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MIND AND THE MAN.

BY PAUL TYNER.

In the midst of war and rumors of war. it is refreshing and encouraging to turn to the constantly accumulating evidence that we are at the threshold of that long hoped for era when "there shall be no more war." The very march of mind which is making modern warfare so terribly destructive, is making war impossible. "Arms and the Man," the motto of the military age, now in its death throes, will give way to the larger and grander watchword. "Mind and the Man." The evolution is a natural one. We shall reach the higher plane of thought and action only by a process of steady growth; although to some people it will seem like a sudden arrival.

Taken in the large, man is two-sided. The material and the spiritual find their complements and their counterparts in each other, as do the masculine and the

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feminine. Two sides of one reality, two parts of one whole, the fuller development of the distinct characteristics of each yet seems to have required separation—even to the point of seeming opposition. Most men are dominated by views of life suggested solely by the surface indications of material phenomena. Until very recently, our own age has been characterized by a decided tendency in this direction, consequent, naturally enough, on the enormous and rapid advance achieved in physical science. Imitating the arrogance of the theologian, whose position and pretensions have been overthrown in large degree by this progress of discovery and invention in the physical realm, the materialist denied the existence of everything but matter. Because certain tenets and teachings of the religion of the world concerning the creation of the world and the laws and conditions governing man's life in it, appeared erroneous and imperfect in the light of our new knowledge, religion was repudiated and condemned in toto, as baseless, irrational-a product of priestcraft and credulity, fraud and ignorance. The followers of this revolt even went so far as to limit the word "science" to physical science exclusively. All consideration of

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non-material beings and forces, of anything that cannot be seen, touched, tasted or smelled, was sneered at as "unscientific." This was, of course, an unwarranted abuse of one of the noblest words in the language. The physical sciences taken together are not all of science, any more than chemistry or mechanics alone constitutes science. And as all the physical sciences are interrelated and interdependent, so, in the truly scientific sense, the physical and the metaphysical are interrelated and inter-dependent. Science is a term which includes all and excludes nothing. It extends over the entire domain of being and includes the intelligible of every order of being. It is not limited to the material aspect of being, any more than to the non-material.

How is physical science related to metaphysics? As superstructure to foundation. Without metaphysics, physical science would be a castle in the air, the baseless fabric of a dream.

"Metaphysics is a science whose subject is being, considered in its essence, and existences in their cause." Later development of this science is emphasized in the second part of the definition.¹ In the ec-

^{1.} I take the definition given by the Rev. L. A. Lambert, LL. D., in an exceedingly lucid article on "The

clesiastical and academical hands, where it has reposed for ages, the first part of the definition monopolized attention.

Metaphysics was studied by the churchmen and speculative philosophers purely as a system of abstractions, unrelated, if not opposed, to all mundane and material existence. So the idea of utilizing the science of being for the promotion of greater harmony between the inner and the outer, the spiritual and the physical man, the translation of the abstract into the concrete—in fine, the logical relating of cause to effect and effect to cause, here and now in this life and this world, has come to be known distinctively as THE NEW THOUGHT.

Not content with phenomena, metaphysics goes back of them to the cause, the noumena; it passes the appearances which strike the senses and goes to the reality behind those appearances, and which is to be apprehended by the mind.

Start where we may in the series of causes and effects, we must rest ultimately on Being, or we have no standing. The truth of Being, or the existence of God, whichever way we choose to put it, is brought into human consciousness only

Scientific Basis of Christianity Found in the Metaphysical Science," Freeman's Journal, New York.

through reason, taking its data from the domain of metaphysics. Being is thus not only necessary, but also necessarily perfect, universal, infinite. It is the Absolute to which all relative things are related—the cause of all things in the ontological order and the basis of all things in the intellectual order.

"What cannot be traced to Being has no real positive existence," says Dr. Lambert. This only means that all that is can be traced to Being. We have not traced all that is to Being, effect to cause; or we should long ago have acquired fuller comprehension and control of things in their origin and development-especially over that health of mind and body which lies at the base of all right living. Rapid as has been the growth of the new thought and its practical application of metaphysical truth, man's realization of this power of application has been much hampered and hindered by the tendency inherited from our old theology to separate the things of sense from the things of soul. The native hue of resolution to be and to do in accordance with the laws of absolute perfection, of Infinite Life in Being, which lays "judgment to the line and righteousness to the plummet," is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of doubt.

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As so many patients and beginners in this study plaintively exclaim, "We do not know how to make the connection."

Men have so long been taught to regard evil as the normal lot and good as a miracle, that they persist in considering the means of attainment as something abstruse, mystical, deep hidden and so difficult as to be beyond most men. Sects are organized, churches erected, altars built in worship of the God man believes in, but does not reach, does not know, does not feel.

> "Would ye but understand! Joy is on every hand! Ye shut your eyes and call it night, Ye grope and fall in seas of light Would ye but understand."

Like every other science, metaphysics has its statics and its dynamics. And its dynamics show forth its statics. We know Love *is* only because Love *loves*. Mind is the dynamic side of Being. It is Being in motion; Essence in expression; the Thinker working out his thought. Does this not suggest clearly how the connection is to be made? Out of nothing nothing can come. The declaration "All is mind" may appear bold, but it is logical and scientific. We cannot even conceive of the appearance of any form, mineral, vegetable or animal, that is not evolved by mind,

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through mind and from mind. Mind is its very life and substance. Can anything come forth from mind that is not mind? And can anything that originates in mind, and is formed by mind of mind, ever cease to be mind? This does not mean "there is no matter." On the contrary, it means that matter in all its forms is but mind's *mode* of motion—the resultant and the evidence of its activity in thought.

"The power of mind over matter" has become a familiar phrase. It is becoming plain, however, that mind has no power over "matter," in the old sense. Mind has power over mind-much mind over little mind, strong mind over weak. It is because "all is mind" that man exercising the power of the greater mind over the lesser, the positive over the negative subjugates, controls, directs, moulds and puts to a variety of uses the mind in earth air and sea—the forces of nature on every hand. In previous lectures I have called attention to the agreement of science with Huxley's conclusion that one substance, protoplasm, furnished the base, the raw material, for all forms of life, animate or inanimate. My readers are also probably familiar with the later demonstrations of the biologists that every form of life is made up of innumerable lives, differing

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only in their number, grouping and arrangement. These lives in themselves are the same in man and in the mountain.¹ Variations in form, color, density, organization—and finally in consciousness—are all the results of variations in etheric and atomic vibration.

A still further advance along this line of discovery is marked in a record recently published by Professor Elmer Gates of Washington, in which he gives the results of a series of careful and accurately verified experiments during the last two years. "These experiments," says Professor Gates, "demonstrate that each conscious mental experience creates in some part of the brain a definite chemical change and structural embodiment of that experience, the refunctioning of that structure being essential to the remembering of that experience. I succeeded in showing that the same process is applicable to unicellular organisms. The simplest cell is capable of feeling a stimulus and of adapting acts to ends. Only mind can feel and make such adaptive reactions. A cell remembers its experiences, and only Mind can remember.

^{1.} See "Bodily Immortality" in THE TEMPLE for May, 1897, and "Reincarnation and Mental Science," Ibid, December, 1897.

* * * Life is Mind, and the vital or physiologic processes are simply psychologic processes. * * * It is the Mind which creates organic structure and regulates the metabolism. All the organs of the human body are made up of cells, and each cell has its own mental life, and it is this mental functioning which constitutes its vitality."1

Because every cell is not only a life but a mind, it responds to the suggestion, the training, the influence, the moulding of mind. Professor Gates says: "Life is mind." Would it not be more exact to say, "Mind is life"? If it is the mental functioning of a cell that constitutes its vitality, then mind must be life,-life in manifestation. In Mind life resides with all its powers, its courage, its truth, its faith and its glory. Professor Gates, while recognizing mind in every living cell, curiously restricts life to animal life and mind to memory. "An inanimate piece of gelatine," he says, "does not feel a stimulus and remember the meaning of such an experience and adapt acts to ends with reference to such a memory; but a piece of protoplasm can do these things and therefore it is animate."

^{1.} See article in the Medical Times, New York, December, 1897.

Yet the gelatine is not devoid of Mind on this account. It has a nature of its own; qualities and properties that distinguish it from other substances; it acts on and is acted upon by other things, mineral, vegetable or animal, in ways that make it gelatine and nothing else. It is so minded.

Throughout the inorganic, as in the organic world, we find every particular substance expressing its nature in a particular manner. Inanimate clay as truly remembers experiences, responds to a stimulus and adapts acts to ends as does either the amæboid cell or the specialized cell. Its mind touches that in the potter's hand. Iron expands and contracts under the influence of heat and cold. That these "inanimate" things are not consciously remembering experiences and adapting acts to ends may be granted; but neither does Professor Gates claim consciousness of its nature and acts in the protoplasmic cell.

Even in the higher animals, and to a great extent in man, there is no consciousness of that memory which moves the individual to do or not to do certain things; it is an automatic process.

We say each individual organism, each cell, has a mind and a mental life of its

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own. This is because we cannot help associating, even identifying, with Mind, the particular life and character exhibited. It does not follow that Mind itself is divided up into many separate minds. It is always the one Mind manifesting in a variety of forms. Water poured into vessels of various sizes and shapes takes the varying sizes and shapes of the vessels it fills, but in all it remains water. I cannot deny to the bird and the butterfly, the trees and grass, aye to the stick or stone, the Mind I claim for the source of my own life and activities. It is mind in the flame that lures, as in the moth that is lured.

In man, it may be said, consciousness of mind is developed. What Professor Gates calls "mentation" becomes in man a conscious process. He becomes aware of lines and directions of thought, emotion, sensory experience--all of which are included in Professor Gates' convenient word-that variously affect his whole system for better or worse. He may choose the thought or emotion to be induced and deliberately apply it with knowledge and certainty to the correction of defects in himself and others, especially to the creation and building up

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of the body and those powers of the mind for whose exercise the body serves.

If this new grasp of the science of mind and its practical application did nothing more than give mankind a clearer and surer knowledge of the cause of disease and methods for its cure, thus relieving or entirely eradicating a vast amount of human suffering, it must still be reckoned one of the greatest achievements of our age. Popular attention has been concentrated on this phase of the new thought, because it is the phase brought into close and familiar touch with the common life of the common people, and into conflict with the old ideas and methods concerning the cause and cure of disease built upon our age-long engrained materialism. In this field, modern metaphysics also shares its triumph with the modern advance in sanitation, hygiene, surgery, medicine and, most of all with that experimental psychology which has blazoned into fame the names of Bain, Maudsley and Mosso in Europe, and of William James and Elmer Gates on this side of the Atlantic.

But the new thought has larger and more distinctive claims to consideration than those earned for it by the exposition and demonstration of the power of mind in the cause and cure of bodily ailments.

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Solidly based on the perception of Infinite Perfection in Being, the base and cause of all outer existence and of the immanence of this Infinite Perfection in all life, it calls for new and fuller conceptions of basic and inherent harmony, goodness, health, happiness and completion in every realm of human thought and endeavor. It is indeed the "City built upon a hill," whose light has been ever shining in the darkness of materiality, even though the darkness knew it not. At last its shining has made itself felt and men, beholding the city while still afar, are knowingly bending their steps towards it.

It is in the shining of this light that our "old men have dreamed dreams and our young men have seen visions." This light which knoweth the light, even when darkness is all around it, has sprung into larger life, illumined the soul and gladdened the heart of those saviors of the race, those prophets and poets, who have seen and foretold the coming of peace on earth, good will among men-the dawning of the new order wherein Equity Justice and Love shall reign and humanity be glorified in the realization of its divinity. For this consummation, so devoutly to be wished, we have had to wait for just

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this meeting of physical and metaphysical science which our day is witnessing. It is the divine marriage, so to speak, without which conscious realization in the race of the truth of Being were im-How close the scientist appossible. proaching the perception of Truth from the physical side has already come to the view of the metaphysician, appears in the following further quotations from the article by Professor Elmer Gates already quoted, and which, curiously enough, is entitled "Experimental Researches Into the Cause and Cure of Disease Along New Lines and by New Methods:"

The result [of his experiments] was the discovery of an art of mentation which enabled me to increase my mental capacity, and to augment the quantity and quality of my originative work in invention and research. An important conclusion is, that our mental life in all its acquisitive and productive capacities is not merely directly influenced by every environmental and bodily condition, but that our mental powers and processes are the results of a functional interaction between the organism of the individual human being and the larger organism of the cosmical environment. That is, mentation is the result of two factors; first, the activities of the animal organism, and, second, the activities of the cosmic organism. The relation between the two is functional. The human organism is not only materially and dynamically part of the Universe, but, as these experiments show, it is psychologically part of the whole. * * * * The mind of the human being is functionally connected with the Cosmic Whole, and the human being is an organ in a Larger Organism.

The capitals are Professor Gates' own, and it is significant that throughout this exceedingly valuable and interesting article he capitalizes the word "Mind." In another part of the article, he cites the results of certain experiments in a branch of his work called "Subjective Biologic Psychology," as "proving the organic connection of the Mind with the Cosmos." Surely this is but a step from the metaphysical standpoint which *identifies* the Human Being with the Cosmic Whole, the Organ with the Larger Organism, the Mind with the Cosmos. I am conscious of mind and use mind because I am mind. And as mind is inherent in Being, proceeds from Being, is one with Being, so "I and the Father are One." There is only one Mind and one Being and it is the same for all.

Too often the metaphysician of today is content, as was the metaphysician of old, with vague and glittering generalities, when it comes to any consideration of the bearing of metaphysical truth on the development of our social order, the reform of social conditions. Professor Gates, on the contrary, sees clearly that this science of mind and its art of mentation, even from the physical point of view, has a very practical mission in this direction, as he shows in this statement:

Still another line of research arose out of the application of the art of mentation to myself: namely, what I have called Sociologic Psychology, in which environmental conditions and the social anatomy of social groups of creatures are varied to determine what are concomitant changes in the group mentation of these colonies or societies. The group anatomy of an antcolony or a bee-hive, e.g., is varied if they are supplied with slaves, or if the queen be removed, or if it be deprived of its workers, etc. A social group of creatures, like a herd or tribe or mob, has mental activity different from that of the individuals which compose it, and that is partly what I mean by group mentation. Its dim beginnings are seen in the esprit de corps, in the class spirit of a college, in the enthusiasm of an audience, in social belligerent revolutions, etc. I can show that in every variation of the social anatomy of any group of people or animals, there occurs a corresponding variation in their group mentation, which also affects the mentation of the individuals composing that group; and that every environmental change affects the group mentation. Here are the dim beginnings of a higher hygiene and social science; and also the germ of an important new principle in the attainment of highest health and in the cure of disease-social or group-mentation can aid in effecting desired changes in the individual mind, and these changes in the individual mind mean physiologic changes.

Attention is thus particularly called to these conclusions of Professor Gates, not because they by any means exhaust the evidence that the age of brute force is passing and the age of mind coming in. On every hand, men are using mind more and more and through use learning its

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nature and powers, embodying it more and more in their lives and so coming inevitably to that self-identification which rebinds man to God, life with its source The discoveries of Charles E. Tripler of New York¹ as to the possibilities of liquified air, which are just now attracting much attention, are an instance in point. Mind in the man impelled by love for humanity to seek a force which should serve in place of steam in the production of power and not leave us at the mercy of the fast disappearing coal beds, at last met the mind in the ether which held that supply and brought it forth. Whatever the mind of man shall seek-seeking faithfully--that shall he find. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty to the pulling down of strongholds." Even in the present conflict, we are learning that the real strength of the American cause lies in the mental development and equipment of the nation. Despite the degeneracy exhibited in much of the fin de siecle art and literature, we may be sure also that this march of mind means sounder morals. The morbid flashes out here and there fitfully and dies away. Not decadence but sanity endures. "Mind and the Man" means Right and the Man, Justice and the

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^{1.} Described in "The Cosmopolitan" for June, 1898

Man, Truth and the Man, Love and the Man, GOD AND THE MAN! For Mind is the power of God unto salvation.

"O, Toiler of the lily, Thy touch is in the Man; No leaf that dawns to petal But hints the angel plan.
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* The races rise and cluster, And evils fade and fall, Till chaos blooms to beauty, Thy purpose crowning all."

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can. This is the service of a friend. -R. W. Emerson.

Be no longer a chaos—produce! produce! were it but the pitifullest infinitesimal fraction of a product; produce it, in God's name! 'Tis the utmost thou hast in thee; out with it, then. Up, up! Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy whole might. —Thomas Carlyle.

The object of salvation from a truthful standpoint consists not in coming into harmony with churchism, neither come-outism; but the sole object is to come into absolute favor and harmony with the infinite Hence that individual is in a condition to Spirit. love God with all his heart, soul and mind and his neighbor as himself. Jesus Christ said to those under the law, "Ye worship ye know not what. We (including himself) know what we worship. But the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."-J. W. Dunmire.

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THE BEGINNING, GOD.

"The beginning, God, and the Word was God. The Word was made flesh;" so the record runs, And the Word reached forth in a maze of worlds, In glorious circles of stars and suns.

And the ages passed while the worlds matured, And æons went by while the suns grew cold, And the Book of Life opened, leaf by leaf, For records, till even young Death was old.

We may know in part of the wondrous past The present is ours for a moment's span; But the future, steadily moving on, Is hidden away from the eyes of man.

For the end is God, if an end there be, Again in the birth of the stars and sun And a maze of worlds and the death of all, To join the Beginning and End in One. —ISABEL DARLING.

I receive nearly all the New Thought periodicals and circulate most of them in my work; but of all the magazines THE TEMPLE impresses me most with the deep spirituality set forth in its teachings, and it is far and away beyond any other in the artistic beauty of its outward form. As I take it in my hands, I never fail to be impressed with the exquisite purity it seems to express so that I do not like to see wear and tear come to its copies, as must come when much loaned. -B. P. J., Thousand Island Park., N. Y.

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CHRIST'S HEALING PRESENCE.

The Rev. C. E. Wilcox, a Congregational missionary in Minnesota, writes us the following interesting account of remarkable healing through a realization of the power of truth in the Christ spirit:

"While in the government service in Louisiana, during the summer of 1865, I received a sun stroke which resulted in brain fever. Although recovering sufficiently to resume my duties after a few weeks, I was obliged to protect myself from the sun, and any exertion caused severe headaches. After my discharge from the service the following year, I suffered another attack of brain fever, and for sixteen years following scarcely knew what it was to be free from pain in the head during warm weather.

"In January, 1882, my eyes became seriously affected and I developed an acute nervous sensitiveness which subjected me to frequent pain and suffering. I suffered so much and had suffered so long, that I asked God to let me die if it were His will. Physicians pronounced my disease 'hyperaemia of the brain and chronic meningitis' and gave me no encouragement as to recovery. In May of that year, I began to study the Scriptures, especially with reference to Christ's mission as a healer of the body, as well as saviour of the soul. As a result, I gave up all medicines, trusting wholly in God for restoration. In answer to my request that Dr. Collis, author of 'Faith Cures,' should pray for my healing, I appointed August 21st, at 3 p.m. Up to that time, my symptoms had remained unchanged. After prayer by all present, the directions given in James v:14 were complied with and fulfillment of the promise claimed. In answer to a ques-

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tion as to how I felt about 3 o'clock, it occurred to me that this was the first thought I had had of my disease for the hour and a quarter. The peace of heaven had come down to me and my Saviour's presence was too blessed for me to think of anything else. After turning my thoughts to myself, I replied that I did not feel any pain whatever. I believed that Christ had done his part and I was cured; I remembered, 'my strength is made perfect in weakness,' and determined to act accordingly.

"From that time on my nervous sensitiveness to noise disappeared. I suffered no weakness or pain in the spine, and although for weeks I had been helpless as a child, I walked the floor for nearly two hours, feeling as if there were an unseen power pushing me on. I stretched my arms up and out, while a peculiar building-up process seemed going on in my spine. That evening I ate supper for the first time in eight months, and afterwards visited several neighbors and went to a prayer meeting at a church over half a mile distant, walking both ways without assistance. During that night, I found myself talking with God, the consuming fire of God's love coming upon me during this communication with great power.

"This was sixteen years ago, and I have since had no return of the old symptoms. Instead of having to avoid the sunshine, as during the previous eighteen years, I now enjoy being in it. With physical healing came spiritual illumination. My experience is to me simply an instance of the making of things new which is going on in the whole world. I believe that men will be wholly transformed physically, just as certain as the wild beasts will become harmless, and the physical will take on immortality here. I have already had an earnest of these facts by my personal experience of the touch of God through faith in Christ.

"When I was healed, my beard, which was almost white, was suddenly changed back to its natural color. On the night of my healing I was but skin and bones; but when I awoke the morning after, flesh had re-

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turned to my whole body. My wife remarked that my flesh was like a baby's, so soft and new. Hardly a day passes now in which I do not restore the sick to health through my healing power, even in cases given up by the doctors. Perhaps the most marked feature of my experience is the distinct sense of the personal presence of Christ and his actual companionship at times. Through the influence of this presence, my whole nature, spirit and body, has been redeemed, purified and divinely possessed and permeated,— Christ dwelling in me."

The question of the appearance of Jesus in New York as he appeared in Judæa takes two forms: First, What would be his judgment of the city? The question has only one possible answer. Doubtless his condemnation would fall most heavily upon the well-to-do and prosperous who have taken his name and do not his work. Doubtless the grief that he felt over Jerusalem would be little abated over New York. And yet he would find more to approve, more to be hopeful about, in the modern world represented by New York than he found in the world to which he came. Second, How would he be received? Doubtless he would be a hated disturbance to the majority, as his living presence is now where it is felt in its reality. Doubtless he would be despised and persecuted as a fanatic and a disturber by the high and mighty and the hypocrites as by the rabble and the profligates. Doubtless neither the common morality in living nor the business morality would welcome the test of his justice and purity. But he would find more who are living in his spirit, more who would follow him gladly, than he found at his coming in Judæa. He would find more charity and brotherly kindness, a higher standard of life, than he encountered in the society in which he began his mission.—Charles Dudley Warner in Harper's Magazine.

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THE PEOPLE'S CHRIST.

All hail the Christ of Nazareth! He came to banish strife: Taking the bitterness from death, The hopelessness from life, He gave to faith a nobler speech The souls of men to lure; For, filled with love, He came to preach The gospel to the poor. From Scribe and Priest and Pharisee He tore the cloak of fraud. In all men found he royalty, In all the Sons of God. Wealth, place or pow r to Him were naught, For in His splendid plan, All men are equals; and He taught The Brotherhood of Man. Christ pointed to the highest good, The truest liberty, He taught that love and brotherhood Alone may make us free. When men shall follow his command The clouds will roll away, And, breaking over all the land, Shall dawn the grander day. -J. A. EDGERTON.

THE ALLEGORY INTERPRETED.

In response to the request for individual interpretations of the allegory, "For Centuries a Witness," by Wenonah Stevens Abbott, published in the May TEM-PLE, a number of communications have been received from readers. The following present interesting views:

To the Editor of The Temple:

If the Cabala holds the wisdom of the past, why is it not so clearly worded that "he who runs may read?" Of what avail is wisdom if it be so swathed in symbolism as to be unintelligible? Shall I tell you? The meaning was hidden from the unlearned in order that the learned might have the greater power. All that is needed is to have the key. Wisdom reveals itself only to wisdom.

Why, if the Bible is to be our rule of life, is it not given to us in a plain, straightforward manner; a truth stated, and left without contradiction? There is hardly a single passage in the Bible that is not to all appearances flatly contradicted in some other passage. The Bible, it is true, is a collection of books and writings by many authors, made at different periods. mostly the opinions of men according to the light they had, to which they sought to give weight by adding "Thus saith the Lord,"--unless, indeed, these assertions are interpolated. We owe more of the bungling and mystification in the Bible to the interpolators than to the original writers. To this translators have added their coloring, until now we have an almost hopeless jumble of contradictions.

Yet there is a key even to this. It is the same key that unlocks the Cabala, that makes plain all the various religions that have ever been on earth. And this key at the same time removes all doubts of God and gives us more faith in the reasonableness of man.

The meaning of the Bible has been so long hidden that the spirit, the veiled meaning, was almost entirely lost, and to-day the teachers know no more than the laymen, and a dreadful muddle they are making of it.

And yet the key remains, forever fixed in the heavens, and the wise are turning back to read its meanings. Beautiful and grand they are, forever the same from everlasting to everlasting.

MAUDE MEREDITH.

To the Editor of The Temple:

At a meeting of our society the other day, one of the members questioned the authority for considering David the Soul of Jonathan, as in "For Centuries a Witness." A general discussion followed, at the close of which several were surprised to see how plainly the Bible states this to be a fact. It may seem strange to some, but none who know that man can go forth and return to his physical body, can read the Biblical account of these two friends without seeing the emphasis placed thereon. I presume that no re-incarnationist will deny that John the Disciple was Jonathan come again, and Jesus a later appearance of King David; while those who have delved deeper will admit that Jonathan was the great Initiate, the Chaldean Oannes, and Jesus, Dosthai. Granting this much, the rest is sure to gradually dawn. Saturninus, Basilides, Marcion, Mani and Bardesanes taught that Jesus' form was an ethereal one, although seemingly physical. Mani states that Jesus did not eat, drink, sleep or rest, but feigned to do so, that he might be in closer touch with those whom he came from the Brotherhood to teach. In the Evangel of John there are references to his power to make himself invisible at will. It is well for us to consider these things, as they give us a broader, grander idea of Jesus-the elder brother who, having climbed be-yond the need of incarnation, and by becoming one with the soul of the Universe, being really the "only begotten of the Father"-voluntarily dwelt among men, to lead them out of the mire, through which he had passed in the ages gone.

Yours for the harmony which leads to the Master.

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To the Editor of the Temple:

Allegories like "For Centuries a Witness," teaching us to look beneath the fables which we relegate to childhood, are beneficial. Yet, after all, it is not strange that the little ones, with their clearer spiritual sight, see Truth where others do not gaze. Stories like the "Wandering Jew," the "Flying Dutchman" and many other typical of the human ego's search for its Divine Parent, will again be regarded as food for thought. When that time comes, men will realize why the Bible. Bhagavad-Gita and kindred scriptures. have retained their hold on the hearts of a mankind which sees but through a glass darkly, yet senses the Truth it cannot grasp. It is not to be expected that a nation which sees no under-current in Olive Schreiner's "Dreams," and in "Etidorhpa," only a scientist's theory of the poor old earth's interior, could get a firm grasp on the Truth of the Solar-lunar man, Jesus-Joannes, David-Jonathan. But the new cycle dawns, bringing to earth those who knew this well, and for many of them memory of that past dawns also.

To the Editor of the Temple:

The interpretation of "For Centuries a Witness" is, to my mind, the same as that of the legend of the "Wandering Jew." Rejecting Truth in the person of the Christ, man is by the higher law condemned to wander on the earth, a homeless and restless seeker for that which he had rejected, until the coming to him of the Christ consciousness. Then he realizes through the vitality imparted by his quest, his immortality-that he also is "Son of David" and one with the Father. Is there not also a suggestion in the love of David for Jonathan, and of Jesus for John, of the love of man for woman lifted to its highest power? "As his own soul," David loved Jonathan; "as thyself" Jesus taught us to love our neighbor. The finding of the Christ, surely, must be through love so intense, so complete, so absolute that all sense of separateness in the object is lost and the one soul symbolized in "one flesh." Granting the deep spiritual significance of the story of David and Jonathan, Jesus and John, why should the author of this allegory question the historical existence of the personages embodying this great truth. R. X.

F. T. S.

BOOK REVIEWS.

ARIEL.

Mary Platt Parmele, in this little story, works out effectively a rather ingenious conceit. The responsibility of an author

for the creations of his imagination is brought home to a young novelist in a most vivid and unexpected manner. Under the guidance of an adept friend, he is suddenly transported to a world 400,000 miles from the earth-a planet and people created by the imaginative faculty of man. Here, in the author's "London," he dines first with the Pendennis family, and afterwards with the Newcomes, where besides the charming members of these families he meets several other characters, including a clever scoundrel out of one of his own stories, and hears much curious news about various people in whose fate the reader of contemporary fiction must feel a lively interest. Even the characters killed off on paper by the author refuse to submit to the dramatic exigencies, and go on living and developing on their various lines. Furthermore, the creations of different authors in different books in different countries come together in this little world of their own, meet, mingle and marry. The adept-who is not a gray-bearded Hindoo, but a New York man of culture and amiability, save perhaps for a certain fierceness against the exponents of realism in fictionexplains this strange world and its inhabitants in a way that makes it seem not merely plausible but prob-"Men have thought it and it is. The obedient able. atoms everywhere in space waiting to obey the summons, have assembled at the call of that mysterious creative energy existing in the brain of man, and it has joined the company of stars in the solar system. Imagination is a creative force, its effectiveness de-

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pending on the measure of capacity, or genius of the person wielding it. Thoughts are terrible realities which embody thomselves, whether we will or no." He even suggests that our earth and its inhabitants came into being in the same way as did this satellite. and that we but reflect the character of life upon some other world. Of course, one might take the story as allegorical, rather than literal, and find in it much lucid and striking portrayal of the creative power of thought. It is to be regretted that this view is interfered with by the author's naming Zola, a living personage, as an enemy of the human race. "worse than he who scatters small pox microbes." Nor is the strenuousness of Latimer, the adept, in this language and the "eager intensity" of his appeal to the hero to "Lelp awaken a sense of responsibility in writers of fiction," entirely consistent with the serene repose that should mark the temper of one who had come into the higher wisdom. One cannot help wondering, also, if an author who has, in other writings, exhibited so keen a grasp of spiritual law, is justified in sacrificing a basic principle in metaphysics in order to heighten the artistic effect of her story and emphasize its purpose. Mary Shelley's Frankenstein ravages this author's world "with an ingenious malignity which appears to increase with years; time seems powerless to impair his horrible vitality." And so on throughout the chapter, wreck, ruin, desolation, sorrow and sadness are "wrought by characters created by kindly, wellmeaning men." We search in vain for a hint of the working out of the immutable law that "the wages of sin are death,"--that every evil contains the seed of its own self-destruction, and that, whatever the seeming and appearance, malignity can have no enduring vitality on any plane of being. Despite its pessimism the story is well worth reading; the boldness of its ideas give it a charm which holds the reader's attention from beginning to end. (12mo, 80pp., paper 25 Alliance Publishing Co., New York; The cents. Temple Publishing Co., Denver.)

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BY STROKE OF SWORD.

Those TEMPLE readers who are on the lookout for the novel of the new thought,—the "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the "Robert Els-

mere" or the "Looking Backward" of the mental science movement-would be very likely to pass over this "Romance Taken from the Chronicles of Sir Jeremy Clephane, King's Justice and Knight of the Shire of Fife, Overlooked by Master Judas Fraser, Dominie of the Parish of Kirktoun, and Rendered into a More Modern English by Andrew Balfour." But after reading the tale with that deep delight, that almost breathless interest, which an honest story of good fighting stirs in the heart and brain of man born of woman, I am not sure that devotees of our old new philosophy will not find here at least a very satisfactory substitute for such a novel. Let it be said at the outset that it is not at all a story with a purpose. It is, on the contrary, a story pure and simple: a tale of strange adventure by sea and land, of thrilling fights and hairbreadth escapes; of peril and privation bravely borne, and of prowess of head and hand wielded ever for the upholding of the right and the overthrow of rascality. The hero tells his own tale in the first person, and Mr. Balfour has not modernized his English sufficiently to mar the illusion that we are indeed reading a veracious chronicle of the time of good Queen Bess. In the development of the hero's character, as revealed in his naive confessions, we have a well worked out psychological study. Out of the most unpromising material and environment, the squat and sickly, crude and awkward son of the dominie in an out of the way Scottish village develops, by dint of sheer will and rock-ribbed honesty, into a courageous and invincible soldier who carves out his fortune with his sword, not forgetting a certain wrist stroke taught him by a gentleman of France who was wrecked by a strange chance on the Scottish coast. The scenes change rapidly, events and situations fraught with intense interest crowd thick and fast, the action is

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lively to a degree, and the narrative is splendidly sustained throughout. Timeliness gives an added zest to the story, for it deals in large part with the clash between Saxon and Spaniard that enlivened the history of the sixteenth century, and the chronicle pictures in fine fashion the racial characteristics on both sides as the stand out in vivid contrast over crossed swords. The illustrations by W. Cubitt Cooke are appropriate and well done. (8vo., 326 pages, cloth, \$1.25; paper, 50 cents. Truslove & Comba, New York; The Temple Publishing Co., Denver.)

EDITORIAL NOTES.

With the present issue, THE TEMPLE begins its third volume. While the paging of each volume will be independent as heretofore, it has been decided to make the number of each issue the "whole number," instead of the volume number, thus avoiding possible confusion in referring to or ordering THE TEMPLE by number. Subscribers desiring to change their copies for bound volumes may do so by paying 35 cents and postage both ways. The price of the bound volume is one dollar, post paid.

The June and July issues of THE TEMPLE have been unavoidably delayed by the transfer of our publication offices from the Masonic Temple to the Barclay Block, and by the simultaneous necessity of reorganizing our printing office and installing it in the same building. Much as we regret the disappointments caused to our friends by these delays, we beg to assure them that the results of the readjustment will be worth all the cost in trial of patience and purse involved in the process. It has been felt for some time that the character and purpose of the Temple publications required that the work of making our magazine and books—mechanical as well as mental—should be surrounded by a thought atmosphere

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in harmony with that character and purpose. After an interesting and instructive, if somewhat costly experience in this endeavor, we are glad to announce that the Temple Press is now in charge of our good friend, Mr. Orla George, formerly publisher of the *Perfect Faith*, a practical printer of many years' experience, and an earnest disciple of the New Thought and its gospel of love. Hereafter, THE TEMPLE will be issued promptly and regularly on the 10th of every month, and we are sure our readers will not be slow to appreciate the increased efficacy and conveying its message that must flow from these improved conditions.

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In this month's leading article, some hint is given of recent remarkable discoveries by Dr. Elmer Gates. This eminent American scientist has evolved an "art of mentation" which bids fair to revolutionize the education of the young, the treatment of insane and criminals and which is already changing physical science from an opponent into a valuable ally of the metaphysical system of healing disease

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"Mentation," says Dr. Gates, "has for its purpose the discovery and application of truth." These words reveal the source of Dr. Gates' power and success. In an article describing his latest invention, the photo-micrographoscope,—which carries the power of the eye as far into the ultra microscopic domain as the microscope carried it beyond unaided vision - he says: "Whatever inventions and discoveries it has been my good fortune to make are of interest to me chiefly as illustrations of the method and value of this art of promoting mentation." Yet this invention is deemed by scientists hardly second in importance to the discovery of the X ray. Indeed, in the possibility opened up of studying minutely the effects of the psychologic activities of cells upon their own anatomy, it is said we may expect to lay bare the subjective secret of health and disease-- the mystery of life itself.

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It is gratifying to know that Dr. Gates' enthusiasm for scientific discovery in a field quite removed from commercial exploitation, and which is likely to have so enormous an influence on human welfare, is shared by a wealthy friend who has placed a fund of \$350,000 at Dr. Gates' disposal to allow him to pursue his experiments freed from the exactions of his professorship in the Smithsonian Institution, so that for a year past he has been at work in a laboratory built especially for his purposes at Chevy Chase, Md. Dr. Gates is now writing a series of books describing fully his Art of Mentation in its various branches, with complete records of the experiments on which it is based. To the appearance of this work the scientific world, and indeed the general public, must look forward with eager anticipation. Meantime it has been suggested to the editor of THE TEMPLE that the publication in this magazine of a digest of Dr. Gates' various accounts of his work which would bring out all the salient points and clearly indicate the bearing of these discoveries on our modern life, would be welcome. We should be glad to receive expressions of opinion on this subject from our readers. Such a departure from the established course of THE TEMPLE as an exponent of original thought at first hand, would only be made in response to a very distinct demand.

P. T.

For ten years I have discussed man's relationship to the sun, moon and earth, until I have proved to my own satisfaction that man is an immortal sun, clothed with earth, and reflecting from his brain moonlight. He only awaits the time for throwing off the mortal to stand out in the glory and majesty of his Father, the sun. While he is here below, he ought to be able to transform his material body into an immaterial one, without passing through what is called death. As he goes on studying, more and more, the law of vibrations, he will come into the place of life, and there will be no more death. Every man who has felt the vibrations of the Spirit, knows that he is immortal. -T. J. Shelton in Christian.

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"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."-I. Cor. xv., 26.

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