom and the greatest joy. Let the Light of this truth banish sorrow from your mind. Such feelings should be cast aside because his spirit will reflect your state of mind. Bid him God speed in his spiritual progression and let no selfish sorrow cloud his spirit. You are both spirits in the universal Mind and his spirit will feel now very clearly what you feel toward him. Praise God that he is free and rejoice that there is no death in God's glorious universe of Life.

The words of truth spoken for your brother have made his transition into the



spirit world much easier than it would have been had his soul not received the Light of Truth. The words of truth spoken by an awakened soul are seeds of immortal life to his spiritual consciousness and they will be a strength to his spirit that will enable it to dissolve from the spiritual form all vestiges of disease and weakness. Death or loss of the physical body does not heal or change the mind body in any way. This spiritual body changes only as the mind learns new truths and incorporates them into its spiritual structure by feelings and actions that conform to the principles learned. Speak to the soul of your brother and tell it of its immortal life in God and it will gain the recognition of the living Truth and manifest in its spiritual body the strength of its eternal being.

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After the years of companionship with your beloved husband it seems that a part of your self has passed from your mortal sight. In your love for him you will rejoice in the knowledge that he gains all and more than you lose by his transition. You have gained the realization of the Spirit of Truth so that your way will not seem lonely and you will rejoice in his freedom.

You have both to develop an independence of soul power in Truth that you could not well gain together and this inevitable separation finds you just as well fitted to walk the path alone as you would be at any time.

Your husband has had these years of preparation for the new condition of life and he will know from the knowledge gained on this plane how to exercise his soul powers to attain the highest good. You will have to work with a will to keep up with him in his spiritual advancement, so that when you meet again you can travel the path together, each stronger and more perfect for having worked out your problems alone in separate states of existence.

I have no doubt that after he has had a rest and has been built up in the spiritual force of his present state of life, he will form a connecting link between your soul and higher intelligences and that you will be satisfied that he is with you at times helping you over the hard places.

The loss of your mother will give greater reality to the spiritual states of existence. Do not be over-anxious to develop psychic faculties because with them comes greater responsibility. Too many students plunge into the whirlpool of psychic unfoldment before the soul is ready to understand and command the forces of that realm of existence. I have known several to be submerged through to rapid development of mediumistic and psychic powers. Both my waking and sleeping hours are filled with responsibilities because of my development but as I am called and fitted for soul work I am content.

Your mother will come to consciousness very quickly in her spiritual state of life, but do not on that account try to draw her back to the earth plane. Bless her and urge her soul to go onward and upward away from the blinding conditions of the mortal world and you will be blessed in surrendering her to the Divine Father.

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Although you have lost the visible presence of your mother from your earthly life, you are so grounded in eternal Truth that you will be one with her in spirit, and you will feel at times most vividly the communion of spirit which will bring holy strength to your soul.

I assure you that all is well with your mother and that she was greeted and cared for by strong spiritual friends when she emerged from earthly into spiritual conditions. Her pathway from now on will be peaceful and luminous as she grows strong in soul power through realizing in greatest degree those living truths which her soul desired to realize in earth life.

The Angels of Light will do all for her that is needs to restore her spirit to strength after its earthly labors, and when your journey is finished she will meet you and lead you to her home in the heavens and then you can travel the Way of Life together and rejoice in the Glory of the Eternal One.

A church, said to be the first in the world of its kind, to be devoted to the cult of Spiritualism, and dissemination of the belief that the mortals of this life may establish communication with those who

have passed to another, will shortly be erected in Leroy.

The will of the late James T. Crumbaugh, a wealthy banker, provides \$200,000 for such a purpose. The testament also sets aside \$100,000 for a free library in Leroy. The money is now available through the report of the executor and after a desperate attempt by relatives to obtain control of the fortune.

The will has been attacked in the courts and will be carried to the highest court in the state.

Banker Crumbaugh was converted to Spiritualism about ten years before his death and his mansion in Leroy was the scene of many seances. In the main room of the house there still hangs a life-size oil painting of a man which bears the mys-

tic appellation of "Bright Eyes." This portrait is supposed to represent the only child of Crumbaugh and wife a son which died in infancy.

It was the strange idea of Crumbaugh that this baby had become an adult in the spirit world and was constantly with him as an advisor and protector. He would narrate to his friends how "Bright Eyes" had saved his life by certain warnings and how "Bright Eyes," by giving him specific directions in business deals, had enabled him to avoid loss and also to make money.

The fancy became so real to him that he summoned a famous painter from Chicago and directed him to make a life-size picture of his spirit son, giving minute directions about his appearance.—*Post Dispatch, St. Louis, Mo.*

## The Growth of Spiritualism.

By SNOWDON HALL

London, England.

Signs of the growth of Spiritualism continue to reach us from all quarters. The daily press and current literature are full of references to spiritualistic phenomena, the spirit circle is becoming a recognized institution the world over, and the subject is even attracting the attention of that ubiquitous individual "the man in the street" who, in his casual way, is beginning to inquire whether there is anything in it.

Are the so-called dead really alive and able to communicate with those still in the flesh? This is the burning question. Let those answer who are best qualified to judge—the men who have spent years in investigating psychical and spiritualistic phenomena, and in carefully weighing and sifting the mass of evidence placed before them.

That the human spirit persists after the death of the body, retaining all its essential qualities and memory of its earthly experience, that the future life is a continuation of this is the conclusion arrived at by

every man of scientific attainments who has investigated the data available in a manner commensurate with its importance.

This is the decision of many scientists of the first rank, such as the great English trio Sir William Crookes, Sir Oliver Lodge and Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace, of Continental savants such as Zollner, Lombroso, and Flammarion and of such competent psychologists and investigators as Frederick Myers, Dr. Richard Hodgson, and Professors William James and James H. Hyslop. It is also the opinion of thousands of intelligent spiritualists throughout the world, and spiritualists, be it remembered, are not all mistaken. Many of them are level headed men and women who have spent their lives in scientific discovery and research.

It is considered the correct thing by shallow and unthinking people to ridicule spiritualism and all connected with it. It is so easy to laugh at that which we do not understand; no trouble is involved, and brains are absolutely at a discount. Many of those who ridicule spiritualism no more understand it than the dog understands the Moon he howls at.

It is said that a man once stated to Sir Charles Lyell that geology was false, and that he did not believe one word of it. "Do you," inquired Sir Charles, "know anything about Geology? Have you read anything on the subject, or studied it practically?" "Not at all," said the objector. "Why should I study it when I don't believe in it?" "Well then," replied the geologist, "you are incompetent to discuss the subject or to have an opinion on it. Go and study geology and then come to me and I will listen to your objections. It will, however, be needless then, for you will be of the same opinion as I am."

So we would say to the objectors to Spiritualism—put aside your preconceived ideas, rid the subject of sentimentalism and transcendentalism, and investigate and study it in the common-sense way you would study any other science.

The writer knows that spiritualism gives the proof that life is continuous and that death does not end all; on the contrary that it is but the portal to a fuller and more complete existence, and we know that men have always hungered for knowledge concerning the Great Hereafter.

One question more than others all  
From thoughtful minds implores reply;  
It is as breathed from star and pall,  
What fate awaits us when we die.

Spiritualism alone can give a definite answer. It alone can give the proof for which so many crave. It alone can demonstrate the truth that the so-called dead are not dead, but living still; and herein consists its strength, for it tells of a mighty truth, and as a famous American orator said:

Truth crushed to earth shall rise again  
The eternal years of God are hers.

## Psychical Effects of Temperament and Temperature

By J. C. F. GRUMBINE

Fellow of Society of Science, Letters and Arts of London, Eng.

Is there a relation between meteorology and psychology, temperature and temperament? Zero weather in the winter and torrid weather in the summer may seasonably invoke such a question, and if, as our astrologers maintain, cold and heat are due not only to the perihelion or aphelion of the earth, but to planetary positions, the answer is evident that by a spiritual law of correspondence, which science has not yet discovered, the psychological influence (temperament) of the planets is translated into the physical or meteorological effects (temperature) of cold and heat.

In a far subtler way the soul's life operates upon and within the phenomenal world. As the will, intellect and heart control the operations of the spirit, little or no blood would lead to cold and death, while much blood to heat and life, and the action of the spirit would have everything to do with the quantity and quality of the blood as mani-

festing life or death. Thus fevers and chills, while abnormal pathological symptoms of arrested circulation, caused by nervo-psyche derangement, show how the thermometer is often made a measure of physiological conditions. How this is done in the cosmic sense or how it is transferred in the physical or psychological sense from material to immaterial worlds must yet be investigated by astute men of science.

There is no doubt but that chemistry and even physics will show an intimacy with alchemy and astrology as these occult sciences were taught in the eastern schools. The planetary system, in its exterior organic form, has always been regarded as a body through which the soul of the universe operated, and in a particular and general way, what each soul does and can do in his own organism that the soul of the universe does and can do. We do not identify these activities as uniform or as alike, but only

suggest broadly the possible results from similar causes or sources of action.

What, it may further be asked, is the electrical connection between matter and spirit, organism and life? When elements are reduced to electrons how do they connect, form and assemble into action to produce bodies? This question is answered by one word—"Mind." And so as mind is the occult connective of spirit and matter, it is not strange that in a manner, not yet even hinted, the spirit produces these phenomena of cold and heat. Action and reaction suggest flow and ebb, life and death, heat and cold. As the mountain peak covered with snow could not be, were it not for its base often flowing with streams of water and covered with verdure, so nature produces

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combination of chemical and mechanical contrivances that constitutes the human organism. He shows that the entire universe is but a combination of machinery, full of complex inventions, exhibiting a limitless knowledge of the laws of Nature and an omnipotent ability to combine and make use of the material needed for any desired purpose.

He draws the conclusion that while evolution plays its part in the economy of Nature, the hand of the Creator is everywhere in evidence—that this Creator we call God. In his own words: "We are, therefore, as intelligent and reasoning beings, compelled to the conclusion that he who said in his heart 'There is no God' was rightly characterized as a 'fool,' and that he who says 'There is no such thing as an immortal soul' belongs in the same category. For even the atheist cannot regard the works of nature without recognizing their obvious 'mechanism,' strangely forgetful of the fact that mechanism necessarily implies contrivance, and there can be no contrivance without the exercise of mind.

"There are millions of intelligent men and women who believe that they have had personal communion with God, and who find in their own experiences ample justification for their religious faith. So long as the world had no clear conception of the actuality of telepathic communication from mind to mind, it was natural that it should reject such revelations, and indeed all revelation, as fictions of an excited imagination or of pious fraud. Men thought that revelation, to be entitled to credence, ought to be delivered orally, in spoken words, or in an interview between God and man; or, at least that some Divine Power must take hold of the arm and compel it to write. Revelation, unsupported by evidence such as that, was deemed entitled to no consideration.

"But with the knowledge that telepathy is an established scientific fact, there is no longer any reason for rejecting the testimony of credible witnesses that they are conscious of having had communion directly with the Divine Spirit. There may, indeed, be many enthusiastic devotees, and many other persons who are prone to mistake fancy for fact, whose judgment on such matters may not be entirely reliable; but there is no reason to doubt the testimony of thousands of pious men and women who conscientiously believe that they have communed personally with God.

"This great mass of testimony to personal communion with God is, of itself, evidence that God exists and that the soul is immortal. Many persons feel

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Judge Hill does not appear as a defender of the Scriptures; in fact, he says in so many words that the story of Adam and Eve is an allegory. He is primarily a scientist, and evidently not bound by the creed of any church, but throughout his work there is apparent deep religious feeling toward God, the Creator, and his reasoning brings him ultimately to the conclusion that man, like God, is immortal.

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