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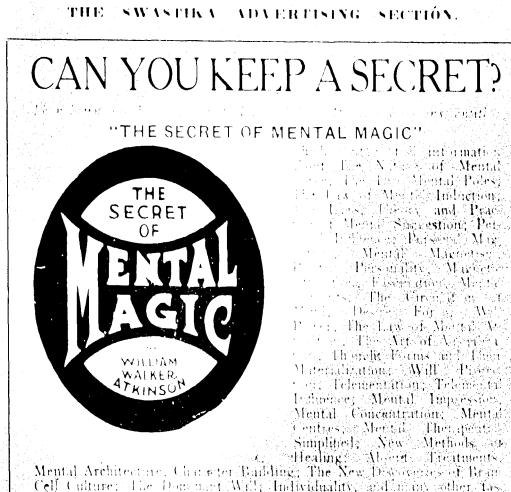
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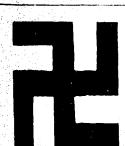
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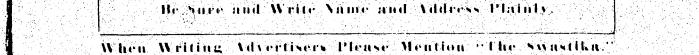
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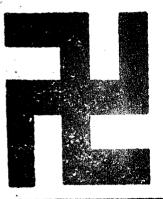
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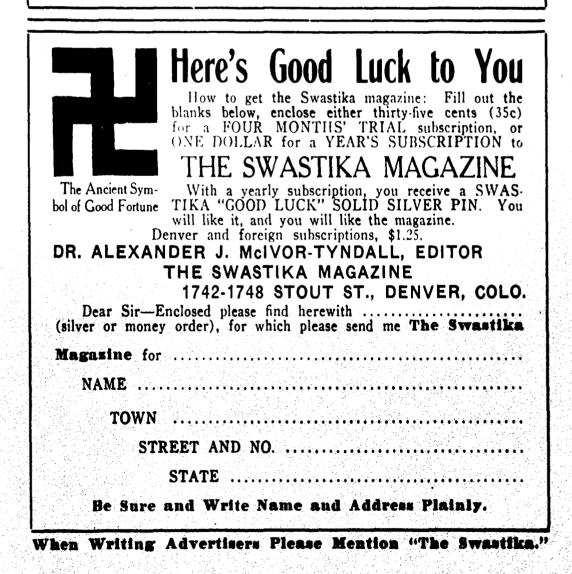
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Professor Hyslop has been touring the country lecturing on Psychic Research and Psychic Phenomena, and it is worthy of note that in many cities he has been invited to speak in the orthodox churches. Here in Denver, he was the guest of Dean Hart of the Christ Episcopal Church, and the incident created a deal of comment among those who are aware of Dean Hart's pet aversion—Spiritualism.

Whatever may have been expected from Professor Hyslop in the way of his conclusions regarding the phenomena produced through the mediumship of Mrs. Piper and others, the fact is that the evidence he presented stood unequivocally for the old-fashioned, much ridiculed, but invincible proposition of "spirit return."

It is also noteworthy that by far the greater part of Professor Hyslop's audience were people who have vigorously denounced the claims of the Spiritualists and others who have declared for inter communication between the world of the visible and the invisible.

The fact is that it is only among these laggards in the School of Life, that such speakers as Professor Hyslop and Dr. Funk can expect to find their auditors, for the very palpable reason that thousands upon thousands of the world's thinkers have long since passed that stage in the acquisition of wisdom, and the very carefully worded hints of strange happenings, which these worthy men apologetically put forward in their lectures, furnish a degree of amusement for the many WHO KNOW and who have known these many years.

I believe that almost everywhere, these investigators of Psychic Research are talking far below the knowledge of the average of their audiences.

While the average "scientist" has been asleep, drugged by the hypnotism of Traditional Educational Facts, the world at large has grown in knowledge of spiritual things far and away beyond their present scope, and the tentatively presented "theories" of these "scientific" investigators have long since 2

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been relegated to the plane of kindergarten knowledge for many.

However, our intention is not to depreciate the good work of the Psychic Research Society, and its officers. There is need of them among some of the narrower orthodox bretheren, although many of even these have long since been convinced of the nothingness of death, through the medium of Spiritualistic phenomena, conducted with secrecy but persistence. What we wish to emphasize is the fact that these evidences of "spirit return" so apologetically submitted as "startlingly new discoveries" by the officers of the Psychic Research Society, form the ABC of our present spiritual knowledge. They are startling and new only to those who have tardily awakened to the truth of them.

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There seems to be no lesson in this School of Life so difficult of assimilation as the fact that there is nor can be such a thing as "discovery" save to the individual himself.

We know that millions of educated, unusually intelligent men and women in the world today regard Mrs. Eddy as a "discoverer." It is undeniable that a little unprejudiced reading would soon convince them that the principle of metaphysical healing which she claims to have "discovered" is as old as the Universe and has been known and practised for centuries, yet she doubtless believed herself a "discoverer" and these otherwise intelligent beings who are her devoted followers also believe it.

Only a few days ago, a student of metaphysics, enjoying quite a reputation as a "teacher" along New Thought lines, confided to me as a great secret that he had made a "discovery." This discovery turned out to be the astonishing possibility that thought is a universal energy, nor did I succeed in persuading him that his "discovery" is knowledge almost as common as the spherical form of the earth.

To return to the "discoverer" of Christian Science. It looks at present very much as though the entire business of stirring up trouble for the leader of the greatest religious movement of the century is nothing more nor less than a cleverly arranged bit of advertising in which art the Christian Science business managers are adepts.

Nothing more stupidly ignorant could be imagined than the arguments and objections of the prosecuting attorney, unless indeed, he be, as we suspect, in league with the said managers of Christian Science proselyting. He denies the possibility of metaphysical healing and bases his accusation of Mrs. Eddy's insanity upon her "delusion" that disease can be healed without medicine.

It is inconcelvable that a man of acknowledged ability and standing in the legal profession would be so lacking in the common knowledge of the day, as to deny the fact of metaphysical healing in toto. Therefore we believe we are justified in assuming that the prosecuting attorney knows what he is about, especially as the whole matter could be easily settled by the public appearance of Mrs. Eddy, in such a manner as to forever set at rest any doubt as to her mental health. Mrs. Eddy is not older than was the late Susan B. Anthony, who addressed audiences almost nightly up to the day of her death. She is not as old as is Mark Twain, who is vigorous, public spirited and beyond any suspicion of being incapacitated. If Mrs. Eddy is mentally and physicaly capable, why does she not conduct one or more services in her own church in Boston, and settle the question. of her condition, beyond the shadow of a doubt, if indeed the whole thing has not been designed and executed by the officers of the Christian Science organization to stimulate interest in the religon.

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By the way, we believe we have made a "discovery." We are not foolish enough to think that it is new, however, knowing full well that others have also perceived the same thing. Therefore it is a discovery to us only. It is this: There is an infallible sign by which we may determine whether or not our consciousness is larger, more inclusive than that of another.

Here we beg to digress long enough to venture the fact that life is nothing but consciousness. Wisdom, therefore, is not a thing acquired, but is an extension of individual consciousness. Wisdom, in other words, rejects nothing. It includes everything. The more inclusive your philosophy of life, the larger your area of consciousness, and consequently, the more progressive your mind, progress being measured by your extension of consciousness.

Now then, whenever your mind sees the "rightness" of the other person's viewpoint, and plusses it, you have the right to assume that you have reached a more advanced stage in the uncovering of consciousness than has the one who fails to see your point of view, opposing his own to it.

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This explanation of my "discovery" is made pertinent by a friendly criticism in our "esteemed exchange," The Truth Seeker, in which the editor complains that The Swastika is so extremely metaphysical as to be incomprehensible to him.

Now the point is, that we like The Truth Seeker. It is one of a few magazines that we never fail to read from cover to cover, no matter how pushed for time we may be.

We agree heartily with the viewpoint of The Truth Seeker, and find in it no possible opposition to our own. We simply accept his view point and in slang parlance "go him one better." We plus his viewpoint. We do not oppose it, as he seems to think. Thus we claim that we present a philosophy logically larger, more progressive than his, because it is inclusive. This conclusion seems to us as computable as a sum in arithmetic.

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It is history—ancient and modern—that the mass of humanity, politically known as "the common people" are traitors to themselves and to each other. It is upon this characteristic of the undeveloped and purblind masses that priests and kings have successfully gambled since the world began. Whether or not the time shall come when they can no longer do so, is a question to be solved.

The fact remains that up to the present time they have been traitors to their own cause, and murderers of their own kind.

Just now the daily press is filled with dispatches telling of the cruelties practiced upon imported Oriental labor, by "American" workingmen and even the Socialistic press—the hope of the unenlightened, because they won't be helped through any other source at present—even Socialism prates of "foreign invasion," as though America was anything else than the result of "foreign invasion."

The opiate these "American" laboring men administer to themselves as an excuse for their savagery is that the imported Oriental laborer displaces them, and works for less than the white man can live on, and that for this reason the "heathen" should be driven out of the country, and left to starve. Here you have it. The very attitude of mind that makes kings and demagogues, luxury and poverty, hate and misery, possible.

The poor, deluded Oriental, suffering under the tyranny of old-world traditions, superstitions, class and caste, and allured by the rainbow promise of wealth and liberty for which the new world stands, comes to this country under contract to some vast machine called a corporation, and in addition to finding that the supposed magnificent remuneration offered is not sufficient to buy his daily bread, he must needs be savagely attacked by those whom he believed would be his brothers and co-workers.

Recent dispatches are particularly hard on the few Hindus who have been brought over to British Columbia. As a pretense at self justification for their cruelty, these "American" laboring men are trying to make it appear that the poor Hindus have transgressed the law.

In the name of common sense, why do these misguided "American" laboring men, invariably made up of the direct importation—or at best but one generation descended—from central Europe, not direct their malice and their resentment where it belongs, namely against the corporations who seek to lower wages?

The culprits who are responsible for the condition, sit secure in their comfortable mansions, and read the newspaper accounts of these laboring brothers fighting each other in the delusion that they are benefitting themselves, while the members of the corporation, responsible for the fight, chuckle to themselves, well knowing that if they can but keep these laboring brothers at war with each other, they will not wake up sufficiently to readjust the conditions they are fighting over.

And "as it was in the beginning," perhaps it will always be. Man's stupidity is almost beyond belief.

As long as those who seek to amass immense wealth by the labor of their fellow beings, can keep these laboring brothers at war with each other; as long as they can keep up the agitation about race differences; as long as they can direct the gaze of the public toward the farce about "foreign invasion" and "displacing of the American workingman," so long they know that their "scheme" will continue safe from intelligent inspection, and the world's laborers will continue too busy fighting each other to unite against the real enemy.

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The Life Principle

(Written for The Swastika.) By DR. ALBERT J. ATKINS and DR. EMMA A. LEWIS. ARTICLE NO. 2.



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The old scientists taught a state of inertia, but in this they were mistaken; with our modern X-rays, we see that matter is porous, vibrating energy, keeping time to the music of the spheres. Such a thing as



a literal, true solid cannot exist; that which seems so, is a collection of particles closely united by the bonds of cohesion.

All matter is alive, it is moving, although it may be so slowly as to be imperceptible to the human eye; nevertheless, the silent rock gradually crumbles and is digested into earth, as the ages roll onward.

The greatest structures erected by man, slowly dissolve through Nature's laws of disintegration; she is slow but certain. She does not fret and worry in her work, but labors with perfect plan through fixed laws, which are unchanging and everlasting.

Nothing is lost, life always has existed, always will exist, it is eternal; the changes are simply those of form, of time, of rhythm and vibratory motion.

We are here today in a given condition, tomorrow it will be forever changed; we move onward with the forces about us, we do not understand why, nor whither we are drifting, but we cannot be lost. Nature has made us immortal and we are just beginning to realize this great truth.

The sun and the planets are the great centers of universalvital energy. Crooks, one of the greatest living scientists, has defined an atom as being "a vorticle center of energy in ether."

This, to my mind, is the best definition of an atom ever written, giving the clearest conception of what matter actually is, and what it does.

I could not conceive of the sun and planets as being other than vast electro-magnetic centers, in the field of the

universe, between which a constant interchange of currents is taking place, of such magnitude as to exceed the limits of human understanding.

The force collecting upon the surface of the sun is electrical in its nature; passing away from the sun it travels in straight lines toward the planets. Coming into contact with their magnetism, the currents themselves become magnetic, creating light and heat by the friction of molecular motion.

Electro-magnetism is a mixture of electricity and magnetism in process of interchanging action. Magnetism may produce electricity, and vice-versa. Electricity diffuses, diverges, breaks up bonds of atomic relationship, causes chemical change, heat, light, expansion, stimulation and growth.

Magnetism attracts into new atomic relationships elements previously broken by electricity; collecting, concentrating and condensing atoms into new forms.

The constant interchange of condition between electricity and magnetism, keeps up universal circulation. Either cannot exist without the other, and no condition can be conceived in which each does not perform its part. In magnetism the lines of force are more diffused, traveling slower in the main, that is, toward a given point, but the slowness of action finds compensation in modifications which cause diversity.

Electricity is one form of vital energy, it is the cause of heat throughout the universe. Combustion itself, is nothing more nor other than the liberation of condensed energy, set free by the rapid motion of gaseous atoms, which, through friction, create the flame of electricity commonly known as fire.

Electricity travels in the line of least resistance, the substance presenting the least resistance to its passage becomes its best conductor. It has many degrees of manifestation; it produces chemical changes, and conversely, chemical changes produce electricity.

Maxwell's great discovery of the electrical nature of sunlight explains many conditions, concerning the currents of the atmosphere, as well as those of the ocean. This impetus to investigation has already led to valuable results, and doubtless opens the door to others, possibly still more important.

Solar energy, striking the earth vertically at the equator, causes the earth to revolve upon its axis; it also causes the winds, and the motion of the great ocean currents.

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The resistance of the electro-magnetism of the earth.

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to the stupendous force of this solar energy causes heat and light. This heat and light are not produced by either combustion or oxidation, but are purely electrical or magnetic in origin.

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The rarefaction of the earth's gases at the equator, causes them to rise and to flow in either direction away from this center towards the poles, while the colder currents of air below rush towards the heated center, and thus maintain aerial circulation. The same influence of solar energy affects the equatorial oceans, driving rivers of warmer water outward toward the poles, affecting the climate of all countries.

The energy of the sun, first gathers upon its surface, creating great vibratory activity, until its atoms are expanded and made aglow with white light. The rapid accumulation of this electric energy overcomes the centripetal force of the sun itself, and it is then free to flow outward, in straight lines, passing directly through space to the plants of the solar system.

This force being electrical, moves outward in the line of least resistance, while force from the planets is magnetic, moving in curves and circling spirals backward toward the sun.

It has been often the rule of scientists in their analysis to ignore all force that could not be felt, all matter that could not be seen. The invention of new instruments, and their further study of nature's finer elements, have slowly changed the hypothesis of the thinkers, until they begin to look beyond the old ideas of causation, and dimly see that all life is related, that through all apparent diversity runs the thread of unity.

Old-time philosophers held that heat could result only from oxidation and combustion. They argued that the sun must be a blazing ball of fire, continually using up its own substance to make a fire large enough to furnish heat for the universe. Imagine a man warming himself by a fire ninety-three millions of miles away, yet there are men who today are teaching such long-exploded theories.

Electricity is among the most comprehensive of subjects. No man can hope to grasp its full meaning by any slight glance at its principles. When I use the term electricity, I do not refer to the mechanical phase only, (neither do I mean Dr. McFaker's Electric Belt), but to that great, universal, vital energy, which is the underlying, all-permeating life principle. When we rise in thought to that condition where we may catch the universal vibration, we may then know that all life is not bound by the limits of earthly knowledge. Our minds may soar through the universe, then we may begin to learn the mysteries of its sublime laws, many of which we are yet far from fully comprehending; while others, doubtless, and even greater ones, we have not yet discovered.

The mind is a part of the Infinite, it is in touch with all life, it may reach out and grasp a true idea of its completeness, through a comprehension of its basic principles.

It may gaze upon the planets as they sweep through space, recognize in them the great electro-magnets that they are, and comprehend the interchange of forces within their composition.

Mentally, we see the great currents of life and light, as they dart with lightning velocity from the sun to the earth,—pausing to dissipate power as sunshine, at equatorial regions, then, slowly dividing, they gradually seek the cooler atmosphere of the poles, to be changed in molecular relationship, flowing backward to the sun, in vast rivers of electromagnetic force, thence to repeat their eternal round.

In the far north, where illimitable snow fields stretch away in solemn silence under an Arctic sky, even here in this barren waste of sleet and snow, Nature, in her magnificent display of the Aurora Borealis, portrays the truth of this law.

When we have learned the law of vibration, and know that it means a force, moving at a given rate of speed, and that any change from this given rate of speed produces new atomic relationships, and starts new lines of force, then we have grasped the principle which underlies all diversity in life.

A force travels in a given direction until checked or diverted by the magnetism of a greater one. It may be turned upon itself, and condensed into globular bodies alike in magnetic rhythm, yet separate in bodily form.

All straight lines of electric force tend toward magnetic fields; the latter represent electric force in a quiescent or condensed form. The condensation of electricity shapes the straight lines of force into curves or spirals. The result of complete condensation is globules or cells. Each globule or cell has its individual, molecule vibration, but the molecular motion of all globular bodies, in their own order, vibrate in unison to the rhythm of the greater magnetic field which holds them in collected form.

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GOD'S HNSWER

(Written for The Swastika.) By MARVIN LUTER HILL.

JITH all my soul I cried: "God, let me know Life's mystery. Part wide the midnight veil And let me gaze on Knowledge. If I quail, Sink soul and mind in the abyss of woe. I ceased and waited for a miracle. I searched the somber skies, but all in vain, Upon my roof I heard the drowsy rain; I heard far peals of thunder, deep and full. No vision came, no sign that He had heard. I waited long upon my knees in prayer— Softly there floated on the perfumed air The liquid love-notes of a happy bird.

TURNED to books to quench my torturing thirst; I learned the isms of all cuits and creeds; I learned of old-time prophets and their deeds— And learned that man of God had been accursed. In everything I heard the human cry That rises upward ever, seeking light; That calls on God through all the day and night— That rings through every age and cannot die. At length I turned away from saint and seer, And looked within my soul, and heard a voice As soft as silence saying, "Child rejoice! God dwells within and there is naught to fear.

O H, soul, why fret thyself upon the land? Oh, soul, why fret thyself upon the sea? Along the busy street He goes with thee; The sea is in the hollow of His hand." O strange delight! O token strangely given! A peace has fallen on me, calm and sweet As summer's twilight shadows after heat; Refreshing as the balmy dews of even. Oh weary hearts, that war continually; That dread the nower of cull and of cla

That dread the power of evil and of sin-Yield to the higher self that dwells within, And claim the kinship that shall set you free.

Elemental Adoption

(Written for the Swastika) By GEORGE EDWIN BURNELL.

ARTICLE NO. 1.

We are disposed to instruct in the inevitable science of elemental adoption. The first sentiment of the primitive race was that the universe of experience constituted a powerful and unescapable enemy. They could not help but be afraid of the elemental world. It reduced them at once to such insignificance, and demonstrated such certain and assured power over them that their first sentiment was fear. They afterwards did their best to transform that fear into a sanctioned institution.

They undertook to be convinced that it was beautiful to be afraid. They had a mild form of fear which was called personal modesty which was essentially sanctioned, so that a certain demureness of conduct, humility of behavior, seemed appropriate to a human entity in the presence of so magnificent and overwhelming an enterprise as the cosmos distinctly demonstrated itself to be.

The evidence in the presence of man was that the elements making themselves up into a cosmos, a sun and moon and stars, fire, water, earth, air, with all the splendid achievements and combinations of these mysterious entities, were disposed to succeed in at last overtaking man, however desperately he might engage himself against them, destroy him and appropriate him to their own devices.

They might allow him some brief span of years in which to exploit things somewhat in his own fashion, but at last the covenant was well seated in the mind of the human entity that these elements proposed to devour him and to distribute him to their own enterprises, making him up into such forms and conformations as they in their mysterious policies determined. They did not feel assured of themselves even for an instant.

It was only by some strange hypothesis of forgetting that they could be relieved from this constant presence of the clutch of the elemental world upon them and the certainty of its ability to seize them even in the presence of their most vital exploitation.

They, therefore, turned this situation into a form of sanc-

tion, and fear seemed to be appropriate to human behavior; they made religion out of it, they made government out of it, they made the laws of society out of it, until there was nothing that appealed to the sense of human admiration better than a human being, courageous, determined, bold, in the presence of absolute and inevitable death. To resist the affront and insult so certain and overwhelming was considered, if not essentially blasphemous, certainly ridiculous.

As a matter of illumined fact, the elements did certainly have designs upon the human race, but those designs were seriously misconstrued, and it is the intention of this instruction to assist the candidates to reverse their viewpoint concerning their attitude toward the elemental world, enabling them perhaps to look upon it as a friend and benign neighbor competent assuredly to do the most for them that can be done; certainly without any intention of victimizing them or selfishly appropriating them in the enterprises of their own selfish policies.

There have been moments when humanity has ventured to suppose that they were the darlings of the universe. They have ventured to imagine that perhaps man was the chiefest of all the cosmic enterprises, but from this they have been assuredly shocked by some sudden revulsion that could dismay any such forwardness of faith.

There is a reason why humanity is so illustriously afraid. The rationale is simple and does not involve in the least either evil, or sin, or death, or bondage, but like some simple thing when it is perceived easily consoles the intelligence against that remarkable incident in human experience called ignorance.

Assuredly the elements have designs upon man, but the first symptoms of dawning intellect look upon the energy of design with extreme suspicion. Mankind is disposed to believe that any enterprise that would seem to interfere with the darling volitions of the human mind must necessarily be hostile to the best interests of that remarkable and estranged entity called humanity.

The elements of the world were invented, designed, commissioned, authorized, marshaled, commanded, essentially pervaded with a spirit that is distinctly rational and divine, and therefore essentially distinct from the spirit which man seems to have adopted in the careers of experience which he proposes to exploit. Now in order that you may have some favorable opportunity to be clear, this instruction has selected

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two words upon which to pin those ideas, that will assist you in this discernment.

The enjoinment is out in this instruction, an inevitable enjoinment from which there is no possible escape, namely, that the business of a human being facing the enterprises of elemental experience standing in the midst of a vast artificial undertaking, may describe and define his essential business as abandoning thought and resorting with every possible devotion to rationality.

It is stated that if the human entity can, by any known means, succeed in releasing himself from thought, from that function of the mind which is called thinking, to that mental transaction known as rationality, he will find the elemental world as well as the artificial world ready to co-operate with him in one magnificent enterprise known as immortality.

On the other hand, if, by any device or mystery of ignorance, he fails to escape from that function of the mind which is called thinking and never reaches that elemental and divine and transcendental affair called rationality, he may well look upon the elements as policemen with designs upon his body, even upon the essential concoctions of his mind, which they shall seize and distribute to that divining commission which is their policy and their legal commitment in the administration of the universe.

It is not because thought is evil that it must be renounced; it is not because artificial life is dangerous or disastrous. It is not on account of any evil or any sin or any criminality or any error that these injunctions are delivered. It is because of the truth of the situation in which man is wonderfully placed that this injunction is inevitable.

Its inevitability is the rationale by means of which you may suspect that it is entirely possible. That which is inevitable is also assuredly possible, we may also say essentially simple and easy. Inevitability itself in any injunction constitutes its simplicity and ease of performance.

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"Live like a sensible poor man, no matter how much money you have, or it's locomotor ataxia for you and the nut college for your children," says Elbert Hubbard in The Philistine.

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He who reigns within himself and rules passions, desires, and fears is more than a king.—Milton.

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Cosy Chats

(Written for The Swastika.) By GRACE M. BROWN.



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How little we realize the inner lives and the deeper consciousness of those dear friends whom oftentimes we think we understand.

Today I was talking with an acquaintance, one whom I believed was most successful in her life and methods, and after recounting an experience which did not appear to me at all sad or unusual, she said: "You have no idea how that has annoyed me, it seems to me that my whole

life is one vast mistake, almost that I live in regret."

So we talked about regret and I think we came to the realization that regret is but another evidence of our advancement in consciousness, because when we are capable of regretting an action it is proof positive that we are incapable of again thinking or doing or being that which we are regretting.

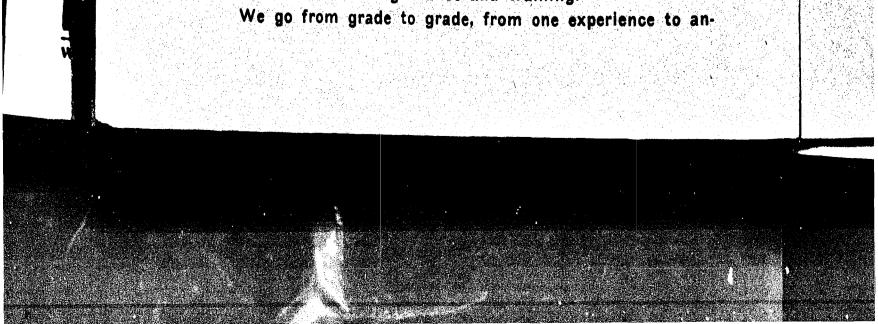
Instead of wearing out our hearts and distracting our mental actions with regrets, let us rejoice that we are greater than we were yesterday, and that if we failed yesterday, we shall succeed today.

What a vast tragedy life would become if we should spend our time weeping and wailing and treasuring in our memories all those activities in our lives which we count as mistakes or failures.

Failures are merely the result of an indirect thought action—our purpose in life here is to strengthen our thought action, to adjust it in direct lines, then we shall act accurately as we think clearly and directly.

Few of us pass through life without experiencing many failures, but suppose we do! If we had known as much when we came upon this planet as we do after a lifetime of experience, there would have been no use in our coming here at all.

After all we are only children with this planet for our school and our playground; our playmates and companions and friends we find in every living creature upon the earth and we look to nature for our guidance and training.



other, each day leading us into a larger consciousness as each individual life experience leads us into a greater universal consciousness, until the sublime accomplishment of our individual perfection in all life expression is fulfilled.

Now the great difficulty and barrier in our progress is that most of us children seem to think that the way to develop ourselves is to suppress some one else; we want to mount our ladder on some body's else effort and as that process, common as it is, never succeeds, the result is regret and failure.

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Even our infant games have the motive of surpassing someone else, and in our more advanced childhood we think we are very clever if we outwit someone in the matter of money and possessions, not realizing that every action which ever so slightly reflects destructively upon another creature acts destructively upon ourselves and in our competition we pay a terribly high price for an exceedingly small reward.

We can raise our standard and create our ideal without in any way interfering with any body's else effort and we can possess all and more than we can possibly utilize without depriving any other person of his share.

But no! We have an idea that we must outshine someone or must get ahead of someone, and it is not surprising when our entire system of education and games is one of competition and when the child is trained from his earliest infancy to gain something at his comrade's expense.

Failures waste so much valuable time and absorb such a lot of energy it does seem rather a pity that we cannot learn a few things about constructive action and stop such a lot of experimenting. Suppose we stop trying so strenuously to do something, and instead DO things. You know we are quite in the habit of saying: "I will try," instead of "I will do."

A steady, direct thought accompanied by a pure motive ALWAYS leads to successful accomplishment.

But many people who have the pure motive do not think steadily, in fact do not understand the formulation of thought and many others who very pronouncedly formulate and direct their thought action have such impure motives that the thought becomes wavering and they fail in their accomplishment.

Then again, many ideas have been instilled into us by ancestral suggestion and in spite of our advanced thought, some of us have a mighty respect for the opinions of our





of the present day carries a far higher and more rapid vibration than that of a past generation.

Think of the difference in the material expression of today from that of fifty years ago; the reason is that our more rapid mental action requires and creates the convenient avenue for its expression and we could not gain our experiences without our telephones and our automobiles and our flying machines; undoubtedly another generation will have the greater facilities for expression which its greater experience will require.

The same law of progression in experience acts with our spiritual faculties; as we become more finely attuned, our consciousness is clearer and more defined, we are more alive to realities and less submissive to injustice, therefore, our thought action is more constructively direct and our accomplishment far greater.

Today we attach ourselves to life in a finer vibration, we attune ourselves in a higher key and life responds in just exactly the tone of our demand.

> You and I are in ourselves the law And no man says us yea, And no man says us nay, But all men give us sympathy, For what we ARE today.

LIFE.

From the uprising mists of the Pacific that twine and curl like sentient things; from the liquid glory of sunbeams that spill their countless jewels on the grass and flowers and gladden and golden the face of Nature; from fern fronds and pine cones; from pepper blossoms pendant; from the clean trunks of the eucalipti; from honeysuckle and jasmine, and rose and lily; yea, from all the vibrant earth and whirling mineral and sentient crystal, comes the Word of Abundant Life. --Dr. George W. Carey.

Knowledge of the Divine dissolves all bonds and gives freedom from every kind of misery including birth and death. —The Upanishads.

"If I ascend into Heaven, thou art there. If I make my bed in Hell, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uppermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me." A MAGAZINE OF TRIUMPH.

Some Lessons Love Has Taught Me

By SAINT NIHAL SING. (Continued from October Issue.)



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And yet I did not know the why, the wherefore of it. And yet I did not look upon pain as my savior. And yet I could not see the salvation that was to come to me.

Today I know that I have come out of it all with a greater capacity for loving and being loved.

Today I have practically no revengeful spirit. God or devil, whoever or

whatever he may be, takes care of vengeance. I, in the first instance, take good care of my own interests. If, despite my doing my very best, I fall short, I do not feel aggrieved, but endeavor to do better the next time. Only impotents get enraged and turn revengeful. Show of revenge, to me, signifies that a person has not the "it" to do better.

Love has taught me that we measure our incomes, not by what we get, but by what we do not get. This is a false standard. In love such a principle works havoc perhaps, though, for eventual good.

Love revolves around patience. The patient lover and lovee meet few disappointments, few reverses. The revengefulness in them comes very seldom to the surface.

The difference between good and bad lovers is that the good have their "badness" under "good" control. All are bad—or may be, all are good. The good lovers recognize the fact that neither party is the pivotal point—the relations depend upon reciprocity.

A fool alone can rely upon a friend whom persecution asunders from the loved one. I may have a liking for the friend who is too weak to suffer for my sake—not love nor admiration.

I have some friends of a weepy, woozy kind. They seek to appeal to my "pity." Ninety-nine per cent of people who seek sympathy ought to be given a swift and hard kick in the region of the solar plexus.

Like, mated to admiration births love. Love, minus willingness to bear and forbear, is a farce. For that clap trap I, at least, do not profess reverence.

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Jesus was right. X (cross) is the symbol of love-of friendship. But a great many crosses that lovers encounter are due to the fact that, in the world, there are few people who "think"-many think they think.

if a man and woman care for one another, invariably it is concluded that they meet on the sex plane. What an atrocity!

Funny that man and woman-kind are not evolved enough to conceive that all love is not sex love.

I believe the time is nigh when the world will relegate focusing on sex to the domain of oblivion. In the coming age people will cease centering on sex. In the era that is dawning upon us, friendship will be unfettered by sex. The same with age.

I believe that the time is coming when each individual will be looked upon as MAN-WOMAN and WOMAN-MAN; at any rate, when effort will be made to develop the "HUMAN" rather than the "MAN" or "WOMAN." •

Not that sex love in itself is evil. Only, when a brain becomes obsessed with "SEX-ALITY" people have to take refuge in the asylums.

When love is allowed to become circumscribed by sexlove, poetry becomes prosaic. When the lovers recognize this, the old ideal that man is the "Lord and Master," the "better half" changes. No longer woman merely is a serf, servant and slave.

In the course of my globe-girdlings I came across a man for whose wife I felt great compassion. Not that he was the solitary husband whose conduct inspired within me a feeling of pity for the woman who had given herself into his safekeeping; only, he roused these sentiments in me more than any other I met.

He was a keen-minded, quick-witted chap, with an alert body and an obstinate will. He had a pretty good heart and a genial disposition. His avoirdupois totalled 180 pounds net. His style of conversation, like his person, was ponderous, heavy and pedantic. His vocabulary was extensive, with a long and lurid line of "cuss-words." Fat and fifty-five, his habits impressed one as if they had become too set and rigid to admit of change "in his present incarnation."

This man's wife was a frail, poor, puny specimen of humanity, hardly out of her teens, meek and submissive. Her ideas and emotions were still in the cooking process. She was easily stirred and swayed, molded and fashioned.

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The man loved the woman—at least she loved him. It was a romantic sort of love—love where the loved cannot explain why she is loved. Romantic love, despite the verdict of the dime novel to the contrary, is not always a blissful love. It was not so in this case.

This man possessed a hospitable disposition. To his business lunch he never would dream of going unless he had some one of his friends, and their number was legion, to keep him company. In his hospitality there is a streak peculiar to this person. He invites his friends for lunch. He expects to pay for their meals—this in order to recognize the workings of "Karma"—the law of compensation—paying a price for the pleasure of the company of his guests.

To himself, therefore, he reserves the right of selecting the dishes and drinks.

This trait of his character, evidences itself at home as well as with his business associates. To his wife he brings fruit, flowers and ferns, candies and delicacies. Only, he reserves to himself the privilege of selecting what he brings her---of letting his tastes regulate those of his wife and friends.

There is "Cain to pay." This couple's love is not born of kindred tastes. It is romantic in character, superficial, abullient, effervescent, not founded upon right and lasting principles. When all the gas has escaped, such a situation settles down into deathly quietude, without sparkle, without life. The calm usually is succeeded by a storm which wrecks the marital ship and casts the two occupants upon different shores of the ocean of life.

As long as man treats the home-body as the medieval female, who, though she produces "the goods," has no possible claim on the reward excepting as a mark of special favor, home is not home, children are not what they ought to be.

Have you ever taken static electric treatments? The pole of the battery never touches you—yet you feel a potent force thrilling through you. Love is like that—just as tangible just as potent.

Those who never have loved never have known "heaven." They never have gotten the greatest bliss there is in life. Those who have had it and allowed themselves to be sorrowed and sullened because they felt that others had more of it, have cheated themselves of their greatest birthright. These people live in hell here and dream of the heaven that is to come. This is the secret of their "wooziness."

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The highest ideal that I know of is a woman and a man who understand each other, whose eyes brighten when they meet, whose countenances gleam and glisten as they walk hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder. I cannot imagine anything more ideal than their life would be, working in double harness, each looking at the same star of hope, each with the same ambitions and ideals, each working as enthusiastically as the other to bring about results that will count, one the right hand, the other the left hand of a LOVE BODY which will bring forceful help to those who need help-two comrades in love with each other and with THEIR work. The children that come to them are cared for and educated with loving watchfulness. The parents do this cheerfully, and evolve themselves while evolving their offspring. Work ceases to be hum-drum. Business worries are replaced by a rhapsody that enlivens even that which once appeared boredom. Thus do they love and live, and live and love.

SONG OF A SOUL.

By MAUD PRATT CHASE.

Liberated at last, alive to God, Awake in bliss! O, gushing forth of consciousness, most gracious mission! To be set free in its limitless fullness, swept into glory of Being, is joy ineffable!

Eon sings unto eon and the wisdom of ages seems suddenly revealed; the vision of life unfurled! O, infinite understanding, I see all, I know all now!

O, gladness of the soundless voice, and outpour of the silent action, consciousness senses no limit, and all is ceaseless, lavish giving!

I spread my soul-wings; I lift my white wings and soar upon this boundless sea of love.

I am filled; I am fulfilled! My heart blossoms with its gifts of divine emotion, and I fain would pour their perfect beauty out upon all hungering human conditions, falling short of the fragrance of life.

O, harmonies of my immortal soul, more perfume than loud; celestial flowerings and infinite chords in one! O, beauty of vision, enchantment of sound, ecstacy of silent stirring! Where begins the one or ceases the other in this realm of joyous outflowing! O, gentle tenderness, harmonizing, glorifying all, who knows, who knows?

It is the Great White Peace; this one thing I know. So sings my soul.

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(Written for The Swastika.) By YONO SIMADA.

Oriental "stoicism" has become a byword. "The inscrutable Jap" is another favorite expression descriptive of the particular representative of the Oriental races, inhabiting the realm of the Mikado. Some there be who know stoicism from self-control, but more regard this characteristic of the Oriental as indicative of lack of emotion.

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It is a question, perhaps, whether repression does not grow sensitiveness. My belief is that the very repression that is taught the Japanese from earliest childhood, produces a susceptibility to suffering that the Occidentalist can hardly appreciate.

This, too, I believe is the primary cause of the prevalence of suicide among us. No people under the sun are more quick tempered. None are more sentimental. Few are more tenacious.

These characteristics combine to produce a disposition to extremes of joy and sorrow, hope and despair.

The latter, under the influence of centuries of repression taught as a sacred obligation by the Samurai, readily results in self-destruction, because all Orientals know the physical life to be but an infinitesimal part of Life.

The power to bear unflinchingly whatever fate may offer; to smile in the face of disaster; to eagerly welcome "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," nay, even to court death at the hands of foes, has been for centuries the most prominent ideal of the Japanese.

Courage has ever been exalted to the plane of worship in all countries and among all peoples. None, however, have given to courage the place in morals which has been accorded to this virtue by the Japanese.

Courage! What a word to conjure with! One wonders if in the beginning of Things as They Are, the framer and coiner of words possessed the realization of their hypnotic power.

The ideal of physical courage, common enough indeed,

and obviously below moral courage in the scale of desirability, has been the opiate administered to humanity by those who would subjugate, since the dawn of time. At the same time, it has been the lever with which to lift races and nations to better conditions.

The superlative bravery of the soldier, and the glory of war are still the ideals, fed to the plastic mind of childhood in every country and every clime, and they doubtless will be until "fools revolt."

But consider this "jingo" patriotism, idealized, religionized, poetized and engrafted into every custom, every tradition, every thought of a people and you have the stuff upon which the Japanese have been fed from the beginning of the Nation's history down to the very present.

It is scarcely sixty years since the Samurai, the warrior aristocracy, ruled absolutely in Japan.

To break this control required a courage which outclasses the old Samurai spirit as completely as moral courage ever outranks mere physical endurance or bravery.

Perhaps future generations may succeed in estimating the marvelous wisdom and forethought of Mutsuhito, the present Mikado of Japan. At present, we can hardly do so, being too busy.

For three hundred years Japan was under the destructive and disastrous sway of Tokugawa the conquering Sho-gun and his descendants. The Mikado was a mere deification, with no more business in practical affairs than mankind ever accords to Deity.

To break this bondage and to bring into the life of the Nation anything like peace and progression without strife and bloodshed is an achievement scarcely to be conceived. This, however was begun by the present Mikado's father, when he issued his famous edict against the Samurai.

The completion of this stupendous task was left to Mutsuhito, a youth scarcely sixteen years of age and how gloriously he has fulfilled his mission future historians may tell.

Nippon's history does not differ materially from that of all European and Asiatic countries, save in the fact that the warrior aristocracy has held more absolute sway during recent centuries.

All kingships and patents of nobility have_been based upon nothing more esthetic than brute force.

The conqueror has ever been the ideal. The superiority of rank has ever been measured by bloodshed.

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Out of this ideal has evolved the higher courage that scorns to beg for mercy, the higher patriotism that gives freely of mere existence, in order that "the greatest good to the greatest number" may result.

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It is folly to imagine that any nation on the face of the earth can offer an exception to the plan of unfoldment that materialists have named Evolution.

It is this unswerving loyalty to the courage of our ancestors that has given rise to the very general, but wholly erroneous, conception of the religion of the Japanese as "ancestor worship."

To live up to the traditional courage of our forbears, to maintain that high degree of superiority which our conquering forefathers manifested, is assuredly not an ignoble ideal.

The fault lies not in devotion to the ideal, but in the quality of that ideal.

While I was still but a very small child my mother taught me to smile when angered) to sing when hurt.

As I was taught so have all Japanese been taught—from the family of the Emperor to the lowest coolie.

The result is often grotesque, but tradition tells us that this inculcation of self-control was born of urgent necessity.

As a race, we are startlingly quick tempered. Without this institutional practice of self-control the national indifference to physical existence would result in extermination.

Indeed the traditional explanation of this practice of smiling when angry and singing when hurt, is extremely amusing.

In the days of the ancient Sho-gun rule, when feudalism was rampant, a slight annoyance or difference in viewpoint was quickly settled by cutting off the disputants' heads.

In the same way, the temper of a new sword was proven by the celerity with which it severed an unoffending head from the body.

It did not require a particular degree of wisdom to convince the Sho-guns of the warring Dai-my-os, that this sort of thing would ultimately result in having no heads to sever, since the country was closed against possible invaders, and so, the power of self-control became engrafted into the ideal of physical courage.

An observer has said that "the Japanese are always smiling," but as the Greatest of Observers has said: "A man may smile and smile and be a villain still" so the Japanese youth whom you may see smiling painfully when you have trodden

upon his dignity, may be trying to crush out more anger and resentment than the cursing Frenchman, or the surly German could muster in a lifetime.

"The fighting spirit," the heritage of the Samurai—the knighthood of Japan—is not so bad a heritage after all, softened, refined and spiritualized as it has been by the teaching of self-control and politeness which was a later outgrowth of the ideal of mere physical courage.

Those who imagine that the "blind obedience" to the will of their ruler, which is a characteristic of the Japanese nation, is an obedience born of lack of thought, or ignorance of their individual rights, are greatly mistaken.

The Japanese are today a nation of Socialists.

I venture the prophesy that it will be among the Americanized Japanese that Socialism will find its greatest support. But were they as a nation to rebel against the wise rule of the present Mikado, they would but undo the wonderful work which he has labored so successfully to perform. "Discretion is the better part of valor," is one of the few copy-book maxims which later years tell us that we may indorse.

The old ideal of courage was to chop off the offender's head or give him ours. The later ideal is to control the animal propensities of the fighter, and to offer up our offended dignity and our wounded vanity upon the altar of "the greatest good to the greatest number."

"Noblesse oblige," the universal code among "gentlemen," whether they be Jew or Gentile, Christian or "Heathen," has been and is undergoing a change—an evolution in its meaning.

All things are coming under the dominion of the spiritualizing present. Let us be thankful that we Japanese can offer to the world, along with our many other gifts, this heritage of our Samurai ancestors—the courage of the soul to deny the power of the ignorant to insult, or the ability of the external to disturb.

That agent who is free from selfishness and personal pride—who hath fortitude and resolution—who regardeth not the fruit of his right action, neither looketh for reward.—The Bhagavad Gita.

There is nothing gained by hating sin and loving piety. Reward and punishment are alike conditions—they are not our "destined end and way." Our destined end and way lies in Freedom.—Mclvor-Tyndall.

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(Written for The Swastika.) By WARREN EDWIN BROKAW.

Everywhere in New Thought publications I run across the conception, clothed in various forms, that whatever is is right, or, in the form of All is good; or there is no evil; or, that whatever is must be. Or it is involved in such statements regarding past events as: "The muck-rake finds enough to keep itself busy in the departments of business, political and social life. Such is the condition at the beginning of the new century. But it is a condition just as necessary in the development of the race as was the stone, iron, or any age. The 'struggle for life' necessarily leads to possession. The possession against future want, this natural desire for protection, has, because of lack of higher ideals, developed into ambition for possession for the sake of power alone. When supply was scarce and nations heathen to each other, it was natural that in this struggle some should starve. The same principle now drives the poor to hunger and the child In the evolution of the human consciousness to to labor. a knowledge of itself and its power, this condition is necessary."

Now I am here to challenge this. I am a skeptic. I am "from Missouri-show me." I wish to take nothing for granted. Dove said that "superstition is credence without evidence." I don't want to be superstitious, and so I demand I have passed that age of life when knowledge evidence. must be taken second hand. Max Muller said: "When we leave school our heads are naturally brimful of dogmasthat is, of knowledge and opinions at second hand. Such dead knowledge is extremely dangerous, unless it is sooner or later revived by the spirit of free inquiry. It does not matter whether our scholastic dogmas be true or false. The danger is the same. And why? Because to place either truth or error above the reach of argument is certain to weaken truth and strengthen error. Secondly, because, to hold as true on the authority of others anything that concerns us deeply, and which we could prove ourselves, produces feebleness, if not dishonesty. And, thirdly, because to feel unwilling or unable to meet objections by argument is generally the first step towards violence and persecution." It seems to me that there are a good many New Thought writers whose utterances bear plain evidence of just such dogmas. The one just quoted above is in evidence. Its writer accepts without investigation the dogma of human descent from other animal forms, about which I will have something to say further on. So let us analyze this conception.

We have but to look and reflect to see that there are two distinct classes of events—human, and non-human. The motions of sun, moon, and earth are non-human—we call them natural events. The growth of a tree is a natural (nonhuman) event. The decay of its leaves is also. But the election of a legislature and the enactments of that legislature are human events. The one class of events is beyond human control. We may put different chemicals together in a certain way in order to obtain a certain result, but the chemical action does the rest. The other class of events are within human control—depend upon human action.

Modern scientists accept the theory of the conservation of energy. The invariable trend of material forces is relied upon by all scientific experimenters. It is upon this truth that the axiom that all things equal to the same thing are equal to each other, is based. The success of photography depends upon this assumption, that the forces of nature never vary in their operation. Upon this assumption the mathematical astronomers based the calculations which led to the discovery of the planet Neptune. Of such events it is evident that whatever is, cannot be wrong. Everywhere the forces of nature tend toward an equilibrium.

But how about human actions? Is there any such invariableness—any such certainty? Astronomers can predict eclipses, but who can predict with certainty human events? Who has all the keys to the combination? Can we say with sincerity that all the misery of modern sex prostitution is "good" and "right," and that there is no evil in it? If so of what use is language? Max Muller says we cannot be too particular in the use of words, and he was a leading philologist. The balloon in air is just as much subject to the law of gravity as the auto on the road. John Stuart Mill said: "This one operation, of putting things into fit places for being acted upon by their own internal forces, and by those residing in other natural objects, is all that man does, or can do, with matter. Motion and resistance to motion are the only things which his muscles are constructed for. Labor, then, in the physical world, is always and solely employed in putting ob-

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jects in motion; the properties of matter do the rest. The skill and ingenuity of human beings are chiefly exercised in discovering movements, practicable by their powers, and capable of bringing about the effects which they desire."

Right and wrong are terms involving the conception of responsibility, which always implies sanity, and makes them applicable only to sane human beings. The power of choice is a pre-requisite to the responsibility which makes right or wrong actions possible. The worms that eat our plants are no more guilty of wrong doing than the birds that eat the worms are of right doing. The infant child knows neither right nor wrong.

Hence, whatever is—in the non-human spheres—simply is. It is neither right nor wrong.

But when it comes to the actions of sane human beingsor of those who, having reached the years of maturity at which they are held personally responsible for their own actions, have assumed to act for themselves-the case is different. The essential difference betwen irresponsible infancy and responsible adulthood; betwen irresponsible idiocy and responsible sanity; is the power of choice-the power to reflect upon, consider and pass judgment upon things-in other words, the power to reason logically. In all times and all places humanity rebels against holding responsible those who are incapable of reasoning; but just as persistently couples responsibility with reason. Because of this, every sane person must feel the truth of Max Muller's statement regarding the necessity for each person submitting everything to the logical test.

As John William Draper has said, "When natural causes suffice, it is needless to look for supernatural." John Stuart Mill said: "Rent is the price paid for the use of an appropriated natural agent. This natural agent is indeed as indispensible as any implement; but the having to pay a price for it, is not." Yet this paying of rent for the use of an appropriated natural agent has caused all the scarcity and starvation of the past and the hunger and drudgery of the poor of the present. It was never necessary, in the sense in which Mill said: "In the case of the implement a price of some sort is the necessary condition of its existence; but the land exists by nature." It is the necessary consequence of human inequity—human maladjustment to the orderly trend of material forces. But such inequity—such maladjustment was not, and is not, necessary. It sprang from, and is continued by, misinterpretation of the records of the past. "There is a background," says Max Muller, "to almost every word we are using; only it is darkened by ages, and requires to be lighted up." Again he said: "The true archives in which alone the historical development of the human mind can be studied are the archives of language." Again: "Every word is a specimen, a record of human thought, that has to be analyzed and interpreted." Both the records of language and the records of geology have been misread and misinterpreted. This has been most conclusively proved by Prof. Isaac Newton Vail, whose researches in both for more than thirty years has made him, as his works evidence, the best informed on these subjects of any persons now living.

Either human actions could have been and can be different, or else there is no power of choice and no responsibility. Remove entirely from the mind of any person the sense of responsibility and you let loose a demon of insanity. Place upon the budding mind of youth a responsibility and you develop a reason and sanity in it.

Those who know aught of the power of mental suggestion ought to beware how they inculcate theories of irresponsibility. Human ills are readily traceable to erroneous human actions which are easily susceptible of correction. Human legislation everywhere controls land tenure. And Henry George was right when he said that "the tenure of land is the fundamental fact which must ultimately determine the condition of industrial, social and political life." The more unbalanced that tenure becomes, the more insane the more erroneous and inequitious—do human thoughts and actions become.

Max Muller said that "Everything that is abstract in language was originally concrete." Annular evolution reveals how this came about, and how, in the process, errors of thought came te dominate human actions. Discussion, which, as Muller says, "is the cracking of a nut in order to get at the kernel," will evolve enough thoughts that are new to most of us to satisfy our craving for new thought for many a year to come—if we go as thoroughly into the subject as its importance—its bearing on all other subjects—warrants. And when we have gone far enough to get into real touch with the orderly trend of material forces, we will see clearly that that only is right which conforms to—harmonizes with that trend.

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FIRST PRIZE "GHOST" STORY

Written by JENNIE E. PHILLIPS, San Francisco.

This ghost story began with a waking dream.

At the time—several years ago—I was living in San Francisco, with a relative. Jack, my only brother, who was several years older than myself, was living in New Orleans. My parents having died when I was very small, my splendid big brother took the place of parents, sisters and brothers to me.

He was my whole world, and his love for his little sister was fully as great as mine was for him. The bond between us was the strongest I have ever witnessed between brother and sister. Through pleasures or sorrows we never had to ask each other a question. If trouble or danger touched him, no matter how far away he was, instantly the whole world turned black to me and every childish pleasure died on the spot.

As he was a young lawyer in politics, magnificent in appearance, impetuous, generous but high tempered, he had his troubles. To this day—in the shadow of his memory all men look small to me. So it will not seem so strange that to a psychic nature like mine, his soul was ever ready for my reading. Many nights after the nurse had tucked me into bed, I crept out, unafraid, and waited in the darkness at the gate to cry out my foreboding, clasped between his coat and his heart and sometimes mine were not the only tears.

But there were often—very often—triumphs, and these, too, were registered beforehand and the tears and fears were forgotten.

Then came the dream.

A few days previous I had a letter from my brother from New Orleans. It was late spring and he mentioned the heat. In my dream I saw him fall from a high tower onto a railroad track, where many trains were switching. The whole scene was glaring beneath the cold white of myriads of electric lights and piles of snow were banked on every side, except on the rails.

He lay with his face in full view, but his left arm crumpled under him. To all appearances he was dead.

Strangers were about to pick him up, when I saw the

form of a cousin whom I had not seen in many years, because he had run away from home in his youth and we had lost all trace of him, come running hatless, his hair blown about his white, fear-distorted face. He leaned over my brother and listened to see if his heart beat.

Then they carried Jack away and the snow beneath where he had lain was splashed with blood.

I awoke, and no amount of reasoning on the part of my relatives could allay my fears. Telegrams to New Orleans brought no answers. Finally a telegram came from a town in New York, signed by my brother, saying that he had met with a slight accident and a letter would follow.

The letter did follow, confirming the dream in every detail except that he only reported a broken arm and a few cuts.

His presence in New York was accounted for by the fact that he had suddenly heard where this long lost cousin lived and impulsively hastened East to see him. He found him placing an electric light system in the large railroad yards. Our cousin, who was very proud of his work, took my brother up into the lighting tower to show him how the thing worked. My brother, unaccustomed to the snow and ice, slipped and fell a great distance to the tracks beneath, just as I saw him in my waking dream.

Jack returned to New Orleans and the constant good reports of his health soon caused me to forget my terrible dream. Then one night, as I was propped up in bed, reading very late, as was my custom, the old premonition of sorrow crept over me. I paused to analyze the feeling, when I became conscious of heavy breathing just beneath my pillow.

I tossed the pillows and clothing aside. There was nothing to be seen. I searched the room, and finally the entire floor of the house. Only the maid was there, fast asleep two doors away. I visited the rooms on the parlor floor, but everyone was peacefully sleeping.

I returned to my room. The breathing still continued, but much louder. It was then past midnight. As the hours passed the breathing became like a painful sob. About daylight I fell asleep among some cushions on the floor.

I was sensitive about these manifestations, and fearing my relatives would laugh at me I did not speak of them the next day. The next night at the same time, in the same manner, the breathing came again, growing into sobs that moved the pillows and the clothing as the night wore on. I was not afraid. Only fascinated.

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The next day I told my aunt, and to my-surprise, she did not laugh at me. The maid who overheard us talking, said: "That is what Spiritualists would call a spirit communication, and if you will sit at a table and place your hands on it, you may get some information."

On the third night, the maid, my aunt, and a friend, Mrs. E., who was rooming in our house and whose name, with that of the maid, I submit to you, came to my room and we sat listening. About midnight the heavy breathing began. It could be heard all over the room, but the closer we approached the bed the louder it grew. We placed our hands on a table according to the directions of the maid, and almost instantly it moved, creaked and groaned, but to every question we asked it answered "No," in accordance with the code we had selected for communication.

In despair we gave it up. My aunt requested that the breathing stop until we could find some means of communicating. Instantly it ceased.

Three days later a letter arrived from New Orleans announcing the sudden death of my brother on the afternoon of the night on which I first heard the breathing. An autopsy disclosed the fact that he had been internally injured a year before when he fell to the railroad track. The injury had formed dropsy of the heart.

Later, we remembered that we had not asked if Jack were dead, that being the farthest from my thoughts, so the reply "No" was quite true of the questions we had asked.

A short time after this I was staying at a family hotel in this city, and a small party of the inmates got into the habit of meeting occasionally to investigate the physical phenomena of spiritualism. We had no medium, and we sought, some of us in a spirit of research, others for amusement, to see if we could develop any power in that direction.

Our modus operandi was the primitive one, no doubt, of sitting in a circle around the table and making the table tip at each letter of the alphabet and for "yes" and "no." My brother came to us often, and answered many queries for us, but the incident which I wish to relate is this: The invisible entity which seemed to be in control of the table claimed the name of a prominent Californian who had lost his life many years before in a very tragic manner. I was well acquainted with his daughters. His influence was powerful and his messages distinct. He demanded that I bring his daughters to the table, or take messages to them. This I refused to do, as

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they were ardent Catholics and I well knew that they would call it the "work of the devil."

Failing in this, he spelled out the name of a young man who lived in the hotel, and whom we all thought very disagreeable, and demanded that he be sent for. This man is still living in this city. I will call his name Stone. We objected to calling Mr. Stone, but our guide refused to give us any rest until we did so. As soon as Stone touched the table, which was of heavy oak, it seemed as if it would break to pieces. We all moved back and let Stone try to hold it down, which he found quite impossible to do. The table came down so rapidly on the letters that before we had realized it, it had spelled out the sentence: "You are a murderer." Stone was furious and declared it all devilish, but as if compelled by a force he could not resist, he confessed that he had accidentally killed a man in the mountains of Arizona three years previous. He had believed the man was trying to jump his mining claim, but it transpired that he was an old prospector who had apparently lost his way.

Much more I could tell, but space forbids. There are so many people still living here who can corroborate these facts and who are well known to every one that I append their names.

PRIZE "GHOST" STORY AWARDS.

1st prize, \$25.00, awarded to Miss Jennie Phillips, corner Webster and California streets, San Francisco, Cal.

2nd prize, \$15.00, divided between Isaac Wright, 728 Greenwood avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and A. P. Miler, 855 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal.

3rd prize, \$5.00, awarded to Mrs. Helen Taylor, 448 East **Sixty-Sixth** street, Chicago, III.

4th prize, \$5.00, awarded to Mrs. Louisa Corbin, Leadville, Colo.

This month we present the names of the prize winners, as well as the winning "ghost" story in our prize contest inaugurated some months ago. As we have frequently stated, our object was to find out, if possible, how widespread and general is the development of the psychic faculties, which enable us to "see and hear and know things," without the aid of the physical senses. We have not been governed in our choice by literary ability, but rather by a convincing, straightforward method of telling the story, which, as we have stipulated, must be a genuine experience and not in any sense an imaginative tale.

Selection has been a difficult task, because so many excellent and obviously truthful experiences were sent in. We were, therefore, obliged to formulate some particular basis of decision, and we decided to make corroberation the final test. The stories selected are, therefore, not necessarily the most wonderful or the best told, but they were accompanied by the most conclusive corroberatory evidence from others, besides the one submitting the experience.

The story submitted by Miss Jennie Phillips is not only a splendid example of the reality of the inner faculties which we have termed "psychic," involving as it does clairvoyance, clairaudience, and fulfilled prophecy, but it is excellently told, and corroberated by a score of names of persons well-known in San Francisco who are ready to testify to the truth of the experience.

The second prize we thought best to divide, with the consent of the writers, since the story was sent in at about the same time by two men, Mr. Wright of Toledo, Ohio, and Mr. Miller of Los Angeles, Cal. The truth of this experience is also well authenticated, since there have been given the names of several well known residents of the state of Minnesota, where the experience occurred, who testify to the fact of the apparition and the prophecy fulfilled.

The other two prizes of \$5.00 each have been awarded to Helen Taylor, Apartment 1, 448 East Sixty-Sixth street, Chicago, III., and the other to Mrs. Louisa Corbin, Box 825, Leadville, Colo., for the same reason that they all present features of corroborative evidence. The stories will be published in due time.

LETTERS FROM SWASTIKA READERS.

"Dr. McIvor-Tyndall, Dear Sir: I am a Roycrofter. Send me The Swastika for one year and also the silver pin. I want to belong to 'The Illuminati.' Enough said.

"I was fortunate enough to run across your 'Ghosts,' and I know I will like The Swastika magazine. Please mail at once every copy which contains that excellent article, "Sensation, Heredity, Environment," by Drs. Atkins and Lewis. I have missed some of them and want them all very much. This is the most thoroughly scientific article that it has ever been my pleasure to read. Kindly send at once and send bill for extra copies. I am contemplating a new yacht, and with your permission I will christen it 'Swastika.' Fraternally yours,

WALTER C. MILLER, Dental Surgeon, Augusta Ga."

"Dear Friends: The Swastika magazine, your kind note and the lovely "good luck" pin received. I am delighted with the magazine and intend to become a steady subscriber. I become more interested as I read each number and I never feel lonely when I have The Swastika with me. I find food for many hours thought in its many beautiful pages, even If I have but a few moments for reading.

> Wishing you every success, SADIE M. CRANE, Cedar Falls, Iowa."

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Into the World I journeyed seeking Light, But men were prating still of Wrong and Right; Weary, I slept again when it was night.

Books are the thoughts of men placed row on row And all in Alpha will pretend to know, But in Omega question why 'tis so.

Across the Borderland whence speed the dead, My soul took flight, nor knew where it was led, And then, affrighted turned, and eastward fled.

Through dim remembered earth-lives of the past, My soul sought Truth and found itself at last; For Life is Death and Death is Life—recast.

Personal Problem Department

Readers of THE SWASTIKA MAGAZINE who desire their questions answered free of charge in these columns may send in their questions to the EDTTOR PERSONAL PROBLEM DEPARTMENT, if they will send their' name and address with their letters of inquiry. Otherwise, they will not be answered. For purposes of identification, the writer may suggest initials. Those desiring a personal and private letter of advice from Dr. Mc-Ivor-Tyndall must enclose \$5.00 for same.

THE PROBLEM OF "RIGHT AND WRONG."---"Student of Truth," K. C., Mo., writes: "If there is no such thing as absolute right and wrong, how may we decide what path to follow? If I am angry, is it 'right' for me to kill my fellow creature, to appease my anger?"

Answer: From the standpoint of the ethics governing savage life, it was right to kill an offender. Dueling was considered, until very recently, the only means of wiping out an insult, possible to a "gentleman." War is right from the viewpoint of the majority of civilized beings even today. But, as we grow in consciousness, the idea is becoming more general that the only relative "right" and "wrong" must be measured by results to the greatest number, that is, "the greatest good to the greatest number" is becoming the standard of right. But this is and must ever be a relative standard, because in the Absolute there can be no such thing as "conditions."

THE "USE" OF TEACHERS.—Mrs A. D., Denver, writes: "If, as you suggest in your magazine, there can not be any system or rules, governing our development in Truth, what is the use of teachers, or of lessons, or even lectures? Should we not, in justice, sit down quietly somewhere and let the Universe revolve around us, and make no effort at growth? Is it not inconsistent to teach or 'preach,' which is the same thing, if there never can be a 'right' method of growth?

Answer: The principal use of teachers and teaching, is to teach the fact that systems and rules, and modes of conduct will never produce "illumination." In fact, this teaching is something that the world accepts slowly. The best metaphysical instruction I know of, consists largely in the work of demolishing the traditional concepts that the race has come to accept as axioms of Truth. One system but displaces another, if we pin our faith to systems. Therefore, it must be a constant process of learning and unlearning. This does not lead us, of itself, into illumination, or the larger It may ulticonsciousness—the unlimited consciousness. mately succeed in demolishing the barriers that obstruct the passage of that spiritual light which illumines the intellect but it does not, in and of itself spell growth.

DOES RELIGION CIVILIZE?—W. A. Skinner, Berkeley, Cal., writes: "The contention of most educated persons is that savage people evolve and become civilized through the power or religion. Do you agree with this, and why?"

Answer: The instinct of the innate godhood of the human race is doubtless responsible for progression. But this instinct is neither made up of nor necessarily developed through

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religious systems, creeds and churches. Rather, the systems and churches are the result of this instinct, seeking expression in the manner best suited to the tribe or clan.

THE WORK OF MEDICAL SCIENCE.—M. V. B., Los Angeles, Cal., writes: "I have never read anything from your pen about the place medical science should have in the work of the world. Do you believe in medical doctors, or do you think that mind should be sufficient to cure all ills?"

Answer: I certainly believe in "medical doctors." They have their place, their work, and their science, as have all things in life. I am thankful that my medical education prevents me from entering into the habit of wholesale abuse of medical practitioners, which so many metaphysicians indulge in through ignorance of the purpose of medical science. That this important branch of knowledge has degenerated in many cases into a mere system of drug-giving, is true, but it is not "science," to condemn wholesale the work of physicians, simply because there are numerous cases where the profession is conducted on commercial lines. In the old countries it is taken up as a sacred, responsible life-work, and there are many physicians who know and practice mental science, quite as effectually as does the professed metaphysical healer. Again, we all know people who are as dependent upon their "healer" as was ever anyone upon the physician. Dependence is always undesirable and unprogressive. So, too, is the tendency to deny the good of the past methods of alleviating disease. My philosophy is inclusiveness of effort, of results, and of knowledge. Let us "plus" the truths which medical science has unearthed and "go them one better." Read the article in October Swastika by Norton F. W. Hazeldine on "The Age of the Inclusive."

DIVORCE ONE OF THE BLESSINGS OF THE AGE-Mrs. A. R. S., Omaha, Neb.: What do you think of the doctrine that we cannot escape our "karma" until we live out these disagreeable things that we have to deal with? Do you believe in divorce, or rather that we should make the best of our mistake when we have made it, and live it out? My husband drinks continually-not often sufficiently to be wholly under the influence, but always enough to be aggressive, uncongenial, and, if I would allow, quarrelsome. He seems to have no regard for the truth, often volunteering information that is both untrue and uninteresting and unnecessary. Tell me what mental attitude I ought to hold toward him. I want to do what is right, and for years past I have tried to "cure" him mentally, but now I feel often as though I had no more right than I would have to open another's letters. Do you think that this is something I need, and that I ought to endure it as a means of development?

Answer: If your love is great enough and your grasp upon the universal power is sufficient to deal with the problem having faith in the ultimate victory, I would suggest that the short time we call "one lifetime" would not matter, even though it be spent in service for him, but, oftener than not,

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we are doing ourselves and the other an injustice by shouldering the responsibility that should belong to the other one. No. I do not understand "karma" in that way at ali-as submission to whatever of misery we may encounter. The soul is a rebel, and it instinctively revolts against slavery to un-Women have for ages been prone satisfactory conditions. to play the martyr's part and to submissively endure unhappiness. Divorce is a cosmic protest against this, and is unquestionably one of the blessings of the age, despite the theological prejudice against it. It may be quite possible that you could help him far more by living apart than by living with Certainly so, unless you soon effect a change in his him. condition. The latter I suggest to be possible, but not unless you have sufficient faith and understanding. This you may acquire more readily by separation for a time. Whatever you decide is the best for you, if you ask your inner self for guidance. This is as near advice as I wish to be responsible for, with what knowledge I have of the circumstances.

BOOKS RECEIVED Conducted by Kenneth D. Lyle

WOMAN AND THE RACE, by Gordon Hart, published by the Ariel Press, Westwood, Mass. This is a book that will unquestionably have the wide sale it deserves. It delicately, yet forcefully presents the problem of the sexes, of marriage, and of motherhood and fatherhood, from the standpoint of the ideally practical life. We can heartily recommend it to our readers. Some chapters are: Innocence Versus Ignorance, Flower Babies, Woman's Place in the Social Scheme, Motherhood a Joy, A Real Paternity, The Perfect Body, King Mind, Marriage—Actual and Ideal, The Joy of Life. Price postpaid, \$1.00. 264 pages, bound in cloth. Order of the Ariel Press, Westwod, Mass.

THIS MYSTICAL LIFE OF OURS, is the latest book from the pen of Ralph Waldo Trine, published by the Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York. Those who are already acquainted with "The Life Books" by this eminent author, will need no urging to read this latest addition to his contributions. "This Mystical Life of Ours" is a compilation of the best which Mr. Trine has offered, arranged in topics for every week in the year. Each topic is treated in full, the result being particularly rich in uplifting thought. It is announced by the publishers as "A Gift Book of Special Value," and we can heartily endorse this opinion. Price, cloth, \$1.00 net. Order of Thomas Y. Crowell Co., publishers, New York City.

HELL UPON EARTH MADE HEAVEN is the someeceived. It is at startling title of a new book recently re from the pen of the Rev. George W. Savory, published by the

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Order of the Orange Blossoms, Claremont, California. This is one of the most forceful of many books which are now being put upon the market dealing with the vexed problem of the sex relation, and those who are interested in the subject will find this very much worth while. In a preface, the author says: "This book is the voice of the doctor, striking for your health by the shortest, surest route. This book is the voice of the teacher, striking for your complete knowledge of the only easy road to health, happiness and heaven—the road through perfect matrimony—as complete a knowledge as conventional thinking will today permit the multitude to be taught." Price of book, cloth, \$1.00. Order of the author, Claremont, Los Angeles County, Cal.

THE ELDER BROTHER: A Dawn-thought Sketch, by Charles Louis Brewer, published by Tomorrow Publishing Co., I believe, but am not quite certain, is a novel. At any rate it is biographical and interesting, despite its apparent egotism. The "hero" after wading too deeply into metaphysical, socialistic and theistic problems, decides that he will be content with plain, everyday, old fashioned love, marriage and dibut the book doesn't get that far. Send to the Tomorrow people, 2238 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, and see how it ends. Chicago, III. Price cloth 50 cents; paper 25 cents.

WEE WISDOM, the only New Thought magazine, as far as we know, published exclusively for children has begun a serial story called "The Story of Lovie," by Myrtle Fillmore. **Regarding the purpose of the story, we cannot do better than** to present the words of the editor of "Wee Wisdom," in reccommending the little magazine to our readers for their children and for themselves: "This story marks the beginning of a new epoch in the life of 'Wee Wisdom.' It is of interest not only to the children, but to the youths as well. For some time. the editor of 'Wee Wisdom' has felt that there should be a portion of the magazine devoted to the needs of those who have passed from the realm of baby-hood into young man-hood and woman-hood. 'The Story of Lovie' fills this need." "Wee Wisdom" is published by the Unity Tract Society, Unity Building, Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Mo. 50 cents a year, 5 cents per copy.

THE NEW UNION OF UNCLE SAM, is also another new bidder for popularity. It is issued monthly, from 29 Hill street, San Francisco, Cal. The editor's name is not announced. The magazine is dedicated to "The Establishment of a Co-Operative Commonwealth." Price \$1.00 a year; 10 cents per copy.

THE NEW LIFE is a recent addition to New Thought publications, issued from 399 W. Madison Street, Chicago, and devoted, so it avers, to "Complete Unity and Complete Individuality." 50 cents per year, 5 cents per copy.

THE ANSWER is also another new journal, born of the spread of the New Thought movement. It is ably edited by Arthur Crane, and is published at Palo Alto, California. It is caled "A Monthly Journal of New Philosophy, Devoted to the Life Within." Price 30 cents per year.

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Fellowship Farm, Westwood, Mass.

I am doing some labor of love to help inaugurate the Kingdom of Heaven on earth—the work to which you and I are consecrated. Christianity, like a plant in stony ground, has never yet had a fair chance. The spirit of Brotherhood cannot flourish when rooted in a dishonest, brutal, competitive capitalistic system which, by its methods of rent, interest and profits, enables a rich exploiting class to ride on the backs of the workers.

Our preaching is ineffectual and our churches are withering like the accursed fig-tree in the parable, because after nineteen centuries we have not borne the fruit of peace and good will among men, and do no make the economic soil at the roots of Christianity right for its perfecting.

As you know, most of the workers and many honest professional people are organizing for noble service outside of the church and refusing their support to conventional religion while it evades taking the first step in practical Christianity and preaching, like Tolstoy, "Get off the backs of the toilers!"

Even the long benighted laborers are beginning to see that our once honored calling is impotent if we do not lead toward the New Order of Justice, but by ritualistic show, petty entertainments, platitudes about some celestial system hereafter, and silence or vagueness regarding the industrial and social crisis here and now, actually assist in upholding the oppressing iniquity of our present system which is glaringly hypocritical and atheistic (despite its outside religiosity and ecclesiastical and educational gifts and bequests) with its mad pursuit of money and commercial power which corrupts politics, debauches education, perverts religion, provokes wars and curses society by materializing the rich, vulgarizing the middle class and brutalizing the poor.

Hopefully to discharge this indictment against the church and acquit us ministers of the charge of being either ignorant or hypocrites,—as a new and great opportunity for us, (as grand as that before the early disciples)—comes the mighty world movement of Socialism—the twentieth century realization of the Gospel.

I believe the Co-operative Commonwealth is synonymous with what Jesus meant by the Kingdom of Heaven, and that Socialism (much misunderstood and abused, like early Christianity) is the scientific, practical, and indeed logical and inevitable fulfilment of Christ's teachings.

How this new mode of the Gospel—this soul and social salvation of Socialism—appeals to you, and in what way you may best give it expression, I know not; but I take to my old craft of printing, as Paul took to his tent making, and I have my acre on Fellowship Farm and cultivate it, so I may preach glad tidings without burdening the toilers who ultimately bear all the social load, and who are already overladen and weary. Yours fraternally,

GEORGE ELMER LITTLEFIELD.

IN OPEN COURT

In this department, we invite our readers to enter their suggestions, criticisms, ideas, comments and discussions of any and all questions pertaining to the welfare of humanity. We may or we may not editorially agree with the sentiments expressed herein. The point is to let each one say what he has to say in his own way.

AN ASWER TO THE EDITOR ON THE SUBJECT OF ORGANIZATION.

Organization means co-operation, plus elevation. The elevation of a number of individuals above their fellow-workers. In every organization there must be leaders, and unless the true spirit actuates the individual this leadership in time takes on the consciousness of superiority.

True work can only be done in the direction of human betterment through the spirit of fellowship, and fellowship ceases when the individual assumes the air of master.

In the life of the bee we have an apt illustration of the benefits of organization as a means to the end. Each and every component of the hive works to the same end: that the needs of the present may be supplied and the safety of their successors assured. 'Tis true that there are workers and drones, that each has his duties assigned him, but there is neither jealousy nor strife, and the hive is never disrupted by internal dissension.

The organization of the hive is spiritual and economic; so must be the organization for the betterment of mankind. Leadership there must be, but it must be the leadership of love and not of self-aggrandization: the leadership that gives its all and is willing to share equally in benefits and disappointments. Self must be eliminated, and the broad band of fellowship must be neither spotted by selfishness nor embelished by conscious superiority—it must shine true blue in all its length and breadth, and its intensity of color be regulated by the degree of effort and harmony existing.

There must be no organization other than fellowship, and the spirit of fellowship actuating each component of the organization must be the true spirit that comes from within, and not that engendered of a desire for adulation and profit. Creed, caste and class must be forgotten, and we must look upon our fellowman as rightly entitled to an equal share in the rich legacy of life which nature bestows and not as a residuary legatee entitled only to the hulls and husks while we enjoy a fullness and plenty.

Our work must be far reaching and not limited to the benefitting of those with whom we are in harmony and accord, but must intrude itself upon thsoe who have not awakened to the possibilities of life. We must storm the stronghold of ignorance and superstition, batter down the bulwarks of fear and fanaticism, and crush to earth the opposition of

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Yea, let us organize, but let it be in the spirit of fellowship. Let our organization be a spiritual binding together of all who have the betterment of mankind at heart; each being a divine atom in the scheme of regeneration and while some of us may pulsate with more love than others, let our work, be like that of the bee, for the benefit of our fellowworkers and of our successors. Let it be an organization, not of membership, but of fellowship, in which all shall be brothers but none masters. Let our recruits be drawn to us by the law of attraction and held to us by the law of love, and a disruption of such organization, though it contain neither responsible head nor executive officials, should be impossible.

Let our emblem be the emblem of the Swastika, which, acording to Dr. Carey, is emblematic of "The Rising Sun" or "Illumination." Let us not wear it as an emblem of luck, but as an emblem of "Light."

Is it not possible that this sign, which is so full of mystery and so pregnant with possibilities, appearing again coincidental with the renaissance of the spirit of fellowship, is the true symbol of Brotherhood?

> ANGUSTUS WITTFELD, 4136 Leidy Ave., Philadelphia."

"SUNNY" LUCAS IN DENVER.

We had a call the other morning from Alzamon Ira Lucas, otherwise known as "Sunny" Lucas, and he certainly brought in with him from California a goodly supply of the cheerful radiation that one finds in that "sunny clime." Not that Colorado particularly needs sunshine. It is a twin sister to California in that respect, but Colorado does need Lucas, and The Swastika Family heartily welcome him to Denver. Later, he has promised to give readers of The Swastika magazine an article dealing with his philosophy of "The Limitless Life."

Swastika Chimes

Written for The Swastika By M. H. Curtis

Ohl thou—long straying midst vast shadowy realms, When faith grows dim and life but speaks of pain— Turn where the chimes are calling thee again To Life and Love!

Come thou but near, vibrant with truth they ring. Their wondrous messsge list ning souls may hear In tones so pure and sweet, so silver clear. They say that Life is Love and Joy; That Love and Joy are Now and Here!

Talks With Swastika Readers

We expect to enlarge The Swastika in the beginning of the year. We want ideas and suggestions as to what features to add to make the magazine generally attractive and helpful and each month we will give \$1.00 to the person offering what we consider the most practicable suggestion. Remember that we are not millionaires. The Idea must be one that is consistent with our youth, our purpose, and our pocketbook.

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We are expecting great things for The Swastika during the next few months, and our editor, Dr. McIvor-Tyndall, with this end in view, has undertaken a tour of several months, when he will visit most of the large cities in the East and Middle States.

Altogether, the prospects for spreading the influence of The Swastika are most encouraging, but we want each and every one to help in the work, and we suggest that you who read this, make a little canvass among your friends and see if you cannot send us five yearly subscribers.

For these five yearly subscribers, you can send us \$3.50, keeping \$1.50 for your trouble. Remember that we give each yearly subscriber one of those lovely little silver "good luck" pins, which will make it easy for you to get your friends to subscribe to The Swastika, when they see the style and quality of the magazine. This is an easy way to make a little extra money for the holidays, which will be here before you know it, and when you can find use for every extra penny that you can earn. Let us see what Swastika readers can do.

We want to say a few words about delivering The Swastika to your homes. Once in a while someone will write something like this: "Please see that I get my magazine, I missed last month." Now, we do not claim to be above making mistakes, but we emphatically claim that our system of mailing prevents the possibility of any subscriber being overlooked. Whatever may become of your magazine between the time it leaves this office and the time it should reach its destination, you may be sure that it did leave this office.

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By A. B. STOCKHAM, M. D.

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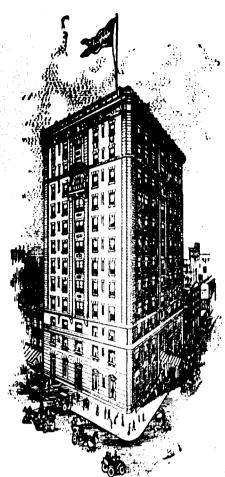
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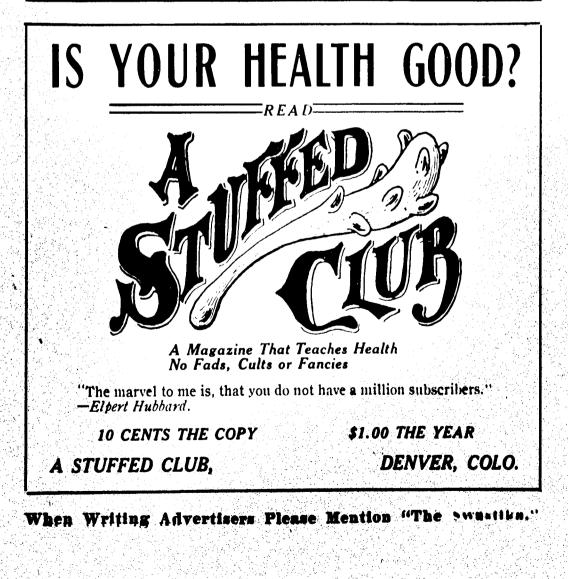
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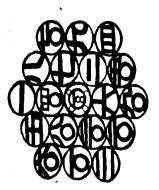
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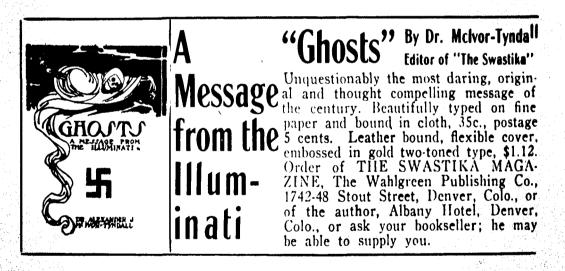
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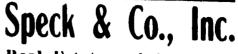
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