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NONE who can realize how vastly more important the mind is than the body will deny that it is our absolute duty, individually and collectively, to work to bring about a better condition of things, so that the future generations may find better opportunities for harmonious growth and mental unfoldment. The crying need of humanity everywhere is knowledge of their own natures and of the real meaning and importance of human life.



EDITORIALS

Reform is the Slogan of the Times.



THE pages of *The Stellar Ray* are open for the free discussion of all questions pertaining to the welfare of humanity. Lawyers, doctors, ministers, teachers and other thoughtful people are specially adapted to the intelligent consideration of such subjects, and are cordially invited to send in articles for publication. Reform is the slogan of the times. There is not a profession or calling that has reached its acme of achievement.

Courts are instituted for the purpose of meting out justice between man and man, but the incongruities of many court decisions and the long delays before even doubtful justice is obtained show the need of reformation. Our court proceedings as they exist today are travesties of justice. Going to law is nothing more or less than war between the parties. We venture to say, ninety per cent of the suits that are in our courts could be settled amicably by arbitration, thereby saving of great cost and enmity.

The present treatment of criminals in the majority of the states is a disgrace to the American nation. As now generally practised, the treatment of criminals instead of reforming them creates a spirit of revenge and hatred towards society.

When will our law makers and prison keepers learn that there is more efficacy in one act of kindness toward an unfortunate being than in manifestation of cruelty of any kind.

We must trust in man to save him,
Make him feel he is a man;
Then the good that is within him
Strives to do the best it can.
But call him rascal, and we drive
Him from all goodness by the ban;
And the bad that is within him
Strives to do the worst it can.

The medical profession, where human life is dependant upon an intelligent diagnosis and the proper remedial agents to be brought into use, has not yet attained its possibilities. If physicians could realize the powerful remedies outside of their materia medica waiting to co-operate with them in the cause of health, to-wit: the power of mind over matter, electricity, magnetism, concentrated color rays, harmonious musical vibrations, food correspondences and the power of the will in dispelling

diseases; they, too, would have less complaint of lack of success.

The ministry needs a nobler courage to give utterance to its convictions. A courage that will preach a new religion of self-confidence instead of fear. A religion that will teach man how to attain heaven here and now, instead of an anxious, despairing waiting for a future life. A religion of cheer founded upon scientific principles will diminish suicide and crime, will raise the health and longevity ratios, and make this world better and happier.

An Air Ship Flight.

Test This Voyage.



MAGINE that you are in an air ship far above your city or community. Fear will not be a part of your experience because you will be seated securely in your office chair, or reclining safely within the walls of your home. Permit your mental vision to lift your airy car.

As you sail upward you look down at the diminishing city. Soon you cannot hear its sounds; you are unable to trace its great thoroughfares except as threads of light among the irregular pile of masonry which occasionally rises into a semblance of dome or spire. Sunlight bathes the scene in brightness, but soon "a cloud no bigger than a man's hand" passes near you and your city is under a shadowy pall for a brief moment. Listen and breathe.

Not a sound of traffic, not a breath of earth's odors, not a moan of suffering nor a shout of merriment! All is hushed beneath the transparent atmosphere which lies about you. Your voice may not reach its streets. Your hand cannot brush away the clouds floating above them. Your own dwelling is not discernible, nor can the eyes of its inmates find you. How infinitesimal seem the homes of friends and neighbors!

The palaces of the rich and the hovels of the poor are undistinguishable. They are but habitations of human construction. Where are the corporations that oppress? What has become of the rush and competition of business which has wearied and discouraged you? Where the petty jealousies of social life, the harassments of friends, home and children?

Friends, home and children? Call them all to your mental vision, enfold them, too, within this pure atmosphere of lofty vision and lovingly commune with them saying, "How trivial are each day's worries! Let us take this voyage whenever we are irritated or overburdened, for here we shall be free!"

Then return gently to your office or home. You may not have been absent but a moment of time, but you are refreshed, the pure atmosphere has permeated all of your tissues. You have been above sordid con-

siderations and know that the true, helpful and uplifting things are all that are worth striving for. Your nerves are calm, your judgment more clear. It will be found well worth while to make this change in your viewpoint occasionally.

Then, too, if you desire self-poise this voyage will aid you to acquire it with the power to weigh life's irritations and weave them harmoniously into its grandeur and beauty.

A Cure for Despondency



LOSE your mind against the encroachment of such creeping things as gloomy forebodings, or dark pictures of adversity. You would fortify your dwelling against such intrusions, because they are unclean and injurious. Far more corroding than the creeping forms of material existence to your earthly house are such creatures of mental creation to the home of the soul.

Your birthright is joy, but you have permitted your estate to be overrun with the serpents of morbid discontent, envy, petulance or the thousand-footed worms of doubt and suspicion, also the crawling, chilling family of fear. Arouse yourself and assert your rights to the glorious estate of happiness. Drive out the noxious intruders; open all the doors and windows of your consciousness to the sunlight of reality which shall reveal their lurking places and they will surely beat a retreat.

Breathe deep inhalations of joy while partaking of food, and before you fall asleep at night. Make your first conscious-thought of the day a happy one. A man once cured himself of the habit of despondency by resolving not to leave his room in the morning until he had laughed a good, hearty laugh. It required persistence and he was sometimes late to breakfast, but he was repaid by better conditions in all his surroundings. He realized that nothing had actually changed but his own point of view and yet his health improved, his business had a new interest for him and began to increase, his family were more congenial to him and they seemed to enjoy his society; all because of a good mental house-cleaning where the sunshine of reason and the broom of determination swept out the gloomy visions and brooding fears lurking in musty corners of unused regions of his mind, namely the chambers of purpose and determination.

The result was that he attracted healthful conditions instead of sickness; good will and helpfulness instead of aversion, antagonism or neglect. When despondency begins to creep into your life, be the master

of the situation; try the method suggested and do not forget that despondency causes putrefaction in mind and body.



RELATIVE to Jesus of Nazareth, we consider him a highly developed psychic and his religious faculties were far greater than any other personality known.

Plato excelled in oratory, Socrates in philosophy, Beethoven in music, Edison and Marconi in invention, etc. It is these and other gifts in a broad sense that are imbued within all, that we are expected to cultivate and use in a way that man will receive benefit. Each faculty is necessary to do its particular part, and all these combined as a whole form the basis for perfection in all things. Every faculty of the human mind was given for a wise purpose. Each one may gather that which is for his or her good. The thoughts of highly advanced intelligences whether in the body or out of the body, sent out into the universe, permeate all where.

It is more natural to be good than evil; and when those of one mind, either incarnate or disembodied, meet together and direct their minds to good thoughts, pure and noble deeds, evil must flee in the face of this most overwhelming force, knowledge and wisdom will take the place of ignorance and bigotry; when this is accomplished we have undone the work which Constantine began in establishing the power of church and priesthood.

By these interpretations, it can be seen what may be attained in the line of growth while manifesting in physical life.

The character of the Nazarene as understood today is a potential prophecy of the evolution of the race in that looked for millennial day.

Science does not teach salvation through and by the physical suffering or crucifixion of any individual.—It shows something of the mighty plan sketched by the Great Architect of the Universe.—The whole of humanity is marching on in one mighty and glorious order towards a goal far beyond that which the finite mind can conceive.

Chance



NOTHING occurs by chance; for according to astrological rules, all things are governed by a law so perfect that chance can have no place in it; for that which might appear to happen by chance can be traced to this infinite law, by those who will strive to make themselves acquainted with the esoteric interpre-

tation of planetary conditions; thus becoming masters of themselves, and taking in their own hands their destiny, and become students of the evolution of life as well as of form.—*Science and Key of Life.*

Zoroaster

Writers have not agreed upon the time of birth of Zoroaster, some claiming that he lived 3000 years before Christ, others in more recent centuries. We give below a biographical sketch of this great philosopher, astronomer, astrologer and teacher, containing the date and place of his birth, which we feel will be of interest to our readers.



HE true name of Zoroaster was Zerothoschtro, a Zind word. He was a contemporary, in Medea, of Daniel, afterwards known as a reformer of Israel, known by some as the Israelite Buddha. It was he who made the prophecy of the coming of Christ to Israel from the Star of Bethlehem. The Greeks made Zoroaster from Zerothoschtro by removing the tro, as the "r" had been cut off in the Pehlour and the Parsee, while in Hebrew we have Schouroaster, composed of Schour and Setareh. But there is little gained in interpreting Hebrew, for a name whose origin is in the ancient Zend, and while he was known far and wide as a celebrated astronomer and astrologer, his chief characteristic was as a reformer in religion of the Zend. His name is composed of Zere and Thaschtro, the name of a star, the elogy of which is found in one of the reschts or prayers given by Zoroaster. The word Zere signifies gold or the color of gold; the name interpreted, star of gold.

Zoroaster, as we call the name, was born at Umri, a city of Aderbedjan, just five hundred and fifty years prior to Jesus Christ's birth; though as to his birthplace there is a great diversity of opinion, as also to the different names given to him in modern times. But Zoroaster was a Hebrew, and belonged to the ten captive tribes in Medea, where he served and learned with Daniel, and he has been confounded with Daniel. This is a mistake. The ancient kings of Persia were among his ancestors, his father being Poroschasp, through fifteen ancestors to Feridoun.

The Empire of the ancestors of Zoroaster was fixed in Aderbedjan, where Umri is situated. Dogdo, the mother of Zoroaster and daughter of Frahernerer, issued also from the royal race. The Zend books mention the fact that Zoroaster smiled at his birth, which presaged a remarkable and grand career. From that circumstance he was called Sapetme Zerothoschtro, that is Sapetman Zoroaster, meaning excellent Zoroaster.

At this period the laws of Menes were scarcely known outside of Africa. Greece was full of sages, who disputed among themselves on the physical principles of the universe; the Roman empire was still in its infancy; Persia had substituted the worship of the stars, etc., for that of the Creator, confounding the attributes of the author of good with those of evil genii, and for five hundred years, a few sages excepted, India was given up to the doctrines of Fo. China had lost the form of good government and disdained the sages who endeavored to enlighten her; in fine, the prophets of Israel were about to cease and the Jews seemed to adore, by preference, foreign divinities.

At this time there appeared on earth three men who absolutely changed the face of human thought and religious observance. Pherecydes, the Syrian philosopher, master of Pythagoras, instructed in the books of the Phoenicians, who wrote on nature and the gods, was the first to teach the immortality of the soul, and originated the Greek philosophy which soon spread over Egypt and the Roman Empire, and prepared the way for the evangelists.

Then Confucius, in China, re-established the purity of morals, simplified the worship of the First Great Cause, and still remains the oracle of more than seven hundred leagues of country.

Then Zoroaster made known to Persia the time without bounds, the eternal and the secondary principles, to which the First Cause has remitted the government of the universe. He announced the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the body, and explained the cause of good and evil, in developing that of the overthrow which appeared in nature. He perpetuated, by an exterior law of religious worship, the truths which he pronounced in his own country. His laws were revealed from the Euphrates to the Indus, and the Brahman Tehengreghatcha, the second of his disciples, spread them to the extremes of India. Zoroaster often consulted Ormusd on the mountains, according to Parsee records, and also asserted at the time of Dion Chrystonius, that by a principle of love, of wisdom and justice, this legislator had removed from among his fellow men and lived alone upon a mountain. He there consecrated a cave to Mithra, the king and father of all that exists. He lived as a recluse, and gave himself up to prayer and meditation.

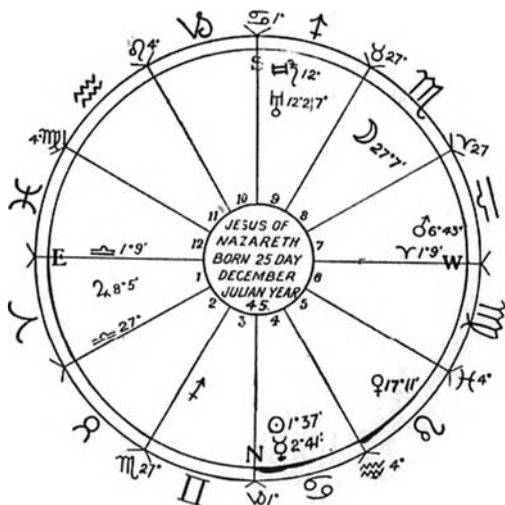
Ararat, Moriah, Horeb, Sinai, Hor, Pisgah, Carmel and Hermon were all sanctified by the special meeting of the prophets with the Almighty on their summits, according to the history of Moses, Noah, Abraham, Daniel and Elijah. Mountains and stars are closely associated in religion.

From the beginning Mithra was the Persian name for the Sun. Mithraic caves had been found in various places, decorated with Magian, zodiacal tablets.

Zoroaster in time appeared before the king, Gustasp, and after demonstrating his knowledge by performing numerous prodigies, he was accepted, and the Zend Avesta was accepted as the law of the land. He established the AIteschgrah or sacred fires. He taught that the Eternal

had created Ormusd, also the Peetiare, or accursed atiriman, and taught that he, who in the world has sown in purity, will obtain it in heaven, and he who sins shall be covered with shame in hell.

At the age of sixty-five years, Zoroaster gave lessons in philosophy at Babylon. Pythagoras was among his disciples. He left the mortal form at the age of seventy-seven, being fully prepared, as he said, having foretold the event.—*Copyrighted.*



Horoscope of Jesus of Nazareth



IN presenting the horoscopal figure of the personality known as Jesus of Nazareth, the subject is so vast and important to the world in its present thought, that many might shrink from the responsibility of wounding the feelings of those who cherish the ideals contained in their early teaching with regard to Christianity. Yet the truth should be faced, and we realize the vast misconception prevailing in the minds of the masses; therefore let us turn the light of Astrology upon the subject, and thus acquire the actual facts.

The time is near midnight within twenty-five minutes of twelve, the twenty-fifth day of December, in the Julian year forty-five. The 1st degree and 9th minute of Libra is ascending, the 27th degree of Libra on the second house, the 27th degree of Scorpio on the third

house, and the sign of Sagittarius intercepted in the third house. The 1st degree of Capricorn on the fourth house, the 4th degree of Aquarius on the fifth house, the 4th degree of Pisces on the sixth house, the 1st degree and 9th minute of Aries descending on the cusp of the seventh house, the 27th degree of Aries on the cusp of the eighth house, the 27th degree of Taurus on the 9th, Gemini in Texaptid in the ninth house, the 1st degree of Cancer culminating on the Midheaven, the 4th degree of Leo on the eleventh house, the 4th degree of Virgo on the twelfth house.

The Sun was in the fourth house, in the 1st degree on the 37th minute of Capricorn, Mercury also there in the 2nd degree and 41st minute of Capricorn. The Moon we find near the cusp of the eighth house in the 27th degree 7th minute of Aries, Mars also in the seventh house in 6 degrees and 43 minutes of Aries.

Saturn was in the 9th house (take note of this) in the sign Gemini in the 12th degree, Venus in the fifth house in the 17th degree 11th minute of Aquarius.

Jupiter was in the first house near Ascendant, in the 8th degree of Libra and 5th minute.

There is no question as to the fact that such a personality as Jesus lived and taught during the present cycle of two thousand years, but the idea of his being born of a virgin mother, a demonstration out of all harmony with nature's law, clearly shows the misconception of humanity in the astrological teachings upon which Christianity is based. The truth is this science has been perverted to such an extent that it is difficult to gather anything of benefit from the ruins.

Taken from the time of conception or the time of his spirit birth, which took place as the Sun was passing out of the sign Leo into the sign Virgo, we have the interpretation of the Sun overshadowing the virgin or Virgo. Then we have the Sun as representing the father, the Moon the mother, while the Sun overshadows the Moon monthly, and the Moon is nourished and preserved. The Sun vitalizes, all things are generated by heat from water and moisture; while the Moon rules over all liquids which are clear and pure, and was called the Virgin, and was so understood at that time. When the circle (the Sun) and the half circle (the Moon) are linked to the cross, the symbol of Mercury is formed, and all through the Zodiac, it is the messenger of the Sun, or father, whose house is in the sign Virgo, the virgin youth, the outcome of the solar-lunar union.

In the horoscopal figure of this personality, the cardinal signs are on the angles. This alone makes the native prominent among his fellows, be it right or wrong, with Libra the spiritual balance and that keen perception of right and wrong, while Jupiter there would make him sincere in his teachings. The most notable aspect is the conjunction of Saturn and Urania and Neptune in the ninth house. This is in trine of Jupiter, and shows teachings of Christ, and in the sign of Gemini would show the common people who followed him. With Mars strong in his own

sign, Aries, the house of the public, it would show the cross he must bear in carrying out his ideas of salvation.

Mars is also in sextile to Saturn and Urania in the ninth, showing the cause of affliction; also in opposition to Jupiter in the first. The spiritual inspiration he received from Libra rising with the good aspects of Jupiter accounted for his wonderful knowledge as a child. Saturn and Urania together in the ninth show his wandering, nomadic life.

It will be noticed that both the Sun and Mercury are below the earth; in fact, the earth is elevated above all other planets, in the figure, the Sun and Mercury also receiving the square affliction of Mars from the seventh house; Aries being the radical first; also notice the trine aspect of Venus to Saturn and Urania in Conjunction, Venus being the ruler of the figure in the radical eleventh, the house of friends. This argues a devotion that is akin to worship from his friends, but Saturn brings the Judas into his life, many of them, and brings him crucified upon the cross, not literally, but in a spiritual sense, as has been explained. For instance, we may take the symbology of the cross over the circle (Mars) from Aries to Pisces, while Mars is in his journey through the twelve signs, finally ending in Pisces. The exaltation of Venus, circle over the cross; then if we fix on the Moon in her own sign, we see her move onward into her exaltation, Taurus, and finally to end in the twelfth sign from her house, Gemini, and here again she becomes linked to the cross or matter.

It is in Aries that man is crucified, for in this sign spirit begins its cycle through the twelve signs of the Zodiac. For this reason, Aries is known to astrologers as the sign of sacrifice. Its root is derived from sacer or sacred, and facio to make, interpreted to make holy. In those days the sacrifice took place at Easter, the time of the passover, when the pascal lamb is slain (Aries the ram). In the horns of the ram are out-pouring rays of love and wisdom, both rising out of the will; then, tracing the progress of the Sun we have in Whitsun, or White Sunday, the arrival at Cancer, the house of the Moon, when the white garments are put on for initiation, the period of the older pentecost. In this will be found the mystery of the trinity, Father, Mother, Son. It is from the Virgo mother that Christ comes forth, and at this point the Libran scales are equally balanced; Aries has evolved its opposite and from Mars, the warrior, is evolved Venus, whose mission is love. The old testament closes to take up the new; light dawns upon the world and Christ takes up his cross; and reaching Capricorn, the foot of the cardinal cross for three days is buried or immersed therein, to rise again and pass on into the sign of perfected man. Thus you can comprehend how the life of Christ is based upon astrological signs from their own point of view, applying it to their own creed.

We see here the basis for the preconverted ideas of Christ's atoning blood, the real basic principles which were lost sight of in the building up of creeds. We are all disciples, in a sense fishermen. Pisces ends the cycle of the serving trinity. In my father's house are many mansions,

Eternal and divine bliss awaits the perfected one, but truth alone can set us free.

The Nazarene's knowledge was gained from the teachings of Zoroaster. (See sketch of his life elsewhere in this issue.)

As the above horoscopal figure shows, this is not a common individuality; in fact, it is a very extraordinary one from an astrological standpoint. As shown by the ninth house, the desire from the first was to gain knowledge through the peculiarly religious inclination of Saturn and Uranian character, while the aspect of Mars to these planets and the Sun, shows the courage to face opposition. This personality would be found, as a child, talking with, and teaching the country peasants, through the inspirational powers with which he was possessed. His facility in perception was keen and retentive, and we learn of him as a child of twelve in converse with the wise men of that time, when the journey had been made to the city of Jerusalem. From here we trace him to Syria for the purpose of gaining wisdom, and finally into the land of Egypt.

It was upon this science that Christ confounded the wise men in the temple of learning at Jerusalem. His knowledge of the heavenly spheres, their triangular, sextile and square aspects, their progressive and retrograde motions, their size and prognostications, as well as the signs shown in the Sun, Moon, Stars, etc.

We often find Jesus carrying out the Saturn principle, for instance, in his journey to Jerusalem on an ass, which animal is ruled by that planet, as was generally known at that time, and when the rulers arose against and persecuted him, he fled from his country and again went to Syria. You will notice the Sun had progressed into Pisces, square to Saturn and Urania from Gemini, as well as other configurations which occurred at that time. Thus we find the true conditions relating to this personality, and around him has been woven such vast misconception that it is, in truth, a grievance to him to know that mankind should have such false ideas of him. Let us pray that all may learn the truth and know him as he was, a highly spiritually minded man.—*Copyrighted.*

POWER OF THOUGHT

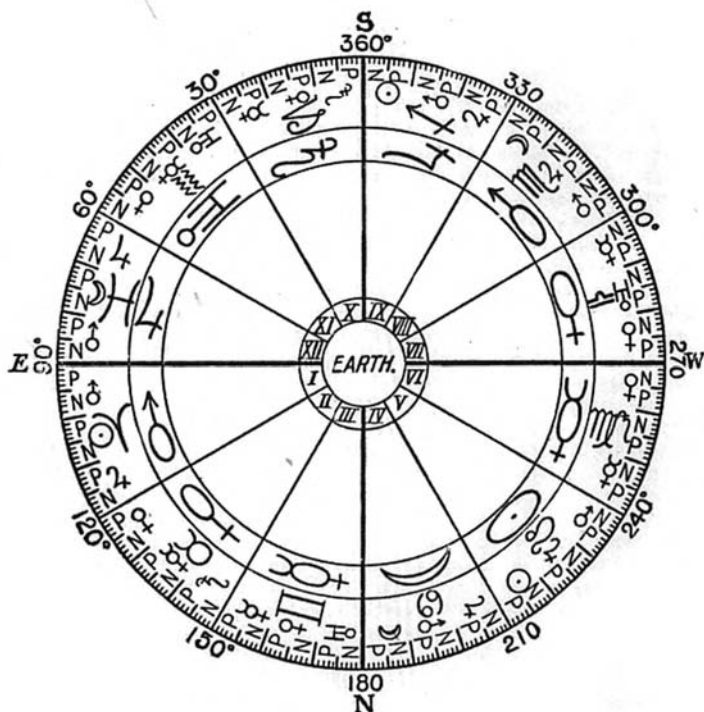
Thought is something more powerful than a current of electricity to accomplish wonders. When produced by the thinker it is made powerfully constructive or powerfully destructive according to its quality.

The right quality of thought will send a current of healing, soothing and beautifying life throughout the body; and the wrong quality of thought will send a smarting, miserable, and poisonous quality of life (?),

like mercury, throughout the physical being.

Your life depends altogether on the kind of thoughts you create. You must select the beautiful and wholesome kind to make your existence happy and successful.

If you let your thoughts grovel, they are likely to slide into the black pit of mental hell. But if you lift them up and up, you may sooner or later carry them through the golden gate to the seventh heaven.—*The Individualist.*



The Faces of the Signs

(Continued from July Number.)

Cancer



HE first face of Cancer gives a very suspicious nature, a lack of confidence in fellow men. Anger and resentment are easily provoked. The second face of Cancer gives oratory, a desire to come before the public, but unless the nature is intellectually and morally developed, he or she will be tricky and very unreliable. The third face of Cancer is a face of power, tenacity and quiet endurance. This face is considerably affected by the Moon's position in the figure. The fourth face of Cancer there is more show and pretense than reality denoted, and the native is largely affected by the surroundings, is apt to be peevish and irritable. The fifth face of

Cancer is a psychic nature, easily moved by sensation, very impressionable and often reflecting others. The sixth face of Cancer is a very aspiring and quite ambitious nature, with very deep religious feelings.

Leo

The first face of Leo denotes a person full of pride and self-esteem, somewhat boastful and daring, it takes experience to improve his nature. The second face of Leo is a very harmonious and peaceful nature, kind, sympathetic, most courteous and amiable in manner, very neat in dress. The third face of Leo shows a revengeful spirit, one who does not forget a wrong. The secret for this face is chastity, and through this quality love and wisdom may be attained. The fourth face of Leo is an inharmonious nature, danger of selfishness and undesirable ambitions into which hypocrisy will surely enter. The fifth face of Leo gives a very good understanding, and denotes one who is a true, loyal friend, sincere and extremely sympathetic. Those who are born under the sixth face of Leo should avoid all tendencies to gambling, for the head and heart are too easily drawn into pleasures.

Virgo

The first face of Virgo gives a dual nature. The motives are inclined to be selfish. The native has too much self esteem, though he possesses real ability if he will allow himself to use it properly. The second face of Virgo is a good one, gives a wise and discreet person, loving truth and honor. The third face of Virgo is a successful one. It denotes a love of justice, one inclined to be very discriminative. The fourth face of Virgo is a mystic face, one who may become wise in knowledge and, if chaste, a seer and prophet. The fifth face gives an ambitious nature, thoughtful, diplomatic, rising in life through sincerity and attention to details. The sixth face of Virgo, a very talkative person, but will display much ingenuity, very impressionable.

Libra

The first face of Libra gives ability, a sincere, honest, just and prudent nature. The second face of Libra denotes one who will become extremely devotional. There will be much discretion and a desire to do right in all things, but circumstances control. The third face of Libra, ambitious, mentally energetic, thoughtful, but acts only with the mind; intuitional and sympathetic in nature; are often misunderstood. They must be surrounded with friends. The fourth face gives perception, prudence, a quiet, inoffensive nature. The fifth face, the objective side of life will be much appreciated. They are lovers of beauty. In the sixth face much will depend upon the position of Venus, the ruler. The nature is versatile and well disposed.

Scorpio

The first face of Scorpio gives great confidence and will power. The character is inclined to be sincere and fixed, also intuitive. The second face of Scorpio denotes a lover of justice, and those who are influenced largely by this face possess some real talent which may be latent. The third face of Scorpio gives keen criticism, denotes one who possesses great judgment and intellect to delve into nature's secrets.

The fourth face of Scorpio gives tact and diplomacy; a serious, thoughtful nature and a strong character. Those who come under the influence of the fifth face of Scorpio will be good judges of human nature; it is difficult to keep anything from them; have a desire for magic and occult subjects. The sixth face of Scorpio: the first portion of this face gives a very positive intellectual nature. The latter portion inclines to the feelings and senses.

Hour after hour, like a budding flower,
 Shall truth after truth expand;
 The Sun may pale and the stars may fail,
 Yet that Law of God shall stand.
 How its splendor glows and its radiance grows
 As Nature's work appears;
 From the simplest mite to the Lord of light,
 Through countless ages of years.

Character



THE most important feature of Astrology is its delineation of the character, and as character is destiny, no definite or correct prediction can be made as to the future of the life under consideration, until a perfect judgment is given relative to the character. Character in itself is the accumulated results of aggregated experiences in the past, and as the past conditions are never exactly the same, no two characters can be exactly alike. All the planets combine their share in forming the character; Mars we have learned gives courage, vitality, strength, energy; Saturn perseverance, patience and stability, seriousness, contemplation and meditation. Venus describes the love nature, harmlessness and mirth. Mercury controls the intellectual side of the character; Jupiter gives compassion, benevolence and manifests the religious and social qualities. The Moon governs the animal and instinctual side of the character. The Sun governs the moral, bestowing firmness and dignity to the character.—*Science and Key of Life.*

Equator



THIS pertains to the great circle of the heavens at right angles to the axis, and dividing it with a Northern and Southern hemisphere. It is constituted by the plane of the earth's equator produced in every direction until it reaches the concave of the celestial sphere. Thus the Sun in his progress North and South and North, is twice annually on the celestial equator, that is, at the equinoxes the 21st day of March and the 21st day of September. The point in the equator which touches the meridian, is raised above the true horizon by an arc, and this is the complement of the latitude.—*Science and Key of Life.*

Psychic Research

THERE IS NO DEATH.

It is full time that the black pall of fear should be removed from the minds of men and that they accept the positive knowledge that There Is No Death.

It is the duty of the host of thinkers who have come into possession of indubitable evidence concerning this momentous question, to unite and roll back the stone from the sepulchre of death.

No family on earth but has its broken circle, not a heart beats but it must part with loved ones. This great anguish of the human family may be hushed from its sobbings of despair by the certainty **There Is No Death.**

This fact is an incentive to pure living, to high purpose, to the building of works of lasting benefit; it is an incentive to live for eternity instead of a few brief years, and multiplies a thousand-fold the possibilities of achievement. Research in a lofty spirit for the best good of all and at the desire of all shall hasten its accomplishment.

The united mental acceptance of the possibility of being able to talk from New York to Chicago by telephone and the great interest in and desire for such a result hastened the day of its success. Is the world cheated? Is it a misconception that one may hear his friend's voice and recognize it thousands of miles away?

The glorious tidings, **There Is No Death**, has been reverberating through the corridors of time, from the beginning of human life, still the people's ears are dull of hearing and their eyes closed. "The light shineth in the darkness, but the darkness comprehendeth it not."

Wonderful is the ebb and flow of human research that moves so near to the discovery of a great truth, then

shrinks away in dread and antagonism until the inflowing tide of demonstrated evidence bears it far upward again on the shore of knowledge to the very portals of the palace of wisdom. There has been a turning of the tide and the great incoming sea of experience is placing the question beyond the power of the undertow of doubt.

Back in the days of the building of the great Pyramid men had evidence that **There Is No Death.** They knew it from the lips of those who had crossed the bar of time. Subsequently to this day they knew it from those who had returned to warn and guide, as in the days of the prophets; to sustain and encourage, as in the life of Jesus; to liberate the captive, as in the life of Peter; to turn the strong man from cruel persecution, as in the experience of Paul.

Does one believe the records of scripture in either the old or new testament and still discredit the statement, **There Is No Death?** Suppose, however, the scriptures were relegated to the world of myth and superstition, what of the vast amount of data which the scientists of today have accumulated, such as would fill many volumes the size of the Christian Bible?

Does such testimony come only to "ears that will not hear and eyes that will not see?" No, there are millions of people, including all classes of society, who know that their dead are living. If all such testimony were to be published in books, the libraries of the world might not contain them. But a reluctance to subject these most sacred experiences to the jeers and scorn of the ignorant causes them to remain folded sacredly away within the sanctuaries of their own lives.

Cheerfully Face Persecution.

It is to be regretted that were these experiences to be given publicity without discrimination, the testators would have their sanity questioned,

and pity, scorn or ridicule would be hurled at their defenseless heads. While many would cheerfully face these conditions alone, their families may not be disregarded, but should be shielded from conspicuousness and persecution.

It is a libel upon human progress, that a subject of such breadth of interest and sacred depth of tenderness, should need to be broached behind closed doors and in secret.

Ignorance and egotism, when dominating the multitude, seems to have the power to crush all aspirations for knowledge beyond the narrow routine of material existence. It would assume to close a man's life as his breath leaves his physical form, while the grave is but an open portal through which to gaze into the promised land, at which one may listen to the voices that are "silent only in the tomb," for **"There Is No Death."**

The late Dr. Isaak K. Funk, of the great publishing firm of Funk & Wagnall, editor of "The Literary Digest," and noted student of spiritualism, psychology and other fields of occult research, said:—

"Let me tell you that it is far more practical for a man to explore the spiritual world, to learn how vast is the domain of the mind, than to explore ice fields for the North pole. Even if he finds the pole, what good will it do us?"

"Investigators into the psychic world are finding more and more evidence to prove that spiritual communication is only another kind of vibration, a vibration which may be more or less similar to the pulsings of sound, heat, light and radium. All thought action is the result of vibration."

As knowledge broadens language develops. Many words in common usage now are not to be found in the dictionaries compiled a decade ago.

The human family is bound to welcome research in this field and thus hasten the time when authenticated evidence may be reduced, to a practical demonstration of the law which produces the results now called phenomena.

The Mysteries In Childhood.

It is not given a man to think in his

infancy as he does in mature years. We must grow into thought power. What were mysteries in childhood are commonplace to manhood, comprehension having grasped them.

No power can force the infant mind to grasp mature ideas, but through loving nurture and years of experience it reaches maturity. Just so naturally, does the faculty unfold to comprehend the laws uniting the visible and invisible worlds.

If, however, a child refuses to use his observation and reason, he may enter the state of manhood a fool, although in spite of himself, he has learned something. Thus does divine law draw him onward even against his ignorant reluctance.

The arguments against actual demonstrated evidence, that the individual lives after the experience called death, are as puerile as those which have met each and every discovery of a reconstructive nature; for example, The earth could not be round because the Bible alludes to its four corners! No ship could ever cross the Atlantic because it could not be constructed to hold fuel enough! Spirit return is not a truth because those who return do not give utterance to marvelous revelations of that which is beyond the earth-bound comprehension!

Did you ever have the marvels of Yellowstone Park described to you in words that revealed them as they are? When you visited the places did you not realize the impotence of language? Words can not describe its wonders of formation and color.

If this is an admitted fact of a portion of our earth's surface, how much more true of another state of existence!

Language Inadequate.

Words are feeble expressions of our loves, of our ideals, our aspirations, even of our loathings and despair. Language is inadequate to define our moods which are also a mystery to ourselves. Is it then reasonable to suppose that as a being leaves the physical body, it will be able to describe in earth language a life that "it has not entered the mind of man to conceive"?

The glorious truth that the dead

are living, that they send greetings of love and cheer, that they aid with their higher development, is being demonstrated in every land, not only through the conscientious, professional mediums, so-called, but in the sanctity of the home circle, where the truth is sacredly guarded from publicity.

If, however, a man die filthy, "he is filthy still," until he chooses to become clean. If he learns that he may through psychic laws continue to manifest his baseness, he will strive to do so, for hate, vengeance and viciousness do not cease their vibrations, when the eyes close in death.

How appalling should be the thought to humanity, that it is so. What an incentive to acquire love, peace, purity and wisdom for an eternity, is the knowledge, "There Is No Death."

"Thanks be to God, all attempts at restraining knowledge, in the present day, are likely to be vain. The spirit of inquiry has gone forth; and no human power can now say, 'Thus far shalt thou go and no farther.' Men may still be worried, irritated, goaded by restraint, but the night of darkness is passing away, and the day-star of knowledge has risen upon the world. May its cheering omens be fulfilled."

A Personal Experience

By H. C. HODGES.

I give the following data thinking perhaps the readers of "The Stellar Ray" may be interested in this narration of a personal experience.

This incident took place in the early seventys. My residence was at the corner of Lafayette avenue and Tenth street in Detroit. Opposite lived a young man, one Avery Thompson. A traveling salesman, not a professional psychic or medium, still some remarkable phenomena came through his organism; the following is one of those experiences.

I called at his house at about 1:00 P. M., found him in the parlor. While he was standing in the center of the room there came a multitude of raps that sounded like the dropping of hail. I asked the question audibly, "Are these raps evidence of the presence of spirit friends?" Immediately there came a series of raps signifying "Yes." I then asked if I brought some friends there in the evening, would they give us indubitable evidence of their presence. The reply was three distinct raps. During the afternoon, I invited a number of my friends to meet me there that evening; there were ten present who witnessed what took place.

I took a pair of hinged slates to the water faucet, cleansed them thorough-

and passed the slates to each one, to witness that there was no writing upon them. I then placed them on the top of the piano fully ten feet distant from any person present; turned out the gas light directly under which sat the medium, and took my seat next to him. Owing to my close contact, it was impossible for him to move an inch without my knowledge. In a few moments we heard the pencil writing and a signal of three raps on the slate that the communication was finished. I arose and lighted the gas, took the slates and opened them, thereon was written this message, "Mr. Hodges, glad to meet you here tonight. Was drowned at Grosse Isle." Signed, "K. C. Barker" with his bold characteristic signature.

After reading the above writing, I closed the slates and placed them back upon the piano and immediately this was written, "Don't suppose you expected to hear from me tonight, but thought I would let you know I was here." Signed, "Robbin."

Mr. Barker, of message No. 1, was formerly mayor of Detroit and a prominent business man here for many years. At the time of his death, he lived on Grosse Isle about twenty miles below the city. He had attempted to

cross from the Island to the Canadian shore in a small boat. His boat capsized and he was drowned.

The next morning after the messages were written, I took the slates to the First National Bank where Mr. Barker had formerly done business and asked Mr. Emory Wendell, the cashier if he recognized the signature on the slate, and he said positively that signature is identical with that on many checks Barker had given upon that bank. He further remarked, as proof of this, I would find many of Barker's checks at the office of Mr. Hull, a son-in-law of Barker. I called on Hull and he gave me a number of these checks, the signatures on which were identical with that on the slate.

Mr. Robinson, of message No. 2, was

a friend of Dr. Joseph Lathrop, one of the parties present. The Dr. had lost a son Harry, a favorite boy, and before Robinson's decease he had written a poem upon Harry Lathrop's death, signed "Robbin." Subsequently, Dr. Lathrop with Colonel Bundy, publisher of "Religio Philosophical Journal" in Chicago, brought to my office the original poem signed by Robbin and the signatures were compared and found to be identical with that on the slate.

I still have these slates, the signatures legible. My investigations along these lines cover a period of many years and numerous other experiences of an occult nature which have been as convincing to my mind as the fact of my own existence, that so-called death is a mere incident in the life of an individual.

"TUT, TUT!"

By Edgar A. Guest.

"Tut! Tut!" is the president's favorite cuss word, according to Robert Emmett Taylor, his caddie at the Washington Country club. — News Dispatch.

When he's taken a swipe
With a brassie and missed,
There may be naughty words
On the president's list,
Or phrases that ladies,
On hearing would blush,
And violent expletives
That come with a rush,
But through lips almost closed
And through teeth nearly shut,
He curses his luck
With a simple: "Tut tut!"

"Tut tut!" 'tis sufficient
To cool off his wrath,
When he strands in the bunker
That looms in his path.
"Tut tut!" indicates
That our president's sore;
"Tut tut!" that is all

That he says and no more.
When he slices the ball,
When he fozzles a put;
In anger he mutters
A simple: "Tut tut!"

I remember, when grandmother
Sat in her chair,
Contentedly knitting
That's how she would swear.
She used to "tut tut!"
In a very high pitch
A signal to us
That she'd fozzled a stitch.
She may have known other
Bad words to use, but
Her favorite cuss-phrase
Was always "tut tut!"

I honored her then
And I honor him now,
To President Wilson
I'm ready to bow.
Some fellows, perhaps,
May unfeelingly scoff,
But I'm for the man, who,
When playing bad golf,
From all the strong phrases
That modern speech glut,
In a moment of anger
Can pick out "tut tut!"

July 10, 1913.

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DR. GEO. W. CAREY.

UNCLE JOHNNY DOUBTER TO THE END.

Congressman Heflin, of Alabama, tells this story of old Uncle Johnny. A friend said, "Uncle Johnny, they are going to build a railroad through this settlement," and Uncle Johnny replied, "My judgment is they will never build it."

But his friend said, "They are surveying now just a few miles from here," to which Uncle Johnny observed, "There is a sight of difference between road surveying and road building."

"Well, Uncle Johnny," said his friend a few weeks later, "they are digging dirt over on the hill now," and the old man replied, "Dirt digging and road completing are two powerful different propositions."

Finally his friend said, "Uncle Johnny, they have got the road made; they have finished the track and the train has arrived; the engine is out there on the track now. Go and look at it."

Uncle Johnny went out and looked at it; cold and lifeless the engine stood; and when they asked, "What do you think of it now, Uncle Johnny?" he said, "They'll never budge 'er. Why," he says, "I don't see any traces or singletrees, and besides that, it ain't a fit track for mules, nohow."

"But, you see," his friend said, "they are going to run it with steam. They will unite the forces of wood and water and fire, and send it down the track

pulsing like a thing of life." But Uncle Johnny said with conviction, "They'll never budge 'er."

At last, when they had got steam up, the engine went down the track, whistle blowing and sparks flying.

"Well, Uncle Johnny," said the man, "what do you say now?" And he replied, "By golly, they'll never stop her!"

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Yours faithfully,

Q—W—

A SUPERSTITION OF FRIENDSHIP.

Randolph S. Bourne, discoursing upon "The Excitement of Friendship," says one of the curious superstitions of friendship is that we somehow choose our friends. "To the connoisseur of friendship no idea could be more amazing and incredible. Our friends are chosen for us by some hidden law of sympathy, and not by our conscious wills. All we know is that in our reactions to people we are attracted to some and indifferent to others. And the ground of this mutual interest seems to be based on no discoverable principles of similarity of temperament or character. We have no time, when meeting a new person, to study him or her carefully. By some subtle intuitions we know and have measured at their first words all the possibilities which their friendship has in store for us. We get

the full quality of their personality at the first shock of meeting, and no further intimacy changes that quality. **

"Friendship," continues Mr. Bourne, "is a life-long adventure. We do not integrate ourselves, and we have as many sides to our character as we have friends to show them to. Quite unconsciously I find myself witty with one friend, large and magnanimous with another, wise and grave with another, and utterly frivolous with a fourth. I watch with surprise the sudden and startling changes in myself as I pass from the influence of one friend to the influence of some one else. But my character with each particular friend is constant. I find myself, whenever I meet him, with much the same emotional and mental tone. If we talk, there is with each one some definite subject upon which we always speak and which remains perennially fresh and new. If we stray into another field there is a chill and strangeness in the atmosphere. We are happy only on our familiar levels, but these we find exhaustless. And this inexhaustibility of talk is the truest evidence of good friendship."

THE NEW BIRTH

By Dr. George W. Carey

According to the opinion of Jesus of Nazareth, it is necessary to be born again in order to see the Kingdom of God. In other words, it is necessary to come into a new consciousness before Being or God can be understood, or before the universe, man included, can be seen in unity of Being.

Souls on earth, viz: sons of God, pass through many births before the birth takes place that ushers them into heaven, or happiness, which is a full and complete understanding that there is but one power, one mind, one source of intelligence. Then a soul clearly recognizes that it is, and of necessity must be, an expression or Word of universal spirit, therefore, perfect; soul clearly sees that a perfect mind cannot show forth imperfection. It realizes that Infinite Intelligence cannot possibly be ignorant

in any of its manifestations or operations. It seems that wisdom, universal life, never commenced to be, it is uncreated being, from everlasting unto everlasting, and that the idea of evolution from a low to a high condition is simply a conception based entirely in the carnal or matter-mind—the consciousness or belief that form creates form, or that form evolves out of form, and totally ignores the creator of form.

The soul now clearly sees that there is no low or high in Infinite Intelligence, and that Infinite Intelligence embraces all we see and all we do not see.

Before the soul comes to this new birth it passes through intellectual births. There is the birth into better ideas of government or the social relation between man and man. The birth into the world of invention, by which the world's work may be carried on with less expenditure of energy. The birth into the consciousness that the so-called "forces of Nature" may be utilized to do the work necessary to provide food and clothing for man, and transport him from place to place. But all these are births from one stage of material belief to another, and not the birth that enables the souls to see the Kingdom of God. This new birth comes from an awakened consciousness.... a recognition that all the forces of Nature—light, heat, magnetism, electricity, attraction, or gravitation—are simply the operation or manifestation of eternal wisdom, the Infinite—"the unbounded whole, whose body is the universe and spirit is the soul."

The new birth does not wait on change of environments or conditions, or climate, or wealth, or friends, or books, or, societies or temple of the magi, or secret doctrines, or development, or circles, or crystal gazing, or magic mirrors, or concentration; it depends wholly upon an understanding that the universe is what its name implies—one verse, and not a diverse; that there is one power supreme over all and in all.

Then the soul loses the sense of

personal self and takes on the sense of universal self. It loses the sense of personal hope and takes on the sense of universal satisfaction. It loses personal knowledge and takes on universal knowledge. It exchanges the idea of personal love for the realization of universal love. And thus does the soul pass into the new birth.

Every stone has been rolled from the door to the sepulchre. Every barrier has been removed. Every Pharaoh has been drowned in the Red Sea of Love.

INDUSTRIAL AVENUES OPEN TO THE YOUNG MAN OF TO-DAY.

By A. B. Quincy.

To the boy leaving high school and looking about him for the best channel into which to direct his energies for the life before him, there are to-day a multitude of avenues open. We will suppose that he has decided to follow some walk in life which is based on one or other of the applications of science. This limits his choice somewhat, though not very greatly, for at the present day the majority of commercial and professional pursuits make more or less stringent demands for a training based upon scientific study. But what are the various sciences and their applications open to him? We will attempt no systematic order of enumeration. Suppose we begin with the biological science. There is botany, at the root of all plant culture. The farmer of to-day cannot afford to be ignorant of the fundamental principles of botany, and who has not heard of the wonderful achievements of Luther Burbank, based upon an ingenious application of the principles of heredity, which we are only now beginning to understand? But it is not only in the cultivated field that the applied botanist finds work to do. The dendrologist, specialist in the botany of trees, takes care of our forests and tells us how to utilize their products to best advantage. Then there is the "plant doctor," akin to the veterinary surgeon, but giving his attention to plants instead of animals.

And as a special branch of botany there is bacteriology. We have heard so much of bacteria as breeders of disease that we are perhaps sometimes apt to forget that we have friends among them as well as foes. There are first of all the scavenger bacteria, without which we should be hard pressed to get rid of the sewage of our great cities. And there are bacteria in the soil, whose action is indispensable to the higher plants growing upon the soil. Again, we have a number of fermentation industries depending upon bacterial action—the manufacture of cheese, vinegar, beer, alcohol, and so forth.

The medical man is, of course, keenly interested in bacteria, not only as the cause of disease, but also the means for producing antidisease sera, of which the diphtheria antitoxin is the shining example.

Zoology claims its own share of the prizes won by modern industries. Here also the application of the laws of heredity will in the future greatly assist the animal breeder in the proper selection of his stock. And that delicate balance which is struck by nature, keeping each species in its proper proportion, has been studied with important results in certain cases where some one species threatened to become an unmitigated pest, unless it were possible to find an enemy who would feed on that species and thus keep it within reasonable bounds.

Another of the natural sciences, geology, is commonly studied in conjunction with one or the other of the engineering sciences, although many will find it both pleasurable and to their advantage to specialize here. Geology finds many applications, not only in the mining of coal, ores, gems, building stone, and so forth, but also in civil engineering, wherever foundations have to be laid, a road built, or a water supply provided.

We have so far considered what might be called the "natural" sciences, as distinguished from the "experimental" sciences, such as physics and chemistry. All engineering is of course applied physics. But at the present day a number of special branches of engineering have come into being, which

are rather more closely connected with the parent science, and therefore require a particular familiarity with the principles of physics. As examples may be mentioned telephony and telegraphy, both of the older type, and wireless.

But we have not exhausted the sciences. One of the most important, to the business man, we have not mentioned; economics. All business transactions fall into the province of this science, though it no doubt interests particularly the banker, the financier and the legislator. The truth is, no one should to-day be ignorant of the fundamental concepts of this science. Yet probably no science is so neglected.

In one special field this science has of late come into prominence, though its name is not often mentioned in this connection; namely, in efficiency engineering. The basis of all our actions is the endeavor to raise to a maximum the sum total of the pleasures which we can derive from our activities. Now one way to increase this pleasure is to either increase production without changing the labor required for it, or else to leave production unchanged, while decreasing the labor involved. The "efficiency" engineer has come to show us how to do this. The importance of his work rises *pari passu* with the ratio which the cost of labor bears to the cost of materials in the production of a given commodity. An example may serve to illustrate this. Suppose that for a certain article A the cost of material is \$10, cost of labor \$1, and that the efficiency engineer steps in and reduces the labor item by one half, to 50 cents. The total cost of the article has been changed from \$11 to \$10.50, or by about 5 per cent. Now suppose that another article B costs \$1 for material, and \$1 for labor. If in this case the efficiency engineer reduces the cost of labor to 50 cents he has effected a saving of no less than 25 per cent! Anyone who has had anything to do with the manufacture of an article in which the cost of labor is the chief, or an important item, will fully appreciate the importance of this.

No attempt has been made here to even approach an exhaustive review of the different fields of applied science to

which the young man looking out upon life may turn. In point of fact, though his principal attention may be given to one or other of these or of numerous others which we cannot stop to consider, no man can afford to allow "specialization" to degenerate into a mere narrowing down to one thing, and the modern man of affairs must have more or less familiarity with several—the more the better—of these disciplines. It is generally found that the specialist worthy of the name knows a great deal more about fields outside his chosen one, than most others who do not claim to have specialized. And in framing his course of studies the young student will do well, so far as his means permit, to avoid premature specialization. Once a good solid foundation of general knowledge is gained, it may be very much to his advantage to select some one narrower field to which to pay special attention. And he may find it both congenial and profitable to steer somewhat off the old beaten tracks, and take up one of the newer developments of science. But in this he should be guided by the advice of some thoroughly mature and competent person.—*Scientific American*.

ELECTRICITY AS FOOD.

The French physician and scientist, M. Bergonie, some time ago advanced the theory that applications of electricity could be made to supply the place of food to a certain extent, which discovery he called diathermy. By the application of electricity it was his claim that the human body is able to make up for a part of the alimentation of the system by furnishing a large amount of heat to the body, instead of producing the heat from food materials which need to be consumed or, indeed, burned in the system, this giving rise to overwork of the physiological organs of the body.

For the purpose of experiment, he recently picked out a man who was a notable example of ill-nourishment. The man weighed 110 pounds, suffered greatly from the cold, and could not walk 300 feet without assistance. After undergoing the treatment for a short period the man became normal in every

respect. He gained 30 pounds in weight, was enabled to resume his business, and could take long walks without experiencing fatigue, and was unaffected by changes of temperature. The doctor considers that the time is not far distant when all troubles due to insufficient nutriment will disappear under a series of electrical treatments by high-frequency currents.

FROM LOWER TO HIGHER.

Sir Francis Younghusband, in a group of essays entitled "Within," says: "We have been so impressed with the idea that we have fallen from some high estate that we do not yet understand that we have risen from a lower, and risen by our own inherent goodness. From all these causes we think less of ourselves than we are entitled to think, and in consequence we do not make the most of what is within us or adequately fulfil the purpose of our being. * * Experiences in which we have to make some momentous decision reveal to us the existence of greater depths within us than we had believed existed. The superficial portion of ourselves which carries on the ordinary business of every-day life is not the whole self.

"There is a much deeper portion which only occasionally reveals itself. We all know that there are about nine times as much iceberg below the surface as we see above the sea-level. And it is very much the same with ourselves. The superficial portion is all that is usually in evidence. But we must not judge ourselves and we must not judge others by that alone. For it is the whole tenths, and not the superficial one-tenth which decides and acts on great occasions."

Talking on "Temperance" before the state convention of Sunday schools of Indiana at Evansville, Dr. J. H. Engle, president of the Sunday school association of Kansas, said there are fifty-two jails in Kansas which have

no prisoners and over one-half the counties are not represented in the state prisons. Dr. Engle says this is because of prohibition.

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HURRY AND WORRY.

Habitual hurry and worry will undermine the strongest constitution. Hurry and worry are only a matter of habit. It is natural, when work piles up, to let the mind run on to the things ahead. Before we know it we have established a useless and injurious habit of worry. Make "this one thing I do" your motto. Cease to spend your time in foolish regrets over what is passed. "The mill never runs with water that has passed." Do not turn present energy into channels of worry about what is passed and can no longer be helped. To worry about the future is equally foolish. Ninety-nine of every hundred calamities which you fear never come to pass. Get a grip on yourself. Use your will to keep from worrying. Check yourself whenever you feel horried, and relax for a moment before going on with the matter in hand. After a little you will be able to establish a new habit of poise and self-control. To worry is to waste an immense amount of energy for no good or useful purpose. To worry is more foolish than to try to lift yourself by your own boot straps. Worry is destructive. Tranquility, poise, means the conservation of your forces for constructive use. By worry and fretting and senseless anger and a habit of mind of constant rebellion against your environment and the universe in

general you spill your forces and tear yourself to pieces. You cut off your connection with the sources of life. Life thrives in tranquility. Creative processes in nature are always silent. Worry and hurry are a part of the objective life, that which deals with material things. Tranquility, poise, self-control, spring from the eternal principles of nature. Calmness makes for health and a good old age.—*Health.*

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He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven.—*Lord Herbert.*

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