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THE GREAT QUESTION

"Some are born to honor, and others to dishonor; some to wealth and others to want; some in the midst of crime, ignorance and sorrow, others environed in happy condittons.

When and where is the law of compensation applied to equalize these conditions, or why should these things be?" H. Cr H.

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Do not imagine that one born under a bad position of the planets is compelled to remain under an evil influence, for there is nought but the desire able to hinder the God within, from breaking the chains he has forged. If in the various experiences of life one strives to be beneficent, kind, and to bring happiness to his fellow creatures, the soul will find that environment that is in harmony with what has been sown; just as the reverse action will bring an opposite condition.

All the signs and planets have a good side to their influences, and it is this good part that we must develop. Man and woman are growing entities, expression after expression is building a better, a nobler character, and humanity is coming to a knowledge that there is a principle of life within all as well as without, and that character does not change one iota when one passes from the body. This science teaches very plainly that what a man has been in the past, that will he be in the future, until he takes himself in hand.

The state of self knowledge, however, is not attained by accepting some new creed or dogma or opinion, but by the self recognition of divine truth from within. We may all have opinions about things but this does

not constitute knowledge, and the light of wisdom must come only through individual struggle. To realize is to become.

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All humanity exists in an ocean of light, love and wisdom. It is about us always, for it is the Life of the Infinite, the principle of Good, the one Existence, and as the Sun of this solar system floods this earth with its glorious rays of sunlight, so does the Infinite life enlighten, cheer and nourish all creation. This Divine Sun of Life never sets to any part of the great universe. There are countless millions of vibrations beating against humanity, but they are non-existent except for a few, for the reason that they have not yet evolved the higher faculties which are capable of vibrating in response to them. There are souls of larger growth and older in point of time to whom the astral world or the heavenly world, aye worlds still beyond, are as perceptible as this physical world is to the mortal inhabitants, and these noble, wise, intelligent agencies have developed the faculties and higher consciousness to respond to these finer vibrations.

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matter; whereas men are as yet blind to its existence, for too often the light of the Infinite is shut out from the consciousness by selfish motives, heartlessness, impurity and intolerance; still it shines on ever the same, bathing humanity on every side, pressing against these self-built walls with gentle, strong persistence, but when the soul throws down these excluding walls the light flows in, and the soul finds itself flooded with sunshine while breathing the glorious air of heaven, for all are in heaven, though they know it not, and its breezes will fan and cool the aching head if it is but bared to the breath.

Infinity ever respects man's individuality, and will not force his consciousness upon him, until it opens of its own accord to give him welcome. Not in any lack of sympathy is that waiting for the open door, but in deepest wisdom, for as mankind has been given free will, he is not to be hurried, driven or compelled by Infinity, for mankind has been given life immortal and the patience of Infinity is inexhaustible. Man is not a slave that he should be compelled, but is a god in the making, so that growth cannot be forced from without, but must be evolved from within; and it is only when utterly worn out and satiated with the experiences of earth life, its joys, pleasures and agonies upon the cross, that the storm-tossed soul throws open the door first of mind and then of soul, and by meditation, love and devotion that the Divine Infinite enters, illuminates the higher mind, satisfies the soul and whispers, "Peace, be still."

Prejudice Defined

H. C. HODGES.



AT the beginning of individual mentality, its substance was so delicately susceptible, readily disturbed and liable to become disintegrated, that there developed an inherent resilient quality necessary to give firmness and strength for maintaining its individual existence.

This power of resistance had its holy mission to perform in the creation of mental fiber, the power of analysis and logic. Its mission was to judge before accepting, (pre-judge) to sift the true from the false, to form just conclusions, but in some instances there were formed mental types in which this beneficent quality became abnormal, changing the resilient strength as of pliant steel to a barricade as of iron, and it is this perverted good which is known as prejudice.

Prejudice is an enemy of progress. For example; observe a flow-

ing river—deep and quiet is its course until there rises in its current some stranded debris lodged in a solid mass in the bed of the stream. Now the quiet waters part in turbulent and busy effort to tear the obstruction away and carry it forward. But there it clings accumulating more debris firmly blocking the river's course. This is just what prejudice does to the progress of human reason.

The polar opposite of prejudice is credulity. At first a receptive, plastic, expansive force necessary to mental development; during this process, however, types were formed which were too receptive, absorbing and reflecting much that was false; thus credulity tends to weaken the judgment.

The fact is, all phases of mentality have their part to perform in this great training school of life and those fellow beings who express them are entitled to a broad tolerance. The mind restricted in its outlook by prejudice will in time lower its barricade and admit the truths once distrusted; the too credulous one shall bind its borders with wisdom and patiently explore all new territory, for harmony shall come out of discord. "The Lion and the Lamb shall lie down together."

Fatus Governing Health of Those Born in Earthy, Watery, Airy and Fiery Signs

(The Earth Signs), Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn.

(Water Signs), Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces.

(Air Signs), Gemini, Libra, Aquarius.

(Fire Signs), Aries, Leo, Sagittarius.



PERSONS who have the major portion of their planets in earthy signs should pay especial attention to the purity of their food. This applies to all, but is most effective upon those in earthy signs, and each one will do well to partake lightly of the flesh of animals. Some require this food, and must necessarily eat of it, but the impurities taken into the system in this way are not realized by the masses, nor is the tendency to clog the functions of the body.

As mankind gradually becomes free from the custom of partaking of the flesh of animals, much disease will be eliminated, but while impurities are taken into the system we must expect like results to follow. Their foods should be good, wholesome and properly cooked, every care should be taken to insure their cleanliness and purity, and as far as

possible, all bad magnetisms should be eliminated from their preparation.

Those born under the watery signs, or having the majority of planets in watery signs, should be exceedingly careful with regard to cleanliness, proper and regular bathing, and the frequent change of clothing worn next to the body. Dampness and chills should be avoided, and cleanliness made a feature of the life. They should avoid contagious places, looking well to the drains of the house they reside in. Being very receptive, they need care in the choice of surroundings. They should be far removed from slaughter houses, and similar places, public houses, and, above all, should avoid all intoxicants.

Those born under the airy signs, either by the rising sign or by having the majority of planets in airy signs, require an abundance of fresh air and artistic surroundings, as they are essentially refined in nature, and purity of mind is for them the best condition. The higher the tone of their mental conditions, the better will their health be. With them, the mind will so react upon the body that it should have the first care, and living in the mental plane as they do, they should study the culture of the mind, associate themselves with cheerfulness, brightness and hope. It is also quite essential for them to change the mental vibrations before becoming wearied or depressed. With them the artistic acts as a tonic; they are inclined to make refinement and harmonious surroundings their first care.

That class born under the last group of fire, require an ideal and subjective world to live in, and in all cases of ill health the spiritual element must be aroused, and that which appeals to the needs of the soul or ideal life must have attention. They can have no ideal too high, and all that is gross and common will act as poison to the soul and react upon the body; to be in touch with the true self they must look to the spiritual life in the highest part of their nature. If they do not do this they will in time sicken and leave the mortal body to find expression elsewhere. Music will aid to dispel the clouds that gather upon the horizon of these fiery types of humanity.

The Vital Principle



THE elements of the vital principle are common to all: they pervade the universe, and extend their influences over all animated nature. The atmosphere is for terrestrial beings, and a common support to them all: then as fire consumes the tangible parts of bodies, and converts their natural structure into another form, so does the vital principle consume the atmosphere and become united with its vital elements, converting food to the nourishment of the

body, and preserving itself from decay by its affinity to the elements of life diffused throughout the universe.



THE Spiritual Sunlight that is now flowing in upon the minds of men dissolving by its powerful rays the ignorance and superstition of past ages, may be likened to the Glacial Period. By reason of the polar revolution of the earth when the rays of the Sun shone vertically over those ice mountains that had required untold ages to build, they began to loosen from their foundations and the floods carried them with their accumulated debris over a large portion of the earth—thus is the tidal wave of spiritual development sweeping away the debris of ignorance and superstition which has so long held humanity in its grasp.

Improve Your Health by the Following



BREATHE deep while walking, also while relaxed for rest—holding this fact in mind and repeating it mentally or audibly: *“From God’s marvelous atmosphere I inhale those qualities which cause pure blood to flow through my veins, giving me perfect health.”*



AT the lowest grade of life, so low in fact, that it is almost impossible to decide whether the organization concerned be animal or vegetable, the whole economy is contained within a simple membranous walled cell, in whose cavity there is no trace of specialized organs, though the nucleus which is ever more or less in evidence directs the vital and reproductive powers, and experiments in merotomy or cell divisions will demonstrate that it is indispensable to cell life, and therefore to the life of the organism whatever it may be since this is built up of cells.

Then gradually as we emerge from this lowly phase of life we find that by increase and complication of these cells and the slow development of organs, specially fitted for definite physiological processes, such as a

digestive cavity, a heart, a nervous system, in whatever degree rudimentary, the creature rises in the scale of development. However, it makes no difference how far we thus ascend, we shall still find the cellular construction paramount, we may, in fact, concede that all life is cellular, and that the most minute cell is formed and organized after the pattern and formation of the universe itself.



NATURE is a vast chain of causes and effects; causes joining, produce effects, and these effects unite, becoming causes form other effects.

Sirius or the Dog Star



THE Dog star is distant from the earth fifty-two billions, nine hundred and sixty-seven thousand leagues, or one hundred and fifty-six billions, two millions, nine hundred and one thousand miles. In brightness of illumination it is two hundred and twenty-seven times greater than the sun of our solar system, and the light which reflects from this fixed star to our earth requires a period of twenty-two years, three months and nine days to reach the earth. In other words, the light that we are now receiving from that star started in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one. Thus you see the stupendous influences that exist outside of our solar system, and into whose influence we shall all come in time.

Contemplate with cheer, all things which your eyes behold or your mind realizes, harbor no note of gloom, or evil foreboding, for all is well.

Rightly employed, the reason is not a check to piety, but is its regulator. It chastens and refines the flame of devotion in the human heart, but does not put it out.—*C. W. Wendte.*

Editor, Stellar Ray.

Perhaps you will not be sorry to learn that your excellent magazine is a silent friend, most potent for good to me, and would indeed be sorry to be without it. —*F. W.*

To secure a merit badge in forestry, boy scouts are required, among other things, to identify 2 kinds of trees.

Twentieth Century Forward Movements

A. F. WALDO, Riverside, Ill.

1. "The Advance Movement in Modern Science."

The first third of the second decade of the twentieth century is rapidly closing—the century concerning which such splendid progress in thought and effort and life were confidently predicted. Is it possible to detect in the history of these thirteen years any advances toward the realization of the predictions?

Joseph Cook's epigram has become familiar to all,—“The 19th century has made the world a neighborhood, and the 20th should make it a brotherhood.” It is proposed in this series of articles to enumerate and interpret some of the movements which are contributing toward making the world a brotherhood.

The first one is “The Advance Movement in Modern Science.”

New mechanisms of great worth to the chemist, physicist, and astronomer, have been invented. Concerning one of these, the ultra-microscope, Prof. Robert Kennedy Duncan, of the University of Kansas, asserts in the June, 1910, Harper's Magazine, that “in its capacity for determining minute quantities of matter, the ultra-microscope is 37 trillion and 31 billion times more powerful than the best modern spectroscope.” With the aid of this mechanism, and on the basis of the principle never mastered until this century that particles of matter no difference how small may be seen, if they are made self-luminous, such men as Prof. Ernest Rutherford of Man-

chester University, England, and Sir William Ramsey, have looked down into the constitution of matter underneath them, and have discovered that the Atom is not after all the smallest unit into which matter may be divided, but that the Atom itself is a complexity, divisible into thousands of entities and ions, and that these in essence are the same. (This, however, “does not do away with the importance of the Atom in chemical reactions”). Meanwhile, the astronomer, by the aid of equally sensitive mechanisms adapted to his purposes, has directed his gaze sky-ward, learning that the composition and constitution of the heavenly bodies are the same as the earth, and that from the standpoint of astronomy, as well as from that of physics and chemistry, the universe is a unity. The philosophical and theological corollary of this finding is,—One God, the Creator and End of all things.

“One God, one law, one element,
And one far off divine event,
To which the whole creation moves.”

Eighteen years ago, scientists regarded the claim of the ancient alchemists, that one metal may be changed into another, as the childish dream of an immature age; but the chemistry of the twentieth century has realized the alchemist's dream—the elements are transmutable. Not only so, but the elements, in the inconceivably slow but constant trans-

formations through which they are passing, are "breaking down." The available energy of the material universe is gradually diminishing. Says Prof. Soddy, of Scotland, "The hypothesis of the reconstruction of the universe is at present a pure speculation, but it is a speculation which may be one of those coming events which cast their shadows before them." The Christian parallel to this scientific thought of "reconstruction" is "redemption," "a new heaven and a new earth." Nearly a century ago, Faraday said, "To decompose the metals, re-form them, and to realize the once absurd notion of 'transformation,' are the problems now given to the chemist for solution." If this is the problem of the 20th century, certainly the first few years have made a fine beginning.

Any allusions to the numerous and important advances in medicine and surgery must be omitted. Time fails us to more than mention the wonders of the wireless. It was only twelve years ago that the inventive genius and splendid persistency of William Marconi sent the first wireless message from Great Britain to America. Today the sea is alive with electrical intelligence. Three years ago the first wireless messages were exchanged between a steam-ship and an air-ship at sea, which brings us to the marvels of aviation. It was only ten years ago that the first successful man-flight was made—made by the Wright brothers. Now there are scores of flights every day. Three thousand and more patents have been granted at Washington on aeroplanes and their devices, and the patent office is handling ninety new cases every month. Records are broken every hour, and one must see the evening paper to be certain he is cognizant of the most remarkable per-

formance. In the first decade of the 19th century, steamships first navigated the water; in the first decade of the 20th century, airships first aviate the air! Let us not despise, but wonder.

And this reminds us that distances are being diminished, not only by dashes to the North and South Poles, not only by the constantly increasing speed with which the Mauretania and Lusitania and other steamships cross the waters, but also by that triumph of modern engineering by which the waters are being made to cross the land,—the construction of the Panama Canal. The right of way was purchased in 1902 at an expense of \$40,000,000, since which time the enterprise has been continued. Completion is now in sight, with good hope that in 1915, a canal, 41 feet deep, from 500 to 1000 feet wide, and 50 miles long, will connect the Caribbean Sea with the Pacific Ocean, and the dream of Samuel de Champlain—for it was he and no modern engineer whose bold and active mind first planned a ship canal across the Isthmus of Panama—will be realized, and forces will be released, potent with inestimable power to promote international commerce and the unification of world-wide interests; when the world-citizen may sing with Tennyson:

"Fly, happy, happy sails and bear the
Press;
Fly happy with the mission of the
Cross;
Kn't land to land, and blowing heaven-
ward
With silks and spices near of toll,
Enrich the markets of the golden
year."

As you grow ready for it, somewhere or other you will find what is needful for you, in a book, or a friend, or, best of all, in your own thoughts, the eternal thought speaking in your thought.—
George Macdonald.

USES OF ADVERSITY

By *Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

Are you not better for the experience of misfortune? If such experience embitters or discourages you, then you have failed to learn life's lesson in self development.

Three Friends

Of all the blessings which my life has known,
I value most, and most praise God for three—
Want, Loneliness and Pain, those comrades true,
Who masqueraded in the garb of foes
For many a year, and filled my heart with dread.
Yet fickle joys, like false, pretentious friends,
Have proved less worthy than this trio. First,
Want taught me to labor, led me up the steep
And toilsome paths to hills of pure delight,
Trode only by the feet that know fatigue,
And yet press on until the heights appear.
Then Loneliness and Hunger of the heart
Sent me unpreaching to the realms of space,
Till all the silences grew eloquent,
And all their loving forces hailed me friend.

Last, Pain taught prayer; placed in my hand the staff
Of close communion with the over-soul,
That I might lean upon it to the end,
And find myself made strong for any strife.

And then these three who had pursued my steps
Like stern, relentless foes year after year,
Unmasked, and turned their faces full on me,
And lo! they were divinely beautiful,
For through them shone the lustrous eyes of Love.

You who complain bitterly of your troubles and sorrows turn your gaze inward for a time and see what these experiences have done for you.

Are you not stronger in soul, braver in mind, and more selfreliant because of your misfortunes?

Have you not a deeper understanding of human nature, and a larger sympathy for your fellowmen through having known trouble?

If you ask yourself these questions, and if you answer in the negative then rest assured more trouble will be sent you.

Sorrows Will Come Until You Learn to Sympathize

Just as the pupil who has not learned his lessons at school is given the same lessons over and over again, so will sorrow after sorrow and trouble after trouble be given you until you learn the great lesson of sympathy and compassion.

First of all in thinking of your misfortunes, remember you have brought them on yourself. Not in this life, perhaps, but in former lives. We have all lived many lives; and by our thoughts and deeds and desires we have fash-

ioned our bodies and our circumstances.

If in other lives you were wasteful and selfish and improvident and idle, you come into this life poor and without friends or influence.

It is simply your life lesson of self-development given you again to learn. Industry, self-control, economy, are the next lessons.

By patient persistence you will learn them all; and then independence and usefulness and happiness will be yours.

If you did not appreciate love and affection in your last incarnation you will be deprived of these blessings for a time in this life; but if you give freely, even though you do not receive, and if you develop every loving im-

pulse, and ask for no return, and if you refuse to think of your misfortunes, and persist in thinking of your great privilege in being allowed to do for others, then love and affection shall come to you eventually.

Remember the words of the great Master, Christ:

"I came not to be ministered unto but to minister."

Of all His sayings that is one of the greatest and one least quoted by His followers.

How Few of us Minister as we Might to Others

We all seem to feel resentment that we are not ministered unto continually.

And very few of us minister as we might to others.—Los Angeles Herald.

Psychic Research

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THE LARGER VIEW OF LIFE

W. H. Baldwin, M. D.

The recent utterances of that eminent scientist Sir Oliver Lodge, which have attracted so much attention throughout the civilized world are indicative of the golden thread which is slowly but surely being woven into the woof of scientific investigation. Absolute materialism is no longer considered necessary to the dignity of a true scientist. The medical profession is not so ultra materialistic (as it once was) and the recent discovery by Dr. Alex. Carroll, the winner of the Noble prize for original research demonstrates that life is a distinct

entity and may exist without the aid of and independent of objective intelligence. His discovery was that bone could be kept for a considerable time outside the living body and still be made to grow. Thus are facts long known to students of the higher philosophy, gradually but surely working their way into the minds and works of men.

This is as it should be. No class of men can do so much toward the demonstrable realization of our ideals as the calculating scientist, when once his mind is turned in the right direction, and completely shorn of prejudice. The dreamer dreams, but he lacks the power to execute.

Things are tending more toward a

scientific or demonstrable reason for right living and doing at the expense of the religious and sentimental. Never before has there been such an effective and extensive crusade against so called vice as at the present time, neither has there ever been a time when morals were as loose as at present. Two thirds of the United States is under prohibition rule, and, but a few more years and the legalized saloon will no longer disgrace the face of our fair country. These things have not been brought about by the sentimental teaching of **wrong doing** of hundreds of years, but by scientific demonstration that promiscuous vice breeds disease. That these diseases are responsible for the greater portion of our bodily infirmities through personal acquisition or heredity. That by the elimination of these diseases together with alcohol, and a return to simple methods of eating and living, man can again live to the age of a hundred or more years.

A knowledge of these facts instead of being guarded with prudish ignorance has become scientifically demonstrated and the property of old and young alike.

That is what makes these things unpopular and is tending to drive them from our fair land. There is a scientific reason for every act of right living, which is vastly more convincing to the average mind, than promises of distant rewards or threats of future punishment.

Gradually but surely the mysteries of the unseen are unveiling themselves to us, and if the tendency of great minds become that of grasping them through the avenues of desire and investigation instead of trusting blindly to faith, how much more sure and swift will be the result, for how productive of great result is great desire.

Sir Oliver says, "The boundary between the two states, the known and the unknown—life and death—is still substantial, but is wearing thin in places, and excavators are engaged in boring a tunnel from opposite ends." "We are beginning to hear now and again the pick axes of our comrades on the opposite side," why not; when the measure of our separation is not one of distance, but of expression. If our friends have not left us but have changed their form of expression or vibration, why may it not be possible to produce some instrument or invention corresponding to their vibration by which communication may be satisfactorily established? Or, if the quality of our thoughts are measured by vibration why may we not yet develop minds or organs as has been suggested of the rudimentary pineal gland situated at the base of the brain capable of raising a sixth sense to the attenuation.

Should these things come about they will come in a perfectly natural and orderly way. No person was ever born but by perfectly natural laws. (No miracle was ever performed but in conformity to natural laws.) The unnaturalness and supernaturalness of any thing is due to our misunderstanding of it.

Truly this is the "Great Spiritual Age," and those who have felt the inspiration of the awakening, look forward to great possibilities.

A TELEPATHIC INCIDENT

By Allen Rosenkrans.

Some years ago I had an experience that seemed to demonstrate to me the positive truth of the reality of telepathy. My boy, six years of age, the

household cat, and myself were in the home in the evening. I was at the table writing an address on the subject of missions. The boy was playing with the cat in the same room. As I wrote along I put down the phrase "In India" and instantly the boy said to the cat, "I will put you in India" I am certain that there was nothing in the boy's store of knowledge to furnish the phrase. I know I did not make a sound while writing the words. The boy could not read and if he had been able to read he was down on the floor where he could not see the phrase. To say I was startled when I heard the words is to express it mildly and I cannot believe otherwise than that the phrase framed in my mind was photographed upon the boy's mind and given forth by his voice.

What, then, has psychical research done for religion? It has given it an entirely new life based on a rational basis of thought. Instead of cowering mechanically to a set of hard and fast rules, psychical research encourages a belief in and development of individuality. And, after all, is that not the fundamental fact of religion? At the same time it must be observed that psychical research cannot take the place of religion, nor is it its object to do so. Religion must ever remain as the greatest necessity of life; no science can replace it. But the study of psychical research can do and has done much to explain the individual problems of religion; it can commend itself to the development of the yet dormant powers of mind, and thus sweeten the vocation of religion, the

inherent desire in man to survive death and attain happiness in that world of which his imagination has no vision.
—*J. J. Coyne in "Light."*

**"IL N'EST PLUS DE SCIENCES
MYSTERIEUSE"**

(Science No Longer Mysterious)

By Falcoz; Translated by A. D. Musin.

"At no epoch other than our own have the young sciences such as Magnetism, Spiritism, Hypnotism, the divining rod, etc. occupied so closely the attention of the people. These sciences and the things pertaining to them awaken divers sentiments. The passionate curiosity of some is met with hostility often mixed with acrimony from others. The timid can not withstand a tremor of fear before the unknown when suffering souls ask of a presence the consolation and hope of which they stand in need. The sentiments are varied and opposed to each other; but among them we do not find one that of indifference. It seems in fact—so violent at times is the opposition—that the detractors themselves feel confusedly the hidden solution of what remains of the enigma of life, which has been sought for so many cycles by humanity. If there is nothing in it all why so much heat on the part of adversaries? If there is nothing in it why since all time and in every country so many strange manifestations which science can not definitely explain? Why in every epoch and among every people do we find belief in what is called the supernatural? Before such persistence in the same

idea to be found alike in all races savage or civilized, one can not escape the impression that the idea replies to realities; to the imperative need to know; to memories and confused intuitions of a truth, the key to which has been lost. Many are the works which have been consecrated of late years to that which we call the science of the future. While materialists obstinately deny that which they can not explain, men who held themselves to the fore, published the results of their troubled experiences. Skeptics and strong minds laughed; but at the same time great discoveries opened up new horizons, showing the presumptions to be well founded (premises).

It has become common-place to show the close relation between telepathy and wireless telegraphy; between certain somnambulist experiences and the X-rays. Science in its new application to the divining rod, is no longer supernatural, obscure, dependent upon the caprices of evil spirits, or due to the power of Satan himself. It is simply a natural science of which we are more or less ignorant, or of the laws which govern it. Because the Sorcery and Magic of the middle ages surrounded its practices with bizarre formulas, destined to strike the imagination, skeptics have rejected it all en bloc, unwilling to admit that there might be something worthy of consideration under that seeming charlatanism. They were wrong; for they have thus cast discredit on one of the most useful and important of the domains of science. This science in its entirety is based on one universal agent which renders possible all phenomena heretofore inexplicable: such as so-called miraculous cures, discoveries of springs, etc., mines, and other mysterious phenomena. Is it not strange that we should

not have known how to take advantage of this force which we all possess? notwithstanding the curious experiences one might realize in this way? for all is so fascinating as soon as one penetrates into the domain of the unknown forces of nature, and the further one goes the more irresistibly one is drawn to penetrate still farther, and every step enables us to make new and troubling discoveries. One learns above all not to deny in the first instance with blind ignorance things which we do not know and cannot comprehend.

Nothing ought to be rejected as impossible for the reason that we still know so little of the forces of nature. Poor materialism, so much the mode with liberal minds which pretend to dominate us with their sapience, how pitifully miserable it appears, when one turns his eyes to the vast domain of the still unknown sciences, so formidable and admirable. The time approaches when irrefutable proofs will render still more ridiculous the claims of those pygmies who pretend to be able to quench the light of heaven and where man will come again to a knowledge of the truth. The beautiful Aurora will then light the horizon of the heavens where distant suns continue still to shine in spite of all."—*From La Vie Mystérieuse—Paris.*

MESSAGE FROM A DEAD BROTHER WHICH LEADS TO IDENTIFICATION

The following incident is but one of the myriad experiences which are occurring and prove the fact of the possibility of inter-communication between beings in the physical world and

out of it. The sooner we may understand and utilize that law, the better for all humanity. Wisdom has created, and we step boldly and reverently along the highways of knowledge.

Prof. James of Harvard College has said that we can no longer ignore the claims set forth by believers in spiritualism. The mass of evidence is too great. Call it mental telegraphy, psychology, spiritualism or what you like, the fact remains that there is some great hidden secret that science, up to the present time, has been unable to solve.

"Evry now and then," he says, "we come across some phenomenal, psychological occurrence that to place in the category of coincidence would be absurd."

As an illustration of this statement the following incident is submitted. The persons concerned in this remarkable story, not wishing to make themselves conspicuous, have asked that their names be suppressed. Otherwise the story is exactly as related.

Two brothers, who may be called George and Ralph Dunbar, resided for many years at Homestead, Pa., and worked together at the Carnegie steel plate mills. Both became deeply interested in spiritualism, and each week, for many years, attended seances in the neighborhood. In the summer months, when their vacation occurred, they would journey to Lake Brady, that famous resort of believers in the supernatural, and for weeks at a time attended the public seances. Neither ever became a firm believer in what he saw. They had seen fakirs unmasked, and were simpy seekers for the truth.

One night, traveling home from one of these meetings, George said to his brother: "I shall never be convinced until one or the other of us die. If I die first I shall surely make some

sign, and I want you to do the same."

The compact was sealed by a silent clasping of the hands. Months rolled on, possibly years, and the brothers drifted apart. Ralph went west and George took a position in Pittsburg. Six months passed and he received no word from his brother, who was in the habit of writing at least once a month. Finally he went to a medium in Pittsburg to see if anything of his brother could be disclosed through that channel.

The first time he called there was no response, but the second he got the vague message, "Write, write." From whom this came, or what it meant, he hadn't the slightest idea. But he was persevering, and he decided to try another medium. This time he was rewarded by getting an additional word:

"Write, write, Houston," the message said.

What this meant he was equally at loss to understand. But knowing a clergyman in that city he wrote, explaining the matter fully, asking if he could interpret the message. The good man pondered over it for some time, and one day it came to him like a bolt from the blue that the second "write" should be spelled "Wright." and instructed Mr. Dunbar that there was an undertaker's establishment here conducted by C. J. Wright & Co., and with his permission he would lay the matter before them. To decipher the message to read "Write Wright, Houston," gave it a logical sequence.

Mr. Dunbar readily consented to this, and in addition sent a minute description and a photograph of his brother. The moment this was presented to and examined by Eddie Leasmonth the mystery was solved. He readily recognized the photograph as that of an unknown man who had died there

nearly a year ago. He was picked up by the police, sent to the infirmary and never recovered consciousness. The body was turned over to Wright & Co. and buried at their expense.—

Death is the liberator of him whom freedom cannot release, the physician of him whom medicine cannot cure, and the comforter of him whom time cannot console.—*Colton.*

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THE NORTHERN STELLAR FIRMAMENT.

Written for the Stellar Ray by Chas. Nevers Holmes.

Truly, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork." Above us there sparkle and scintillate the supernal jewels of the Creator, each gem flashing with sidereal fire against the ebon background of Eternity! For the darkened firmament overhead is an eternity; there time, as such, does not exist, for time is terrestrial, while the Universe is celestial, not limited by our earthly intellect and its conceptions.

Truly, the planets and suns declare the glory of God! King Jupiter and Queen Venus; Arcturus, Vega, Altair, Capella and Aldebaran. The so-called Milky Way—the probable boundary of our local Universe; the Cross of Cygnus, the Chair of Cassiopeia, the Square of Pegasus, the Dipper of Ursa Major, the Jaws of Draco, the Northern Crown, and the Constellation of Auriga rising out of the northeast.

Overhead, like sidereal jewelry, these planetary pearls, sun-diamonds, and

star-set outlines shine, sparkle and scintillate; and seemingly lesser brilliants—Mirfak, Polaris, Mirach, Enif, Chaph, Alderamin, and Hamal—as well as less noticeable constellations—Perseus, Ursa Minor, Andromeda, Cepheus, Aries, and Hercules—gleam, glitter and glow amid the stupendous remoteness of their respective celestial domains. Such is the sidereal picture of the present; but there are really two great pictures, representing four changing firmamental seasons, for the eye of man to study and admire.

Soon, King Sirius and the rest of winter's glorious galaxy will return to shine upon our darkened hills and vales, white with snow and stark with frost and ice, and the evening skies will become clear as crystal—the diamond suns scintillating as with living fire, like blazing beacons amid the Universe of God!

How subilme is the star-lit firmament—how beautiful are its myriads of majestic suns and their revolving satellites. The natural eye of man kens only a few such suns and satellites, and even with the assistance of the most powerful telescope, his vision falls far short of the real ap-

pearance of any of these sparkling monarchs of night. Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, Mercury, Uranus and Neptune, King Sol and Queen Luna, he can see and study; but even Alpha of Centaurus is an indefinite stranger. Yet each sun of the northern hemisphere that man can see through the telescope up to the boundaries of the gleaming Milky Way, is a brother-sun of all the other suns; for all the suns and satellites of our own local Universe are related one to the other, they are all one associated, titanic family.

Upon every clear, moonless night, the sparkling suns and constellations of our Northern Stellar Firmament present a beautiful, spectacular appear-

ance, too often unappreciated and unseen by the modern race of man. Silent and scintillating, at a remote or even more remote distance, each with a probable system of revolving satellites, these fiery kings of the darkened heavens are swiftly moving hither and thither like sidereal ships amidst the illimitable ocean of ether.

With what glory and majesty do all these sparkling jewels of night shine above and upon us! Sirius—Arcturus real monarchs of the starry skies. Surely, the threshold of Eternity lies right before our mortal eyes; and to man's terrestrial vision, night after night, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork!"

SCIENTISTS SUPPORT THE THEORY THE WORLD IS NOT IMMORTAL.

Garret P. Serviss.

No man expects to see the end of the world arrive in his day, any more than he expects, if he is in good health, to die to-morrow. Yet there is a widespread, and perhaps universal belief that the world is no more immortal than man; only its term of existence is almost infinitely long compared with his.

Science gives unquestionable support to his view, and every new discovery seems to make more certain the conclusion that our world cannot last forever.

But there are two opposite theories as to the manner in which the earth,

as the abode of life, will come to an end. One assumes that its destruction will be by heat and the other that it will be by cold.

The discovery of the mysterious substance radium, which possesses the property of continually giving off heat, has imparted renewed impetus to the first of these theories, which, it may be remarked, as a matter of curiosity, is in accord with the Bible prophecies.

"The heavens shall roll up as a scroll, and the earth shall dissolve with fervent heat."

A most ominous account of the part that radium may play in the ultimate destruction of the earth is given in a book by Professor J. Joly, entitled "Radioactivity and "Geology." If you feel any curiosity about the fate of the globe you live on you might find

much food for thought in reading that volume. You would learn a great many scientific facts.

The argument on which the assumption that radium, or its "mother element," uranium, may finally bring the world to a fiery end is based on the fact that a particle of radium keeps itself continually, by some inner process, at a temperature nearly three degrees above that of its surroundings. In an hour the radium emits enough heat to raise its own weight of water from the freezing to the boiling point. And this store of heat is so vast that a single atom of radium will continue to give it forth at an unvarying rate for about 2,500 years!

If there were only a certain quantity of radium in the earth which could not be renewed, then we might assume that at the end of two or three thousand years this source of heat would be exhausted.

But radium itself appears to be continually produced from uranium, which is an incomparably more abundant substance. So we conclude that the earth may have been heated internally by renewed supplies of radium for untold millions of years, and will continue to be thus heated for millions of years to come.

Now, following a line of reasoning which would be too long to enter upon here, Professor Joly shows that if, at the present time, the nucleus of the earth contains as much as one-five-hundred-thousandth millionth gram of ordinary matter, then its temperature must be rising at such a rate that in about 100,000,000 years the earth will be entirely melted inside.

We do not know whether there is so much radium, as that inside the earth, but from what we observe on its surface we conclude that there very well may be. If there is more, then

the melting will be accomplished sooner. If there is less, it will take longer. But the quantity would have to be very much less than it probably is in order that the heat produced could continue to be radiated away without a disastrous rise in the temperature of the globe.

The same reasoning carried further leads to the conclusion that the earth may have been alternately melted and cooled off several times in the past. When it is in a molten state the free radiation from the surface produces a crust, which thickens to a certain point, and then the inner accumulation of heat brings about another melting from the interior outward.

The phenomenon of new stars is appealed to as lending support to this view. Again and again astronomers have seen a new star burst forth at some point in the sky. Generally it has been assumed that they are due to collisions in the heavens, but it is, perhaps, equally probable that they arise from the accumulation of heat in some dark celestial body, causing it to flame out into incandescence. Other stars are known to have disappeared, and their disappearance may have been caused by the cooling off of their surfaces.

Evidently we are only just beginning to understand the meaning of life and death in the universe. But we may be sure that what happens elsewhere happens here, and that if the stars are not eternal, the earth is no more so.

An excess of one quality is always bought at the expense of another. If a man be absolutely just he will be absolutely merciless. I would not trust absolute justice to any but a god.

—Arthur Sherburne Hardy.

Life is a train of moods like a string of beads, and, as we pass through them, they prove to be many-colored lenses which paint the world their own hue, and each shows only what lies in its focus.—*Emerson.*

THE GRAND AND YOUNG.

By Edith F. A. U. Painton.

Hail, Dr. J. M. Peebles—Hail!
 With bold young feet, still dare and do!
 The rounded century will fail
 To work the will of years in you!
 The thoughts you think, the deeds you do,
 Renew life in you, as you span
 The hundred years still waiting you
 To crown you as The Grand Young Man!

Hail, Henry Harrison Brown,—ah, yes!

Brave young apostle of the NOW,
 Whose affirmations sweetly bless
 And smooth each wrinkle from your brow!

Though men may come, and men may go,

Still revel in your glad boyhood,
 Through centuries ahead to know
 And "chant the beauties of the good."

Henry Clay Hodges, hail to you,
 Whose light beams through "The Stellar Ray,"

As each year doth your youth renew
 To point unawakened souls the way!
 Work on and on, as-eager still

As in the past, new heights to gain,
 Until the Angel-Pilot's will

Transplants you to a higher plane!

Hail, Lucy A. Rose-Mallory—Hail!
 "The World's Advance Thought"
 breathes your voice;

All World's Communion must prevail
 Till Peace is universal choice!
 Your playmates—Grand Young Men,
 indeed!—

Must doff their hats as to a sage,
 To greet your spirit, freshly freed,
 The Grand Young Woman of the age!

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TRUE REST.

Rest is not quitting
 The busy career;
 Rest is the fitting
 Of self to its sphere:

'Tis loving and serving
 The highest and best;
 'Tis onward, unswerving,
 And that is true rest.

—*John S. Dwight.*

STORY OF A MASTERPIECE.

Moldering away on the wall of the old monastery in Milan, Italy, hangs the famous "Last Supper" of Leonardo da Vinci. Like every masterpiece, the painting required many years of patient labor, and as a result of that labor it is perfect in its naturalness of expression and sublime in its story of love. In addition to those qualities it has an incident in its history that contributes not a little toward making it the great teacher that it is.

It is said that the artist, in painting the faces of the apostles, studied the countenances of good men whom he knew. When, however, he was ready to paint the face of Jesus in the picture, he could find none that would

satisfy his conception; the face that as a model for the face of Christ must be dignified in its simplicity and majestic in its sweetness. After several years of careful search the painter happened to meet one, Pietro Bandinelli, a choir boy of exquisite voice, belonging to the cathedral. Being struck by the beautiful features and tender manner that bespoke an angelic soul, the artist induced the boy to be the study for the painting of the face of Jesus.

All was done most carefully and reverently, but the picture was as yet incomplete, for the face of Judas was absent. Again the painter, with the zeal of a true lover of his art, set about in search of a countenance that

might serve for the face of the traitor. Some years passed before his search was rewarded and the picture finally completed. As the artist was about to dismiss the miserable and degraded wretch who had been his awful choice, the man looked up at him and said, "You have painted me before." Horrified and dumb with amazement, the painter learned that the man was Pietro Bandinelli. During those intervening years Pietro had been at Rome studying music, had met with evil companions, had given himself up to drinking and gambling, had fallen into shameful dissipation and crime. The face that now was the model for the face of Judas had once been the model for the face of Christ.

TRUST THE OAKEN POST.

Legends amuse the children and some grownups believe them—for awhile. For in these days it's increasingly easy to lose our delusions, you know. An instance in point is the legend that if rain falls on St. Swithin's day it will rain on 40 consecutive days thereafter. Many—too many for us to count—have believed that legend. Now comes an English scientist who has studied weather records dating from 1814 to 1913 and who tells us that in no year did rain fall for 40 days. In many years rain on St. Swithin's day wasn't followed by any more for a week or longer thereafter. Sometimes our illusions—or delusions—won't bear the least bit of investigation. Most of them fall as easily as the St. Swithin rain legend. Some of us mourn the loss—but why? Isn't mooring a boat to

a good oaken post better than tying it to a sunbeam?—*The Saunterer.*

B. F. Keith has issued peremptory orders to the managers of his two score theatres throughout the United States to suppress all ridicule of the Woman suffrage movement.

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ditors the impression that women are merely subjects for low comedy. The mother-in-law joke was barred in the Keith houses last winter, along with certain violent expletives.

From now on Keith vaudeville will give a cold reception to comedians who seek to make laughter by jibing at women, either in the family or in suffrage work.

—*The Woman's Journal.*

AS WE APPEAR TO THE CHINESE.

The following was written by a Chinese to his friend after having spent several months in America observing the manners and customs of the people;

"You cannot civilize these foreign devils. They are beyond redemption. They will live for weeks and months without touching a mouthful of rice, but they eat the flesh of bullocks and sheep in enormous quantities. That is why they smell so badly; they smell like sheep themselves. Every day they take a bath to rid themselves of their disagreeable odors, but they do not succeed. Nor do they eat their meat cooked in small pieces. It is carried into the room in large chunks, often half raw, and they cut and slash and tear it apart. They eat with knives and prongs. It makes a civilized being perfectly nervous. One fancies himself in the presence of sword-swallowers. They even sit down at the same table with women, and the latter are served first, reversing the order of nature—Yet the women are to be pitied, too. On festive occasions they are dragged around the room to the accompaniment of the most awful music."—*The Angelus.*"

A house is no home unless it contain food and fire for the mind as well as for the body.—*Margaret Fuller Ossoli.*

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