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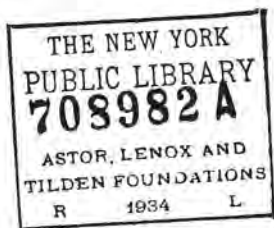
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INTRODUCTION

The increasing sickness, the larger number of chronic invalids and the higher rate of mortality, and the inability of the present system of practice to even check the tide of death, and the large and varying lists of supposed remedies, confirms the belief that the physicians themselves have no confidence in nor any success with drug medicines, many of which are deadly poisons, and through mistaken diagnosis and poison medicines many sick persons are killed outright.

All circumstances, conditions and effects conspire to demand something better, and the united voices of the suffering people call aloud for a safer and better system of health practice. And the people are being heard and their call will be heeded, as this is an enlightened and progressive age, and a better way will surely come. That better way must and will be an entire revolution in the healing art, both in its theory and practice, and the *means* used to cure disease. Intelligent man, in emerging from the darkness of the past, finds that all matter is *inert*, and can do nothing of itself, and therefore no material substance can cure disease or save life in the living person; and that matter is not only inert and deadly, but that much of it is really poisonous and destructive to life, *and should not be used as medicines at all*. And only the best nutritious and most digestible drink and food substance and Vital processes, such as a well person needs, should ever be used or given to sick persons, and *these only* as *conductors* of a higher

and more living power that can cure disease and save life. And as matter and all material things have failed to save life (because they have no life in themselves), something that has life in *itself* and can give life must be used.

All science and all religions have been progressing, (and it is said that necessity is the mother of invention), and now spirit, the opposite of matter, has been discovered, and found to *have* life in *itself*, and can therefore cure disease and prevent death. It is also found that spirit, which is every way unlike matter, is a vital essence, filling all space and permeating all matter with its living energy, giving form, motion, attraction, adhesion, growth, organization, sensation, instinct, reason, intelligence and immortality to all perfected beings. And it is evident that vital spirit is increasing in the atmosphere and fast triumphing over matter, and all things are becoming more and more spiritual. And it is ascertained that this vital spirit essence is the **REAL** life-giving and life-sustaining power in universal nature (as far as known), and is therefore the only cure for any disease. And, being all power, spirit can cure and save body and soul both, and is therefore the great desideratum for all mankind.

DISCOVERY.

As I have stated before, mankind had no teachers but themselves, none to discover or to invent or to show them the way to improvement. No intelligence greater than themselves to teach them the forces of nature and laws of life; none to assist them to make life more comfortable. Mankind certainly commenced at a great disadvantage as well as commencing very low in the scale of being, still they were the highest beings living; and being low in intellect they commenced to learn of low things first. They studied wind and water and their uses and effects, and became navigators of rivers and seas. They then studied the rocks and minerals, and became mighty workmen in stone and copper. They could handle and use immense stones, build strong fortresses and towering pyramids. They learned to make their tools of copper, and to make their copper-edged tools as hard and as sharp as razors. They soon learned to prepare and utilize the finest and most costly metals as well as precious stones. But as mankind progressed they investigated the vegetable kingdom, and selected from that immense arena woods to build with, and for other utilities and conveniences. They learned to select and use fibre for clothing, and fruits and grains, and roots and plants for food, whereby they were able to make their lives quite comfortable. But perhaps among their early discoveries that of fire was the most important and useful. Just to think that mankind lived on this earth perhaps for millions of years without the knowledge or

benefit of fire; nothing to light the darkness of night or to mitigate the rigors of winter, even then without clothing or shelter. No wonder so many perished, for then indeed was there only a chance for a "survival of the fittest." And all this time no good father or loving elder brother, or ministering angel to teach them. Mankind have indeed had a hard lot, and have had to come up through much tribulation, and have washed themselves in their own tears, no mercy for them or merciful being to help them. But as time passed on mankind progressed, for "necessity is indeed the mother of invention;" they made many discoveries and inventions to make mankind healthy and happy. But here I shall only write of those discoveries and inventions that are employed in the Vitapathic System. First, then we shall speak of air. Mankind like other animals had breathed air in an ignorant way for perhaps millions of years, without knowing what it was or what it was for, and it was only in 1774 that Dr. Priestly discovered and proclaimed the component parts of air, so much nitrogen, so much oxygen, with increased hydrogen in higher latitudes, and more carbon lower down. It was a great discovery and much use has been made of it since, and chemists have utilized it still more, but they had not yet discovered that air is principally beneficial to mankind as a conductor of something as precious as life itself, and without which no one could live. But this greatest of all discoveries and its priceless value and essential use will be unfolded further on in these lessons. After air steam and its uses were discovered, and utilized by human intellect and ingenuity. But greater than steam, its positive mate electricity was discovered, and is being utilized; and, like air and steam and

water, is found to be a good servant but a bad master.

To Dr. Benjamin Franklin is due much of the discovery and utilization of electricity, and though much more is now known about it, and its many uses brought to greater perfection, yet Franklin has the honor of being the pioneer; and not forgetting the great Franklin we will pass over its uses as a transmitter, as a motor, and as an illuminator, in which Michael Faraday's discoveries in electro-magnetism paved the way for its great success and utility of the present time.

But electricity has been made much more useful to mankind in the curing of their diseases, and especially as a transmitter or conductor of a more vital and living force that I have promised to explain further along. ~~Electricity as it is now employed by our specially invented instruments,~~ among which is our "Little Giant" vitalizer, with its many modifications of ~~currents,~~ with its varied quantities and intensities, by which we can fill our patients' bodies or any part thereof with such currents and vital forces as they need to cure disease, and by which, in the use of other currents of the "Little Giant," we can carry out and clean the system of any mineral, vegetable or animal poison, or other impurities that may be lurking in the human body, and which is generally the case in chronic invalids, who have taken much drug medicines, or poisoned their blood in any way, or clogged their system with any impurity. This use of *this special* current in our "Little Giant" vitalizer is indeed a great boon to sufferers. These special methods will be fully explained in our lessons on Vitapathic Practice. And we now pass on to that greater discovery, that is the climax of all discoveries, and gives power and force to all other dis-

coveries, and is really the only power in nature, and from which all other forces receive their power.

Dr. Priestly has discovered oxygen, the most vital of all gases, in the air, and a hundred years after his great discovery of the constituents of the air the chemists and scientists of the earth gathered around his lonely grave in a secluded spot adjoining the town of Northumberland, in Pennsylvania, and with bared heads and bowed forms they reverently stoop to do him honor. This posthumous honor was long in coming, but richly deserved and heartily given. Dr. Franklin's discovery of the nature and use of the electricity of the air has proved of great value to mankind, and all nation do him honor, and he is worthy of all he gets. But the discovery of SPIRIT (also in the air), with its nature and uses, is still a much greater discovery, and caps the climax of all discoveries. The discovery of oxygen is great, the discovery of electricity is greater, the discovery of spirit is greatest, yes, it is the greatest of all, because spirit is the highest of *all*. Spirit is becoming known and utilized as the greatest of all, power, the all-power—the entirely indispensable—the great *sine qua non* of all nature. And I think I may justly claim the discovery and nature of, and the power and use of, SPIRIT as it is in the air we breathe, and in all space and in all things, and its invincible power in the cure of disease and in the prolongation of human life, the final prevention of death, and ultimate immortality.

SPIRITUAL VITAPATHY :

A SPIRITUAL SYSTEM OF HEALTH PRACTICE FOR THE
CURE OF EVERY DISEASE, WITHOUT THE USE OF DRUGS,
INSTRUMENTAL SURGERY, OR OTHER MATERIAL MEANS.

Spiritual Vitapathy is an entirely new system of health practice, and entirely *unlike* any system of health yet discovered, as it is an *entirely* spiritual system, and employs only spirit and spiritualized remedies for the cure of disease, leaving all drugs and so-called medicines behind, and using no crude *indigestible unvitalized* material substance or *dead* matter of any kind as a curative agent.

Spiritual Vitapathy is a religious system of health, employing vital spirit by spiritual means and methods through air, water, food, heat, light, electricity, vital magnetism and vita, up to the highest spirit power, through and by the laying on of hands of the educated, endowed and ordained Vitapathic Minister-Physician, who is fully authorized to practice this religious spiritual system for the health and happiness of all mankind, and to teach the people this higher life. And henceforth in Vitapathy no drugs or drug medicines or any indigestible or unvitalized material substance shall ever go into the human stomach as medicine; and nothing that is not either drink to quench thirst or food to furnish nutrition suitable for a well person should ever enter that living citadel of the human body; and in sickness only the same drinks and foods should be used in quantities and qualities to suit the natural demand of the person's condition. These drinks or foods should

not only be positive or negative to suit the case, but they *must* be *spiritualized* either positively or negatively as needed. And all drinks, and foods, and heat, light, electricity, magnetism and Vita *must* be *further spiritualized*, and employed, either positively or negatively, according to the Vitapathic System, as the temperament of the patient and condition of his disease requires, as ascertained by the correct Vitapathic diagnosis.

All matter is dead and lifeless; spirit is life and giveth life, and it only can cure disease and prevent death.

Vitapathy then is a Spiritual Vital System of Health Practice in its highest uses and greatest power for body and soul; and as the soul is the spiritual part of man and the acting part, and the only part that does act, it is therefore the soul through the power of spirit *that does* cure disease through some of our various methods of using spirit in the Vitapathic System. Bearing in mind always that it is spirit and not matter that does cure, and that our system is spiritual and not material, and that our Vitapathic Physicians are not M. D., material medicine doctors, but are V. D., vital doctors, then this distinction must be clearly defined and fully understood henceforth and forever.

We are *now* fully teaching a better way to cure disease than by the drug system or by any system of *material* medication. Then of course all should discard the worse and old, and practice *only* the better way, and especially as the new Spiritual System readily cures diseases that material systems fail to cure. And then again because all material remedies leave dead and poisonous matter in the system of the patient, making him a chronic sufferer for the rest of his miserable life, *unless* the

poison drugs are removed by the Vitapathic electric extracting process.

This is to be the last book on Vitapathy, and the crowning product of my long and arduous life, and to supercede some of my former books and lessons on medicine in the Vitapathic system, and all lessons not in harmony with the teachings of *this* book; but all in the old books *that is in* harmony with these higher lessons is to be retained as part of this grand system of health and life for body and soul, making the system complete in all its parts and powers.

And now, before entering fully on these higher lessons in SPIRITUAL VITAPATHY, I call your attention to our former lessons in the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATURE, and ask you to study well and retain and practice all lessons there that are in harmony with these higher lessons, now presented to you as a father's legacy. Read and study well all the books in the Vitapathic Library preceding this one, and read them in the light of this higher revelation throughout, and discarding all that is not in full harmony with this book. Cut loose at once and forever from all drugs and *unnutritious* undigestable *unvitalized* and *non-vitalizing* substances. Commence your studies in our ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATURE (first book), there learn the unfoldment of nature and the beginning of all things known to man; study and learn about invisible spirit and invisible matter, and then find that

SPIRIT

is an invisible imponderable vital *positive* essence, pervading all space, and filling all things with its presence and power; and that it is ever active, and gives shape, and form, and life, and being to all things, and, though *non-intelligent*, is all-pow-

erful, and finally produces intelligence in organized living beings in proportion to the perfection of the organization. Study well and learn all about primary invisible

MATTER,

and find that it is an *inert* negative substance, that can do nothing of itself only as it is acted on and through and *in* by positive vital spirit. Study well the processes and powers, and the results of spirits acting on and through matter. Learn how it is done, be students of nature, and understand how all things are done. Study spirit and matter, and how there many unions and refinements produce all forms of

LIFE

from ethers, atoms, rocks, trees, animals, humans, and angels, up to the highest order of intelligent beings in universal nature.

Study and understand the sources and nature of life, what it is and how produced, and by what means all forms of life come into existence. Get at the very

BEGINNING OF LIFE.

See fuller explanation in our former printed lessons and verbal lectures and illustrations in regular sessions in the American Health College. When you have found out how and where life began you will have solved the problem of creation and the mystery of existence. These lessons and this knowledge is spread out in all nature before you; open your eyes and see the beauties of nature on every hand; listen and hear the history of creation in the whistling wind, in the roaring ocean, in the peeling thunder, and in the harmonious chimes of an ever revolving universe. Study it in the creep-

ing worm, in the chirping bird, in the bleating lamb, and in the speaking human, Study it in our **ENCYCLOPEDIA of NATURE**. Read natures' grand lessons as therein taught, and whatever we say there on the

IMPORTANCE OF LIFE.

Study and understand the philosophy of life in all its heights and depths, and lengths and breadths. Commence with **MATTER** as you see it around you in all its grades and qualities, and in all its varied manifestations, study it back to its source in invisible ether, then study its progress through its many changes and refinements, and visible forms as seen in atom, rock, tree, animal and man; study it in its chemistry, geology, mineralogy, botany, and animality. Study matter in its more perfect

HUMAN FORM

and learn its various manifestations; then study it in its different races of men, in their colors and shapes and varieties. Particularly study the human form in its wonderful

ANATOMY,

In its bones, and ligaments, and muscles, in its arteries and veins, and in its wonderful nervous system; view that complex organ, the mysterious everworking

BRAIN,

in its divisions and subdivisions, as the chief organ and crown of life, the instrument of thought, reason and intelligence, the seat of all intellectual power the highest organ of life, and here matter ends in its formations, but progresses in refinement forever. There is no physical organ of life higher than the human head, and none greater than the human brain.

You are particularly requested to study and understand the phrenological developments of the human brain—its size and shape; the formations and size of special organs, representing faculties of the brain in their special developments, and their special influences on each other organ, and on the entire brain, and on the entire man himself. Understand all this well so that you can read character and the predominating propensities, and their effect on his actions and business capacity, the honesty of purpose and amiability of his nature; and especially study their effect on his health and the curability of disease. Most of all study fully the human temperaments, as we have described them in our *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATURE*, and by all methods of observation and ascertainment, so that you can diagnose disease correctly, and know how to apply the proper treatment according to the positive or negative temperament of the patient, and the positive or negative nature and character of the disease, and according to the age and sex of the patient, as his case may be, and apply the remedy accordingly. Study the material man in all his conditions and in all his ailments and imperfections.

We pass on with this to the further study of something infinitely greater than matter or any of its many, and to us beautiful, and loving, and loveable forms on which so often we have feasted our eyes in rapturous delight. We will call your attention to that mysterious and invisible power called

SPIRIT,

which we employ in this our spiritual system, and for what that *is* we refer you to former lessons in the *ENCYCLOPEDIA* (some of which we will copy further along), and more fully to our lectures, de-

velopments, manifestations and illustrations in our college sessions, and in our Sunday Religious

SPIRITUAL MEETINGS,

Remembering always that spirit is a vital positive life *essence*, and is not substance like matter, and is not person or personal, nor is it a being of any kind, neither is it intelligent or intellectual. It is **POWER**, but not thought, or intelligence, or being.

Know that spirit produces life when acting through matter, and in proportion to the fineness and perfection of the different forms of matter through which it acts, (as electricity acts through the magnets). Spirit produces motion, sensation, instinct, reason and intelligence, and finally immortality in perfected humanity. Spirit produces the highest possibilities in the human soul.

After you have well studied and understood the wonderful and complex human body as the highest result of organized matter, you are then ready to study and understand the still more mysterious

HUMAN SOUL,

the highest result of organized spirit. As material bodies are formed and grow by accumulation and growth, so spiritual souls are formed and grow by accumulation and growth. The body *eats* **MATTER** to build up, and the soul *breathes* **SPIRIT** to build up, thus both grow together, and *both should live together FOREVER*, and may in the perfection of nature. But you will find this all explained in my printed and verbal lessons to which I call your special attention. Study next the **POSITIVENESS** of spirit and the **NEGATIVENESS** of matter. Then study the largest embodiment of spirit in the sun, and the largest embodiment of matter in the earth. Sun, spirit, the all-father; earth, matter,

the all-mother; and humanity, soul and body, the greatest result of their union. Then study

HUMANITY

in its highest spiritual and physical powers, and you have learned the ultimate of creation. But to study and understand humanity you must not only study man in his anatomy, physiology, phrenology and psychology, but you must study him especially in his

HUMAN TEMPERAMENTS

to understand the various shapes and forms and conditions of his health and diseases, his characteristics and capacities and powers, and his positive or negative relations to all other human beings, and especially in regard to his health or disease and the best means of protecting the one and subduing the other.

Study humanity in its

PHYSICAL TEMPERAMENTS

and in its

SPIRITUAL TEMPERAMENTS,

as fully explained in our ENCYCLOPEDIA, so you may know which predominates, and diagnose and treat his disease accordingly. For a full description of the different degrees and kinds of temperaments, their nature and powers and their value in the

VITAPATHIC SYSTEM,

I refer you to Chapter VII in our ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATURE, and to the fuller illustrations and demonstrations given in regular sessions of the American Health College. You cannot learn the temperaments too thoroughly, for that is the key to the nature of the disease, its correct diagnosis, and its most successful treatment, and on the knowledge

or ignorance of these human temperaments is based much of the happiness or misery of married and social life, as well as in all business associations and education, and the success of those engaged therein.

Study well the true physiology of the living human being, for which see our lessons on

HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY

and our Vitapathic Physiology as taught in the *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATURE*. After you have fully learned and thoroughly understand our new and correct physiology, and the true and correct process and purpose of breathing, and *what* we breathe, and what we breathe it *for*; and how the breath goes into the lungs, and what it goes there for; and *what* it carries there with it and how, and in what condition the air is thrown back again from the lungs, then learn all about how vital spirit from the air gets into our blood through the thin inner membranes of the lungs, and how it vitalizes the blood, and through it the whole system; and learn how this vital spirit in the blood goes to the heart, and sets it and all organs of the body in motion, and keeps them alive and active. Study well this correct philosophy of life, the true

SPIRITUAL PHYSIOLOGY

as taught in the Vitapathic System. Then commence the study of the fast developing science of

PSYCHOLOGY,

and understand and be able to employ the wonderful powers of the human soul. Learn and perform all psychological phenomena and powers of the human soul; learn the power of spirit over matter; and of soul over body; learn how to control persons and things and become "master of the

situation." Learn the methods of control, both open and secret; learn intellectual control, power control, and sympathetic and

LOVE CONTROL.

Learn how to attract and hold, and how to use the wonderful will power of your own soul over all other souls and existing things. Be a king among a world of subjects.

This power is useful in the cure of disease, and especially in all mental disorders. Study well the deeper psychological phenomena, commonly called

MESMERISM,

and its uses when we need deeper control to produce insensibility to pain in any painful disease or operation, or when we want to break up bad habits, such as the use of tobacco or whisky, or morphine, or any narcotic, or any bad, *unnatural* sexual habit; or at other times when we want to produce clairvoyance, etc.; and when we want to produce

TRANCE MEDIUMSHIP,

or develop any of the soul powers of our pupils. Here is an almost unlimited field for operation and experiment and success, and too much cannot be learned in this connection. Then study well what is known as

PSYCHOMETRY,

or soul measurement, how to read, and measure, and understand, and reveal the powers and characteristics of other souls, persons and things. This is a wonderful power employed by some persons: most of the so-called mediumship is done in this way, especially that of test and descriptive phenomena. Some become great experts at this busi-

ness, and generally the more they practice the more perfect they become, and the greater success they acquire.

There are natural talents, more pronounced in some than in others, same as in music and other human talents and faculties, and like music it has to be cultivated and developed. Those with the largest perceptive faculties, as found in the row of phrenologic organs over the eyebrows, and up to locality and comparison in the middle of the forehead, have the most power and succeed the best. While those persons who are the smallest there make the best *unconscious* subjects. And those who are large at the top of the forehead in the region of causality and intuition are the best readers of persons and their diseases, and are the best judges of human nature; while persons with small causality and intuition make good impressible and psychological subjects, and are easily made to believe almost anything, and are generally too easily influenced by others; all such persons need to cultivate self-control; and this brings us to the wonderful self-control known as

STATUVOLENCE,

(Stationary will, Self-control)—using one's own will power over self to prevent pain and cure disease, and to control one's self to keep off and cure all bad habits and evil propensities. You can easily see that this is a very valuable power, and one that should be well cultivated and developed in all. Self willed, strong positives, with large firmness, combativeness and executive force can succeed the best.

All these wonderful powers, and all powers, are included in the complete Spiritual Vitapathic System, and are generally known under the names

of Psychology, Psychometry, Statuvolence, Mesmerism, Clairvoyance, Clairaudience, and Clair-sensation. These are all faculties of the human soul, by which it employs the same spirit power in various grades of manifestations, according to the temperamental capacities and knowledge of the persons employing the power. Every Vitapathic Minister Physician should study well and thoroughly understand the best uses of spirit power in all its various grades of manifestation and use, and that too according to his *natural* talent for each or any grade of manifestation of spirit power that he may be best adapted to. Every student should study self. Know thy self, then study nature in both matter and spirit, and their best uses. Let all knowledge and all power be yours, *and be brave enough to use it* in name and nature.

Study physiology so as to understand life in all its manifestations and powers in the human being, and in all nature.

Study psychology so as to understand the *power* of the human soul, and learn how to control yourself, and others as well, both in soul and body, and in all human faculties and powers.

Study and understand phrenology and the human temperaments so as to know how to read and understand the capacities, characteristics, and powers of each person you see or have dealings with, and especially well understand their temperaments in its different grades and shapes, so as to correctly diagnose their *natural* diseases, and know how to treat them accordingly.

You can learn all these things in my books and printed and verbal lessons, and college lectures and illustrations at the American Health College, at its regular semi annual sessions.

Psychometry or soul measurment comes in good

to enable you to measure men and things and souls, and the soul or spirit of everything, and to understand the amount of spirit in everything and its quality as well as quantity. Knowledge is power—learn all.

Learn, above all, how to control *yourself*, and employ your own wonderful and invincible powers in the statuolent or *self-control* process; control yourself and your own power by the use of vital spirit or vita to do all you wish to do, for remember it is yourself, your own soul's use of vital spirit that does all—you need not call on or expect any other soul or being to help you to employ nature's power, nature is unconscious, unalterable and unchangable; spirit essence furnishes the power, but you must furnish the knowledge and skill to employ it, and employ it yourself. Any person who calls on or depends upon others will not succeed. All solicitation, supplication and prayer is vain. *Take* is the only successful method of prayer; if you want air *take* it, if you want drink *take* it, if you want food *take* it, and so if you want spirit *take* it, if you want power *take* it and use it, and if you want life *take* it and LIVE. Man is the crowning acme of creation, and the use of all the powers in nature is his,—learn it in Vitapathy, and get all and do all and live forever. Get your soul faculties developed. Ascertain the faculty of soul according to your phrenological development and temperamental condition most natural to you, and your best adaptation to it. Cultivate this or these as the case may be. Study all I have said in my former writings on these subjects, and learn and understand all I teach in my verbal lessons and college instruction. Develop your own powers or uses of spirit all you *can* by study and contemplation, and by sitting in a suit-

able place and at a suitable time, and especially by breathing in spirit power by the breathing process as I teach and use it in the

VITAPATHIC BLESSING

at table, as all sit around the table and food thereon, all breathing together in unison, a long pull and a strong pull altogether, and thus take in vital spirit enough to vitalize oneself and each other, and to vitalize the food on the table, thus benefiting each and all. This breathing of vital spirit to increase soul power is more essential than eating food to increase bodily power, for the soul is more important than the body. Practice this breathing prayer when you sit for soul development, whether you are alone or in company or in a circle. And this leads us to the higher and grander

VITAPATHIC BREATHING PRAYER

employed by all Vitapaths at their meetings. The Minister or Leader directing that all in the assembly with himself stand up, and all alike breathe this silent breathing prayer for a few minutes until all are filled with the fulness of spirit and their souls be fed with eternal life.

As I have said before, *breathing* in spirit is the only successful prayer, it is a taking what we need and of what nature has provided for us to take, and provided us with nostrils and lungs to take it, and this is the only way we can take it, and the proper way to be filled with spirit. Paul said, "pray without *ceasing*," i. e., continue to breathe in spirit, and thus keep ourselves full of spirit, which permeates the blood, making it living blood, keeping the heart in motion, and sending the blood as a red river of life through the arteries to all parts of the body, giving it life and health and strength, and

building up all parts of the body as needed. Oxygen drink and carbon food properly digested and assimilated makes blood, and spirit vitalizes it into a flowing

CURRENT OF LIFE,

and the proper quantity and quality and circulation of this maintains life, and may do so indefinitely, or as long as these healthy conditions are kept up, and the perfected humanity finally become immortal and live forever, soul and body, complete in all its parts and powers, the highest living being of ultimated nature,

LIVE RIGHT AND LIVE FOREVER.

For further lessons on breathing spirit and its effect on the blood and heart and body, see

VITAPATHIC PHYSIOLOGY

in my former lessons in the Encyclopedia. These are the lessons of all lessons and the practice of all practices, and is indeed the higher life, and the higher knowledge, and the higher power, and the higher immortality, no such advanced methods of life and health and power have ever been offered to humanity before. All former teachings and supposed systems forever pale their ineffectual fires before the

LIGHT OF VITAPATHY.

Here we teach what the power is, and how to get and how to use it to do all we want to do, for the power is absolutely omnipotent and exhaustless, and is used in all its various ways, methods and manifestations for life, health and immortality as employed in the higher Spiritual Vitapathic System, which we shall more fully unfold unto you in its practical application in the cure of disease

and prolongation of human life, and thus bless humanity as it has never been blessed before.

NATURE OF SPIRIT.

Spirit, as we have taught before, is an imponderable vital essence, separate and distinct from matter or inert substance. Matter has its distinctive qualities by which we know it, such as size, shape, form, space, weight and inertia, therefore we know what matter *is*, and what it is not: and we have learned too that it is negative and lifeless, and can do nothing of itself, but must be acted upon by something else. And as matter is moved, vitalized, animated, and made alive, we know then that there is (another) something different from matter that does act on or in matter, and that has power to act and do, and therefore this power must be active and living, so that it can act upon and give life to matter. This leads to the investigation and study of this active

LIVING POWER,

that is different from matter, and that acts and moves and does all things. This is certainly a wonderful something, that by common consent is called

SPIRIT,

for everything has to have a name by which to distinguish it from other things.

Our chapter on spirit in our *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATURE* explains more about spirit.

BUT WHAT IS SPIRIT?

WHAT IS IT LIKE AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

This is now the main question to settle. As mankind knows but little about matter, of course less is known about spirit; as we know but little

about the *seen*, how can we know about the *unseen*, and especially as there has been no teachers or intelligence greater or more wise than mankind, and they had to study all out themselves without higher instructions or revelations. No wonder they know so *little*, and suffer so much for want of proper knowledge. The wonder is that under the circumstances mankind knows so *much*. Yes, a great deal has been already learned about matter and spirit, and about the laws of nature governing all things. One drawback and great hinderance to a proper study and a correct knowledge is the misleading of teachers and rulers, who try to keep the common people in ignorance that they may control them more easily. Another impediment to the progress and enlightenment of the people is their habit of always PERSONIFYING every real or imaginary power or cause in nature that they cannot understand, calling these powers good or evil, according to the effects produced or as they imagined them to be, and have their priests and clergy to propitiate them accordingly. Mankind calls many things supernatural, when there is nothing *supernatural*. All is inside of nature, and governed by nature's own omnipotent power of spirit acting through matter by nature's unchangeable law. Spirit is all power, and does all things by its own power without personality or intelligence. Spirit is an unvarying power that acts by its own law, and can do no other way. Spirit is not an individuality or person. Spirit, being principle and not substance, cannot have body, but can be in body and in bodies, as magnetism is in the loadstone and in the magnetic bush, and in other things. Spirit being a diffusive and all pre-vading essence, *not substance*, can be in forms like electricity, can be in the electro-magnet.

Spirit cannot have being or personality, but can be in beings and in personalities, as life is in the animal, and soul in the human; spirit cannot be spoken of as he or she, because it has not personality or sex. Spirit may act through sex, and may be positive or negative in its effects, according to the sex or temperament and condition of the person or substance or thing in and through which it acts and operates. Thus spirit, through a proper conductor, may be made to produce either a positive or negative effect, as its material conductor may be, and as directed and employed by the skillful Spiritual Minister-Physician and High Priest of Vitapathy.

Still we have much to learn and know about spirit and its wonderful power before we can cure disease, prevent death and make man the highest of all beings, immortal and ever living; and to begin we must study spirit as we find it in the air and in the sunshine, as it comes from the sun, the embodiment of all spirit, and learn how to breathe spirit into our lungs and into our blood, and thence through the whole body. We must learn how to collect and concentrate and inhale spirit for our own health and strength, and power and life, and know how to apply spirit power to our patients so that we can cure them of their diseases, and teach them how to take in the spirit of life and keep well. Then as Vitapathic Minister-Physicians we must learn how to concentrate spirit into substances, and use them as conductors of spirit into our patients; and to spiritualize and cure them we must learn how to condense spirit into water, tea, milk and all wholesome drinks, suitable to the particular diseases of our patients. Then we must learn to concentrate spirit into any and all kinds of nutritious foods, *suitable for a well man to eat.*

and use such foods as conductors to convey spirit to our patients as the case requires, always being careful to select such food as would be suitable for a *well* man to take, for remember that a sick man should not take any drink or food that a well man could not take, and no drink or food that would not be either a positive or negative conductor of spirit as the positive or negative condition of the patient and his disease would require. For here on the positive or negative application of spirit, through suitable positive or negative conductors to suit the temperament and diseases of the patient, is the secret of success in disease. For on this "hangs all the law and the prophets" in Vitapathy, and the sure foundation and secret of success of this Spiritual System of Vitapathic Practice, discarding all drugs and using in their stead pure water, refreshing drinks, and nutritious foods, such as well people need, and such as are to be had in every household as the common drinks and foods of every day life, and these must be well spirit magnetized to suit the case, for it is this that makes them curative. Thus spirit and matter work well together, spirit as the active principle, and matter as the conductor. Spirit is the positive mate, and matter is the negative mate. Spirit cannot do without matter, nor can matter do without spirit, and through their proper union comes success.

Vita and the Vitapathic System is a combination of the highest and finest of both spirit and matter; spirit, the power and life, and matter, the substance and conductor, and this union in Vitapathy is a great boon to humanity, and the sooner they accept it the better it will be for them. A blessing that enables them to escape the sad effects of poison drugs and dangerous surgery,

and enables them to be cured easily, quickly and safely, by a better system of practice. See further lessons on the theory of the Spiritual Vitapathic System of Practice, and its success in curing disease after all else has failed.

My pupils and I have and are daily demonstrating the reality and power and use of spirit in curing disease, comforting the afflicted, cheering the broken hearted, enlightening the mind, and setting the captive free, restoring the dying and casting out devils, and, greater than all, in developing the powers of the soul and enabling it to see and know and do many wonderful things while yet in the mortal body, and teaching and enabling it to do still greater things out of or without its mortal body, and finally to make itself in its vital body forever immortal. All this can be done by man through the power of spirit. The fully developed human soul can do it all; and we teach and develop our pupils how to do it. But first we will teach more about this wonderful power known as SPIRIT, and for that purpose we will select a few pages from our former published books on Vitapathy, and from our ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATURE.

NOTE.—We insert here a few pages from our former books for the reason: *First*—Because they express what we want to say here in this connection in continuation of our subject, and make full explanations necessary in teaching the higher Spiritual Vitapathy. *Second*—Because this book and this higher teaching may go into the hands of some who have not read my other books, or heard my full and higher lessons. *Third*—Because we feel and know that too much cannot be said and written on the vast and all-important subject of SPIRIT, and its lessons and explanations cannot be made too plain or be too often repeated; and even though the student of Vitapathy may have read a few pages of this book in some of my former books, yet he has not read them in connection with the New Lessons in this book, and new explanations, throwing new and higher and clearer light on the highest of all subjects, as more fully taught in this last and more complete book.

SERMON

ON THE

HIGHER VITAPATHY,

Which is to Cure all Disease and Preserve all Life,
AND FINALLY PERFECT

HUMAN IMMORTALITY,

All of which will surely be accomplished as soon as mankind learns to use the means and progresses up to this happy condition.

For there is a wonderful and all-sufficient power in nature, operating by its own occult law and living energy; as grand as it mysterious; surpassing the knowledge of untutored intellect; as extensive as the illimitable universe. All space is full of this power, and alive with its omnipotent energy; all nature is full of its manifestations, and reveals its power and presence in everything—every moment of time. It is **HEARD** in the murmuring breeze, in the howling winds, in the roaring ocean, in the quaking earth, and in the pealing thunder; it is **SEEN** in the shining sun, in the glistening stars, and in the flashing lightning; it is **FELT** in the balmy air, in the mineral magnet, in the perfuming vegetable, in the electric eel, in the charming serpent, in the magnetic man, and in the fascinating woman.

This wonderful power has been employed to some extent by the learned, and wise, and brave of all ages—by the African vou-doo, the Chaldean astrologer, the Persian magi, the Hindoo fakir, the Egyptian priest, the Hebrew prophet, and by the wonder-workers of all ages and climes. But it is

only in modern times, and but very recently, that this vast and unlimited power has been known and employed successfully. True, wonderful results had been produced by it in former years, and by those who did not know or understand the power. Much good has been done with it, and some harm, for the vicious and selfish have used it for evil purposes; but the wise and good, the noble and the pure, have employed its sublime powers in doing good, in relieving the needy and distressed, in curing the sick, and in mitigating human woes, and this while its highest powers and the best methods of its application were unknown. It took a long time for humanity to progress up to the comprehension and fullness of the power. They did not nor could they understand the height and depth of this mighty power. It was too high for the limited knowledge of even modern philosophers; with all the light of the ages shining down upon them it was to them still a hidden mystery. Ancient sages and medieval philosophers strove in vain to solve the problem and find the power. It remained for the present-day scientists, with their better knowledge, clearer light, and higher perception, to break the seal, unlock the door of nature, discover the power, and reveal its method of operation. This now has been done, making a plain science of what was an impenetrable mystery, and making its processes so plain that any intelligent man or woman can learn to employ its invincible power with wonderful success, excelling the marvels of the past as far as day excels night.

And greater works than these shall men do if they learn, and know, and use the power.

With it the learned, and faithful, and brave, can control the elements, suspend matter, overcome gravitation, organize worlds, produce and preserve

vegetable, animal, and human life; control the human passions, govern subjects at will, develop the intellect, and expand the powers of the soul; cure disease, prevent death, gain immortality, banish wrong, and bring general happiness into the world. So sure as all in the past has been fulfilled so sure will the future be. And the good time coming, so long looked for, is sure to come, and is already close at hand

The wonderful discoveries and rapid progress in learning and wisdom, and the many remarkable inventions that have been made in the last few years, and that are now being made, all proclaim its coming. The great progress that has been and is now being made in the use of electricity and magnetism proclaims its near approach, and prepares the way for a grander manifestation of vital power that is close at hand, and now coming. Its signs appear. The starry heavens radiate its glory; air and earth throb with its scintillations of living force; intelligent man feels its presence; all nature is ready for its coming, and why should we delay. Prophets have foretold it. Our souls yearn for the good time coming; and the people are looking with piercing eyes, anxious gaze, and longing hearts for the power about to be revealed.

Stand back you doubting, scoffing, unbelieving host—you dead weights of society—who would keep back the blessings in store for our race. Why would you hinder the car of progress, or stay the chariot wheels of power? You have kept it back lo these many years. How long, oh how long, will you prevent its coming and full realization? You cannot prevent it much longer; you have done your worst. The power is now too strong; you cannot withstand it any longer.

But now like intelligent men and women admit

its truth, accept its conditions, and prepare yourselves for its benefits, and listen while I explain to you its possibility, probability, and absolute certainty.

In calling your attention more fully to its nature, and power, and use, I need not lead you through the labyrinthine mazes of ancient myths or modern speculation. Books have been written and libraries filled with histories of wonderful manifestations of an unknown power, which none could explain or tell from whence it came nor how employed. You need not look for it there. You need not wade through the ignorance of the past; nor search through the musty tomes of ancient or modern lore. *It is not there.* Yet to know what the people in the past thought of it and to know their different opinions may be interesting; and we sometimes profit by others' failures. Mankind, commencing low down in the scale of intellect, had to commence low in their conceptions. They thought first that the power came from certain minerals and precious stones; some thought that it was the power of certain vegetables, gums, balsams, oils, and perfumes; some thought that it was the power of the elements, fire, water, earth, and air; some thought that it was the power of certain animals, and worshiped them accordingly; some thought that it was the power of certain gifted humans, or as they supposed more than humans, and they deified them accordingly; some thought *and think* that it is the power of invisible, intelligent beings (perhaps once in the flesh) that do wonderful things for those who subject themselves to their influence; some think that it is the power of some immaterial, eternal, omnipotent being, that does all things according to his own will.

The more people learn the better they will know. What we already know of this power demonstrates to us that it is stronger than steam, swifter than electricity, and more subtle than magnetism. But what this power is, how to get it, and what to do with it, is yet to be imparted in other and higher lessons. Jesus said, even to his advanced students, "I have many things to tell you, but you can not bear them now." The human mind has to be gradually prepared for these higher lessons, and you are not ready for them now.

This much is known of this power : that it is much *higher* than electricity, and much *finer* than magnetism, and when mankind understand it and know how to use it, they will not only cure diseases, but may prevent death and live on indefinitely, especially the highest developed human race may outlive death itself. For as far as we know the perfect in each kingdom of nature attain to perpetual life. The perfected granite is indestructible ; the perfected diamond shines on forever ; and the perfected tree in the cedars of Lebanon lives and grows on forever. They have never been known to die.

And the perfected animal in the fully developed white race may be born so perfect that they will live on as the evergreen cedars do.

From the progress now making in human development, and in the means of human health and longevity, we may expect that some day the faith of Paul and the prophecy of John will be realized upon the earth. I say we may expect it and work for it in faith and in all the fullness of power. And that we may all work together for the good of all humanity, I especially invite physicians, ministers, heads of families, and all who are willing to work for better health, better morals, and longer life on the

earth, to visit me (to-morrow) at my rooms for consultation and preparation. All professors and all sects can work together for the good of all.

We are all parts of one useful whole,
Whether lab'ring for body, mind or soul;
To each his proper task is given—
There should be no sects in earth or heaven.

Let each unto himself be true,
And all good to others do;
We judge people by their deeds,
For Love is holier than creeds.

The difficulty with mankind is that they are always too unbelieving. Jesus said to those around him, and even to his disciples, "Oh, ye of Little Faith. If you had faith even as big as a grain of mustard seed, you could remove mountains." But instead of believing, mankind oppose everything new, and prevent its benefits to the world.

But, my dear hearers, if you will lay down your opposition to new things and take hold and assist to bring them into use, you will soon see what wonders you will perform, and instead of doubting and thinking that I claim too much for this wonderful power, you will soon be willing to exclaim that the half had not been told you, for with this power correctly understood and properly employed and enjoyed, we may be able to swing open wide the gates of life, annihilate disease, prevent death, triumph over the grave, banish wrong, bring peace and plenty, and make earth a paradise, destroy all evils, absorb all good, perfect humanity, gain immortality, and live forever.

This doctrine may seem strange to some of you; but it is strange only because it is new. All new things seem strange, especially to unbelievers. Unbelief is the bane of the human race, and the enemy of mankind. Unbelievers and croakers say

this and that cannot be done, and they condemn everything new, because they do not know its value. They said that stone coal would not produce heat and light; they said that steam could not propel mills, cars, and ships; they said that electricity could not convey intelligence by telegraph; they said that electricity could not produce the "electric light;" they said that electricity could not be made to cure disease; they said that magnetism could not cure the sick, ease pain, and calm the mind; they said that vitality could not restore life and prevent decay. But all these discoveries have succeeded, and their promises have been more than fulfilled, and have exceeded the most sanguine hopes of their most enthusiastic advocates. And now the time has come for another discovery greater than all the rest, and it will as surely come as the other discoveries have come; and as these inferior discoveries have succeeded, so will this superior one more abundantly succeed.

But what shall we call this great power through which we are to do all these wonderful things; this ever-present power, that is always ready to be used in doing good; that is not only around us but is also within us? But still we have not named it, nor does it matter much about a name, as names of the same thing differs in different languages, and the same thing is held in different estimation by different people, tribes and nations. But all, or nearly all, agree that there is a higher power than matter, and if it is not matter, what is it? We believe that the power higher than matter must be

SPIRIT,

And Spirit is found to be an imponderable, vital essence, or principle of life, pervading all space and filling all matter with its living energy and

great power, and acting in and through matter to do all things that are done.

"Spirit Cure" is the highest method of healing the sick. It is the prophetic and apostolic plan. It cures all disease and saves all life when all else fails, and gives to the Vitapathic system its highest powers.

Spirit is the great vital power that forms matter into shape and being, and gives it motion, sensation, instinct, reason, and intelligence, according to the development and refinement of each form of organized matter.

Spirit is in the air, and envelopes us as a cloud, and surrounds us as the dews of night, and as the mists of morning.

Spirit uses oxygen for its conductor, and may be taken in by proper breathing. The first man breathed it and became a "living person;" but by disobedience became subject unto death. But what has been lost by disobedience may be regained by obedience. The obedient to the Laws of Life may live forever, and can say to death, where is thy sting; and to the grave, where is thy victory.

Spirit is always present, and though it may change its quantity and position, it is never destroyed, nor ever loses its power to act through matter, and is always acting through something or somebody.

Spirit is so light that it weighs nothing; so elastic that it can not be measured; so expansive that it reaches everywhere; and travels so fast that it consumes no time; and goes so far that it overcomes all distance; and continues so long that it last forever; and is so powerful that it can do everything; and so full of life that it never dies.

Spirit is condensed in the material body, and formed into a spiritual soul, and, with the body,

makes a living being; spirit gives life and immortality to all beings that continue to breathe it. All beings, however high they may be now, or ever will be, must have originated in this same way.

Spirit is eternal, and will last, and live, and shine in its own radiant glory and vitalizing energy, unconscious of decay or loss of power, after crowns, and sceptors, and empires, and kingdoms, and hoary headed dynasties—*seemingly* entwined with the garlands of eternity—shall have passed away into everlasting forgetfulness; and sword, and spear, and shield shall have wasted away with the corroding rust of time; when rocks and hills shall have melted away like snowflakes in midsummer noon; when planets and stars may have dropped their glittering crowns, and dissolved away into primeval nothingness; and, if possible, all nature be wrapped in a darkness that knows no light forever; and all gross material things be swept away by the devastating breath of ages; and the heavens be rolled up as a scroll, and disappear amid the general gloom of chaotic darkness; and the last loud crash of pealing thunder reverberate through the empty vaults of the universe, sounding the dying requiem of all imperfect material things, then, even then, SPIRIT shall remain the same, unchanged and unchangeable, ever-living vital power, throughout the ceaseless and never ending ages of eternity—still living on, and forever on, in its own fadeless and deathless immortality.

This spirit (*and all spirit*), as great and all-powerful as it is, is not person or personal, or even local, only as it operates in and through material forms.

We have been telling *what* spirit *is*, you now must learn *where* it *is*, and what it does in the cure of disease. Matter you see all around you; but where is spirit? Spirit, though invisible to your outer senses, is everywhere, and in everything in proportion to the capacity of everything to receive and use it. A little in the rock, more in the soil, more in the tree, more in the animal, and more in the human. Its manifestations are seen and felt and known everywhere and in everything. It flashes in the air, it sparkles in the mineral, it blooms in the vegetable, it feels in the animal, it reasons in the human, and shines resplendent in the soul, radiant with immortality and eternal life.

Spirit moves in a mysterious way
Its WONDERS to perform;
It fills us CALMLY every day,
And THUNDERS in the storm

It warms in the sun, refreshes in the breeze,
Glowes in the stars, and blossoms in the trees;
Lives through all life, extends to all extent,
Spreads undivided, and operates unspent.

You all know or can know spirit, for it is to be poured out upon all flesh in these latter days, and you may *now* feel its power.

SPIRIT IS GREAT INDEED!

And does many wonderful things, and we could not live without spirit. But is there anything greater than spirit? Yes, for purposes of life and for human immortality there is. It has been said that we could not live on bread (or matter) alone, but on spirit also. No, we can not live on matter alone; neither can we live on spirit alone. Matter is great and spirit is greater; but as great as they both are neither can act without the other. Their united strength is greater than either alone; but as great

as they both are together they cannot produce and preserve life without something else greater than they both. As an illustration of this fact see matter as fuel in the grate and see spirit in the air passing through it: still there is no motion nor sign of life until blaze is applied to them. Then this blaze is something else from either of them, and shows itself to be greater than them both. Then there is a power greater than matter and greater than spirit that we did not know or think of before.

As great as spirit is known to be there is something still vastly greater. Strange as this may seem to be, it is nevertheless true, and susceptible of full and perfect demonstration; indeed, the fire test that I have just spoken of proves it. But you can learn to see and know it in its higher forms and fuller manifestations. That there is such a power we now know, and that it is the life-sustaining power we also know. Then what shall we call this life-sustaining power that is greater than Matter and Spirit both? As it gives, and sustains, and maintains life, its proper name would be *VITA*, the Latin word for the life-sustaining principle. Then we will call it "*VITA*." It is great because it is composed of Matter and Spirit, both in their purest union and highest powers, and it is greater because it is "*Vita*." Matter has its uses, and Spirit has its power, and *Vita* has its life. Matter gives body to all beings; Spirit gives soul to all beings; but *Vita* sustains body and soul, and will, under proper conditions, preserve them both alive together—forever. We cannot have body without Matter, we cannot have soul without Spirit, and cannot have immortal life without *Vita*, but with it we can have all. Now you have the secret of immortality

MANIFESTATIONS OF SPIRIT.

The manifestations of spirit power are so varied and ample, and so clear and plain, that none need doubt or be in ignorance of its palpable power. Spirit, as a living essence, is in everything in proportion to the capacity of everything to receive and hold it, and it acts in and through matter according to the fineness and the development of material forms, though it always acts through matter. We can distinguish spirit from matter in this way: whatever acts or does anything is spirit, and whatever is *inert* and helpless is matter. Motion may be the lowest manifestation of spirit power. Spirit acting on space sets the atmosphere in motion. The winds are made to blow by spirit power. It makes oceans wave and planets roll. Spirit motion produces heat which is still a higher manifestation of spirit power. Heat itself is principally spirit, and is employed by us in the Spiritual Vitapathic System of Practice to benefit many that are sick. Light is still a further manifestation and a higher grade of spirit power, and has its uses in curing disease. Electricity is a greater manifestation of more active spirit, and exerts wonderful spirit power in curing disease, and in removing mineral, vegetable and animal poisons and effete substances from the human system, and is employed much in the Vitapathic System, instead of *giving* drugs and other poisons as medical material doctors do. Spirit Vitapathy, by a special use of spirit electricity, removes all obstructions and impurities from the human body, and by this cleansing process many chronic invalids can be cured and life saved.

Material allopathy puts poisons into their patients, and Spiritual Vitapathy takes it out, thus

the two systems operate in direct opposition to each other. Allopathy makes sickness, Vitapathy cures it. The allopathic practice, with its poison drugs and indigestible unassimilable crude substances, makes chronic diseases for Vitapaths to cure, and thus gives them plenty of practice, and gets many of the medical doctor's patients, for which the M. D's. curse the V. D's. But the V. D's. might bless the M. D's. for making so much practice for them; V. D's. don't get mad about it as the M. D's. do, oh no, we pity the M. D's. because they don't know better and can't do better.

But to pass on in our lessons of examples of spirit power we come to magnetism, a finer and more subtle manifestation of spirit power, and much employed in our special spiritual way to make wonderful cures, even to restoring the *seeming* dying, long after all drug medical and material remedies have failed.

VITA,

Whose existence and nature and power we have demonstrated, and employed with wonderful success in our Spiritual Vitapathic System of Practice. See our chapter on Vita in our *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATURE*, and see through that and other of our books the proof of wonderful cures we have made by the powers of spirit vita, without any medicine or material substance whatever, and made the cures in some cases almost instantly, after the patient has endured years of suffering, and after all medicine had worse than failed.

DEGREES OF SPIRIT.

Spirit manifests its degrees and grades and quantities, and the proof of its presence and power, in everything, according to the material substance it manifests through. Little in rocks, more in metals,

and even much in the load stone or magnetic iron. It shows its power in pepper, spices, and in all hot vegetables, and its smallness is shown in lemons and other acids. Spirit is manifested in the magnetic bush of Central America, and in the illuminated burning bush of Arazonia and Southern Asia. Higher degrees of spirit are manifest in the animal kingdom as in the charming serpent, electric eel, magnetic man, and fascinating woman, and in some persons more than others according to bodily shape and soul development, and in proportion to the quantity and quality of spirit taken in and used. Spirit comes and does as you receive and use it. All should seek for the most and highest spirit power, seek and ye shall receive and be filled with all the FULLNESS of SPIRIT.

POSITIVENESS OF SPIRIT.

Spirit is the all positive and only power in the universe, and gives positiveness to everything else in proportion to the quantity of spirit received by any person or thing or substance.

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ACTION.

Spirit is the great positive, and is positive to everything else, yet is both positive and negative in itself, that is, it is positive or negative in its effects according to its quantity in any person or thing or substance through which it acts. Thus its actions and effects are strong through positive carbons and spices, and all positive persons and things. And spirit manifests its negativeness or scarcity through lemons and acids, and all negative substances and persons. Thus it is fully adapted to the treatment of either positive or negative diseases, hence its perfect success.

WONDERFUL DISCOVERY,

In which spirit exerts its greatest power and usefulness in curing the sick. Spirit, like electricity, its most active manifestation, can be made to produce either positive or negative effects, as may be desired, through suitable instruments and persons. And magnetism, a milder manifestation of spirit power, can be made to do the same thing. I tested these positive and negative powers and effects at my water cure establishment, in Pennsylvania, in 1854. This great discovery is of the greatest utility in curing diseases of all kinds, and is the main pillar to the Vitapathic System. And now and here I will explain the whole process and processes for the benefit of my pupils.

The primary galvanic current in my "Little Giant," comes from hole 3 (left hand corner), and its negative is hole 4 (right hand corner). The positive current from hole 3 scatters, as is needed in all fevers, swellings and inflammations. The negative from hole 4 draws and pulls out pains, poisons, etc.

In general depletion, as in fever, the positive pole or handle or electrode from hole 3 must be put to the back of the neck, and the negative pole from hole 4 to the bottom of the feet, and better in hot water in a copper foot pan such as we use for our patent electro-magnetic vapor vital warm air bath. And for all special scattering purposes for dispersing all swellings, tumors, etc., it is best to put the positive pole or handle or electrode to the swelled place while the negative pole is at the feet in the copper foot pan with warm water in; a little salt may be added to the water, and sometimes the negative pole may be put to the opposite side of the body from the positive pole or below, on any

convenient place, while the positive electricity or vital spirit from the positive pole is *scattering* the swelling or tumor, while the negative effect of vital spirit is *pulling* the inflammation, etc., out at the negative pole, making the process negative in its effects. Thus we can use vital spirit positively or negatively through electricity from our Little Giant just as we need. Remembering always the positive scatters diseases from, and that the negative draws to and out. This is a valuable discovery in the use of vital spirit through electricity as arranged in our Little Giant, and is of much use in the cure of disease.

Spirit magnetism from the hands of the human operator can be made to operate in the same way, that is, to have either a positive or negative effect as is needed to suit the disease as the case may be, thus treatment can be employed with success in either case. This is the secret of success in vital spirit or magnetic treatment for any disease. I demonstrated this fully in my practice as early as the year 1850, and have been practicing and teaching ever since. When I commenced lecturing and publically demonstrating the power of magnetic healing, in 1849, there were no other public lecturers on vital magnetism, and since when there have been they do not know this wonderful power and use of positive and negative magnetism or spirit, nor do any yet know, only those who have learned it of me or of my pupils. I have told you which is the positive pole, and also which is the negative pole of our Little Giant Vitalizer, and how to use these powers in a proper way to cure the patient, according to the positive or negative character of the disease. And I will now teach you fully about the positive and negative effects of vital spirit magnetism from the human

operator, for the human instrument has a positive and negative pole same as the electric instrument, and can be used in the same way for similar purposes. The right hand is the positive pole, and the left hand the negative pole, except the person is left handed, then all is reversed just as the galvanic current can be reversed. It is the positive polarity that makes the person right or left handed as the case may be, and the currents must be used accordingly. Then the effect of the positive hand laid on a swelled place or tumor will scatter it, and drive it away, and the effect of the negative hand held on a pained place will pull the inflammation out and cure the pain, just as the negative pole of our Little Giant Battery does. In pulling out mineral or vegetable poison or old medicines from the human body, the negative pole of electricity is best; and for pulling out internal inflammations, cancerous poison, etc., to the surface, then the negative pole of the human operator is the best. In using the positive of electricity, a small flat pole or handle may be used *dry* to the place as our handle, but the negative pole used to pull *out* inflammation and pain and poison, etc., should be large and wet, or in water, as in the copper foot pan, or if applying it to other parts of the body a wet cloth may be applied first and then the flat handle, or even a larger copper plate may be applied outside of the wet cloth and the negative flat handle outside of that.

When human magnetism is used the bare right hand should be laid next to the bare skin, but the negative left hand may be wet or have a wet cloth or towel on the bare skin of the patient *first*, and the negative should be to or over the inflamed *place*, and the positive opposite or above, or the right hand of the operator should hold the left

hand of the patient. This last is an excellent way, and will be practically applied in treating disease further along in this book, as well as all methods.

OTHER METHODS.

This same direct current of electricity can be conveniently employed for pulling out (at its negative pole) mineral, vegetable, and animal poisons from the human system, thus removing the cause of many chronic diseases, and also acute complaints.

PROCESS.

Put a bright clean copper sheet plate, moistened with a little warm water, under the bare feet of the patient, and place the negative pole or flat handle under the copper plate on the floor (as the patient sits up); then apply the positive pole of the same direct current to the back of the patient's neck and run the current down through him pretty strong for a half hour or more. In a few treatments the calomel or other minerals will show on the copper plate. This treatment may be continued every day or so for a week or more, until no more mineral comes out, then the system is clean of *that*. There is so much mineral and other poison drugs given to patients by the old doctors, that their patients become full of them and are made chronic sufferers for life, unless by this Vitapathic Electric Extracting Process the poisons are removed, giving the poor sufferer a chance to get well.

VEGETABLE POISONS

given as medicines that remain in the system do much harm, and can be removed in the same way. Thus we can undo the bad work of the poison drug doctors, and let their patients get well, for without

the removal of the poison drugs the chronic invalid would never get well.

ANIMAL POISONS,

such as mad dog bite, snake bite, syphilis, cancer poison, etc., can be removed by the same process, only there should be some salt applied first to the bite and then a thick wet linen cloth on that, or the salt may be put on the cloth and the copper plate above described laid on that, and then the negative pole from hole 4 applied out side of that, while the positive pole from hole 3 is applied to the back of the neck of the patient. This current may run strong for hours, and in poison bites the salt and wet cloth should be renewed every hour or two for several hours, and for syphilis and cancer the treatment may be continued an hour daily until success is certain.

ELECTRIC BUCKET TREATMENT.

For syphilis and other poison sores about the sexual organs and anus, in either sex, it is best to have a wooden vessel, about the size of a common wooden bucket, or a little larger to suit the size of the person, then bore a small gimlet hole in the bottom of the vessel, and put one end of a small copper wire (which should be near two feet long), up through the hole an inch or so, then put a screw in the hole up through the bottom of the bucket or vessel so as to shut the hole tight. The edges of the bucket or vessel should be made smooth and round for the patient, so that he could sit comfortably on it. Fill the vessel about three-fourths full or to about three inches of the top with warm water, (a little salt may be added). Have the patient sit down on the vessel with his bare parts touching the water in the vessel, then

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put the positive pole from hole 3 in the Little Giant to the back of his neck, and the negative pole from hole 4 to the copper wire in connection with the bottom of the vessel. Make a good connection and then run the current down through pretty strong for a half hour or more daily for a week or two. This is an excellent treatment and is a Vitapathic invention altogether, and is ours.

In all cancers and all other poison sores about the female sexual organs this is splendid treatment. The large quantity of water in the vessel makes a good negative receiver for all poisons while the electric current is running. For high up sores about the womb and ovaries, an old fashioned metal vaginal syringe makes a good conductor, with one end inserted in the vagina up against the womb and the other end in the water in the bucket, this reaches the worst cases and cures when all else fails. If the *down* current treatment was continued many weeks on females it might produce some prolapsus uteri, which however could be easily remedied by *up* current treatment after the poison is all removed. The main thing is to get all the poison disease out first, then the patient can get well, but without that she would perhaps never get well. The same Extracting Electric Bucket Treatment is excellent in all rectal diseases.

EXPLANATION OF THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE.

Galvanism, electricity, magnetism, and all processes and manifestations and uses of vital spirit current has a positive effect where the current goes in at, and has a negative effect where it comes out at. Thus for instance in applying it to a human body, the going in current is the positive, and scatters and expands, while the other part of the person's body where the same current comes

out at is the negative pole, and has a negative effect, and pulls *to* and *out*, and has a contracting effect. This holds true of all grades of vital spirit currents, and is a valuable discovery, and is made of much use in the Spiritual Vitapathic Practice, and even in this respect places this system of practice away ahead, and can be applied in the same way to all substances.

ANOTHER USE.

Spirit in quantity, being so positive in power, can be applied with one pole or handle or hand, as the case may be, either through electric substances or batteries or persons. Thus vital spirit can be put into things, or can be taken out as required. All spirit action is positive or negative in its effects in proportion to the quantity of spirit in the substance through which it operates, and according to the POLARITY of the instrument used, and the direction of the current. Thus it can be made to operate positively or negatively as the case needs, and as the skillful spirit minister-physician desires. Thus the most difficult diseases can be cured even after all *medical* means have failed. Spirit power through electricity and magnetism, and laying on of hands, is now fully raised to a science, which can be taught and understood and employed with safety and success in harmony with its own

INVINCIBLE POWER.

We have spent our lifetime and much money in experimenting and finding out this power and its valuable uses for the benefit of mankind. And now, in my seventieth year, I publish and teach it to my disciples, that they may spread its blessing over the world.

STILL MORE.

Spirit power is especially valuable to the physician, healers and ministers, valuable to himself to enable him to diagnose disease, heal and instruct the sick and suffering, and restore the dying, to do all this he must have knowledge and power both, and this he will get from spirit as he needs it. First, he needs to breathe in spirit to get the power, then study its use in curing diseases and enlightening the minds of his patients and hearers, for remember the minister-physician is to

PREACH AND HEAL.

As you go preaching heal the sick, proclaim and demonstrate that the KINGDOM of HEAVEN is at hand, for the time has come and the millennium is near at hand. Be dilligent, the time is short and there is much to do, the harvest is great but as yet the laborers are few. Gird on the whole armor of Vitapathy and full spirit power, and commence now.

BE BRAVE, BE STRONG,

and you will succeed and do much good, and honest intelligent people will bless you, and the angels will sing peace on earth, good will to men. Oh! for brave men and women with intelligence and power to go forth in the

FULLNESS OF SPIRIT,

to heal the sick and preach the gospel of life, as it is in the fullness of Vitapathy, teaching and showing how Vita, life, overcomes Pathy, disease, and cures all and saves all. And this brings us to the contemplation of that grandest of all beings,

THE HUMAN SOUL,

The real man, and the only active living intelli-

gent being in the universe, because he is the highest result and crowning product of spirit acting through matter in its final enfoldment. We ought to study this subject more and deeper and higher so as to really know more about ourselves. Yes we, the soul, should now be studied and understood and known.

KNOW THYSELF,

for thou art the man. All power and all knowledge and all success is yours,—you will finally control all things, banish death and live forever in your vital body, complete in all your parts and powers, while eternity rolls its ample rounds.

In addition to what we have already taught about the human soul, perhaps we had better try to make the subject a little plainer, as the human soul is the prime actor, and the highest intelligent person in the universe, and is to and does control all else besides, and employs spirit power to do what it will as fast as it learns how. Spirit acts through all forms and fineness and perfections of matter, and acts most and completest in the production of the human soul, the highest result of nature's grandest works. The soul begins to form in the fetus, first from the male vital spark, and then continued from the spirit in the mother's blood inhaled from the air by the mother herself, and then when the child is born it breathes in spirit for itself, and builds up its soul as food builds up the body, they both grow together, and live together, and the perfect should continue to live. But as material life is imperfect, yet the intelligent soul may build itself a vital body from the vita in his blood to live in after the dissolution of the imperfect material body, so that the developed soul can live in its vital body forever. And as this grand accomp-

lishment is included in the full Spiritual Vitapathy, we will explain further how it is to be done. This is a spiritual salvation, and the only kind that saves. The intelligent human soul, *the real man* is to save himself by an intelligent use of spirit power; and first to do this he increases soul power by breathing in an *increased* quantity of spirit from the air, which is free to all, then by study and contemplation, and by spirit extacy and trance, and by statuvolence or self-control, and by soul development and spirit power, and by the assistance of good human spiritual magnetism, and by attending circles and prayer and music meetings, and by any religious meeting that can be enjoyed, and especially by the spirit baptism imparted by the Vitapathic Minister-Physician, according to the religious rites of the Spiritual Vitapathic Society. And in the meantime the candidate must prepare himself for the sanctification of spirit endowment by subduing and controlling all his excessive and detrimental animal appetites and propensities, make himself a man in the highest sense. All these lessons and developments are best obtained and effected in the American Health College, where these higher powers are illustrated and bestowed for this purpose. and where the gifts of the spirits are realized.

SPIRIT EMPLOYED THROUGH EVERYTHING,

First in air by inhaling and by condensation; second, through magnetised water, both for internal and external use; third, heat or fire, heat or hot substances; fourth, through our hot air bath; fifth, through sun heat by concentration, and through glass and other reflecting substances; sixth, through light, through radiation and reflection; seventh, through electricity, which is partly spirit itself,

and a quick conductor of spirit; eighth, through human magnetism, which is a mild form of spirit, and can be put into any substance and sent any distance to the patient; ninth, through vita composed of the finest matter and highest spirit in the human blood, and is best applied by the human *touch*, by the laying on of hands, and to corresponding parts of the patient's body as needed. For raising the weak and dying and dead, vital spirit is best applied to the vital organs, lungs and heart, through the mouth and nostrils, by the mouth, as the prophet did to raise the dead boy.

SPIRIT IMPARTATION.

Spirit may be imparted to other persons in different degrees as the operator thinks, and best by the fully instructed and endowed Vitapathic Minister-Physician, as in

PSYCHOLOGY.

While this is or should be really the science of the soul, it often employs spirit without there being any science in it, and without either the operator or the subject knowing how it is done or what is done. Still psychology is a grand process, and a sublime study, and ought to be well understood and properly employed to do good, and not harm. The successful parent, teacher, merchant, politician, general, lawyer, lover, preacher and physician, all use it but may not know it. But as this becomes better known it will be employed more and to do more good; for there is SPIRIT POWER in it, and there is more of the same power in its deeper effects generally known as

MESMERISM.

Wonderful effects have been produced by this manifestation of spirit power employed by skilled

human operators, many diseases have been cured, many lives saved, many bad habits broken up, many persons made better, and many souls developed to a higher plane of life, and much good has been done to many in many ways, and some have been made good

CLAIRVOYANTS,

and some have become clair-audients, and some persons have become so spiritualized and so sensitive that they could *feel* and *sense* and *know* the thoughts and desires of other persons, and could tell past and present, and, to some extent, the future, and could tell many wonderful things. Some can describe things and diagnose diseases with wonderful accuracy, and much good can be done in that way. For through mistaken diagnosis many lives are lost, especially in the medical poison drug practice.

Vitapathy has other sure methods of diagnosis, see our ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATURE. Not all can be clairvoyants, so we have to employ other methods of diagnosis, so that all can learn and practice with success.

MAGNETISM,

or magnetic healing, is still a higher manifestation of spirit, and is a better method of employing spirit in curing disease. Magnetism or magnetising is the impartation of spirit to whatever is magnetized by the magnetizing process, and in this way spirit vitality can be increased in everything in nature, as desired by the magnetizer or operator.

Spirit can be increased in the air by electrical and magnetic processes, and by condensation of spirit from sunshine, and from heat and light, and by the will and desire and vita of the skilled operator.

And spirit can be *decreased* in everything by reversing these methods.

Spirit can be imparted to all suitable substances by heat, light, electricity, magnetism, and by vital spirit from the human hand, making the substance more positive and curative, as may be desired for the cure of negative diseases. And spirit may be extracted from substances, what little there is in them may be removed by making the substances more negative and curative for positive diseases.

Spirit may be removed from any person or locality where it is in excess causing inflammation, fever, swelling or pain. Vital spirit resides mostly in the blood, and therefore wherever too much blood goes, there will also go too much spirit, and may burn and destroy as too much fire would do, and may inflame and vitiate the blood, and may make fevers, swellings, pains, boils, carbuncles, cancers, ulcers and sores, as too much fire heat would do. Like fire and electricity, spirit can kill and make alive.

SPIRIT MAGNETIZING

substances to make them curative. Pure air and healthy drink and nutritious, easily digested food, only should be used to be spiritualized and made curative, and nothing else should go into the human body or be used *internally*. Hot stimulating herbs and spices, and sunshine and fire-heat, *warm* and vitalized air, drink and food, and make them curative for colds and all negative diseases.

Positive electricity from the positive pole of the primary current as from hole 3 of our Little Giant Vitalizer, applied to the substance, makes air, healthy drinks, nutritious foods, and everything very positively curative.

Positive spirit, vital magnetism, applied to the

substance by positive right hand of the operator makes air, drink, food and all suitable substances vital positives, and very curative for all negative diseases. Negative substances can be made more negative, by the application to it of the negative pole of the direct electro galvanic current from hole 4 of our Little Giant Vitalizer, while the positive from hole 3 is touching some other part of the substance or person to which it is applied, and the human hands may be used on the substance or person in the same way the left hand magnetism making that part of the substance or person more negative, and affords good treatment for positive persons and parts who have positive diseases.

POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE,

Spiritualization of remedies and treatment of patients, or parts of patient's body to suit the case, insures to a great extent the success of the Vitalpathic Practice. But to be more explicit we will give instructions in

SPECIAL VITALIZATION

of different things by different processes. To vitalize air, it should be inhaled through our (or some) vital inhaler, in which there is camphor and other vital gums. This is especially beneficial in consumption and all diseases of the breathing organs, and in diseases of the blood and weakness of heart action.

Water, tea, cider, milk, lemonade and all liquids, can be vitalized by heat by boiling them, but better by putting hot iron *into* the liquid; and can be vitalized better by the positive pole of the direct or double electric current from the Little Giant run *into* it for a half hour or more. If we want to vitalize liquids *positively*, the liquid *must* be in a

glass vessel, a *poor conductor*. The positive pole *inside* and the negative *outside* or under the vessel. If we want to vitalize negatively the currents may run the same way, only the vessel holding the water or liquid *must* be of metal, a *good conductor*. In all cases the full power of the battery may be kept running for half hour or more.

HAND MAGNETIZING.

In magnetizing water, etc., positively, have the liquid in a glass vessel or bottle held in the *left* hand, and the liquid *stirred* with a silver spoon or rod or wire, with a rotary motion toward or against the sun, that is towards the left side of the operator, for a few minutes, thinking what you are doing and what you are doing it for with strong magnetic power and will force. If we want to demagnetize negatively, the liquid *must* be in a tin or some metal vessel and stirred with the left hand, with a rotary motion with the sun, that is from the left towards the right side of the operator. All vitalized liquids by any process can be bottled up and wrapped up in non-conducting paper, and kept ready for use. When needed a tablespoonful or so can be put into fresh water, or milk, or tea, or lemonade, and remagnetized and used at that dose. But all liquids and substances are better to be vitalized freshly and fully at the time of using or giving to the patient. The newer and stronger the better.

SUN MAGNETIZING.

Water and all liquids can be put into disc-shaped glass bottles, and placed in the sunshine for hours or days or weeks. The sun shining through red glass makes the liquid more positive, and shining through blue glass makes it more negative.

MAGNETIZING FOODS

and making them curative, can be done by fire heat, and by positive electricity running *into* them from the double current in our Little Giant Vitalizer, similar to magnetizing liquids. And magnetism can be employed on the same principle. Food at the table, just before we eat it, can be vitalized by the

VITAPATHIC BLESSING,

as practiced by all good Vitapaths in their families at the commencement of every meal. By this process of breathing in spirit and throwing out vita we vitalize the food and each other. The

ESSENCE OF FOOD

can be concentrated into pills, pellets, globules, lozenges, salves, plasters, etc., and vitalized and made the best of curatives, far surpassing all drug medicines. All have heard of the old doctor who made wonderful cures with his "bread pills." It was not imagination, but was *real* vital treatment, and cured *real* diseases after the patient had been pronounced incurable by medical doctors. The old doctor magnetized his bread pills by rubbing them in his hands.

VITALIZING SOLIDS.

Electricity from pole or hole 1 of the double current in Little Giant can be run *into* any solid substance, while its negative from hole 4 is touching some distant part of the same substance. Persons can be vitalized on the same principle.

MAGNETIZING SOLIDS.

Any concentrated positive food substance can be made into any shape and positively vitalized and

magnetized by the vitapathic physician's *right* hand rubbing and rolling treatment, and made very curative for negative diseases. And concentrated negative food substances, can be made into any suitable shape and negatively treated by being rubbed and rolled with the physician's left hand. Any of these positive or negative pills, pellets, globules or lozenges, can be thus prepared and kept in glass bottles or in paper boxes ready for use, and may be sent by mail to distant patients. In bad acute diseases it is better for the Minister-Physician to remagnetize and spiritualize the remedies anew as he gives them to his patient, thus a power and blessing goes with them.

SUN POWER.

In vitalizing these prepared concentrated food substances with spirit from the sun, they should be put in or on glass and placed on the window sill *inside* of a tightly closed window, close to the glass so that the sunshine can reach them through the glass; this may be continued for hours or days. Patients can be sun-spirit-vitalized in the same way for paralysis, and all debilities.

POSITIVE FOODS.

Butler, cheese, fats, oils, nuts, pepper, ginger, mustard, cinnamon, allspice, etc., are all positive foods, and can be vitalized and made very curative for negative diseases, according to Vitapathic principles. A little of the finer oils and higher spices can be added to sugar or other positive food substance and made into pills, or pellets, or globules, or lozenges, and vitalized by our processes, and make better remedies than even the old doctor's "bread pills." Or any of the above positives can be vitalized and taken with other food at meals to

suit the temperament and disease of the patient; always remembering the old adage "What is one man's meat may be another man's poison." This shows the great necessity of always selecting the proper kind of food to suit the patient's case. This is the secret of

FOOD CURE.

Food, properly selected, and vitalized to suit, will cure disease when all drug medicines have failed; and yet this selected and vitalized food treatment, as valuable as it is, is only a small part of the Vitapathic Practice. No drugs, nor any substance that is not digestible and nutritious, should ever enter the human stomach.

NEGATIVE FOODS.

Lemons, strawberries, gooseberries, and all acid fruits, are negative foods, and can be treated negatively to suit any positive disease, and are very valuable in any bilious or inflammatory diseases. Cabbage, cucumbers, watermelons, etc., are negative foods, and, when properly prepared Vitapathically, make excellent curative negative food for all positive diseases, and is excellent in all fevers and inflammations. Cabbage, slaw and sourkraut, are excellent negative foods for fevers. I have cured bilious and typhoid fevers in one treatment-meal with cabbage slaw warmed in water and vinegar, and raw sourkraut has done as well; large quantities may be eaten by fever patients.

NEGATIVE DRINKS

Made from the above acid fruits, and prepared according to Vitapathic principles, are very curative in positive and bilious diseases. Lemonade, and all acid drinks, should be prepared without sugar

or any positive substances in them, as that would neutralize their negative effect.

CATHARTIC DRINKS.

Strong lemonade with salt in, instead of sugar, will act as a safe and mild cathartic in all bilious conditions. Our distilled hamamelis, say three ounces to one ounce of glycerine, well mixed; a tablespoonful at a dose makes a good cathartic.

CATHARTIC FOODS.

Rye flour mush or gruel, eaten with New Orleans molasses, opens and keeps open the bowels, and it is a very good curative food in inflammatory dyspepsia and all internal inflammations. Figs, and other *loosening* foods, answer well to regulate the bowels when too costive, and so does cracked wheat.

BINDING FOODS.

Cheese is binding, and so is black pepper, allspice, etc. No drug medicine is ever needed either to loosen or to bind the bowels, or in any way to regulate them, and should not be taken in any case.

PLASTERS, POULTICES, ETC.

Home-made plasters, poultices, etc., can be made by any family, out of ingredients and food substances generally used in any family, and can be vitalized to suit the case. Mustard, mixed with wheat flour wet with water or molasses, makes a good positive plaster to apply to any *aching* part of the body. Borax and rye flour wet with vinegar makes a good negative plaster for severe pains. Ground flax-seed, wet with warm water or milk, makes a good poultice to *draw* and open a bealing of any kind. Slippery elm bark poultice is good

for high inflammations. Powdered sassafras bark poultice is good for gangrene and mortification.

HOT APPLICATIONS.

Heat applied any way to an aching part or even to a pain from colds is good. Hot water may be applied with a woolen, or any cloth, wrung quite dry out of very hot water, and applied to the place needed, and renewed often. And a better way to apply hot water is in a rubber bag or bottle, the water can be put in very hot, and will hold heat for a long time, and is a very convenient way to apply heat, and is very beneficial. Dry heat may be applied by hot irons or bricks or stones, or even blocks of wood, and better still with hot soap stone. Heat shining out direct to the bare back is excellent for lumbago or cold in the back, or indeed in any part of the body, Heat is life and is good for any cold or any negative condition.

HOT AIR

can be breathed through a long metal tube, the *large* end from the patient, and the *small* end in his mouth, while the tube inhaler is held over a large lamp, making heat enough to heat the air as the patient *inhales* it through the tube. This warm air is excellent for consumption and asthma, and all debilities of the lungs and air passages.

MAGNETIC PELLETS.

Made of sugar or sugar of milk are very concentrated food, and can be made very vital and curative by concentrating sunshine on them *inside* of a closed window, and also by a current of electricity running into them from the double current of the Little Giant. And better still by being magnetized in the physician's hand. To vitalize

them *positively*, hold a few of the pellets in your right hand for a minute or so, putting on the power; and to prepare them *negatively*, hold a few of them at a time in your left hand for a few minutes. Thus the physician can prepare food pellets as he needs them and to suit the disease of the patient, and by his vital spirit magnetism, and with his *knowledge* and *desire* and *will* direction, he can make these simple food substances very curative, and will satisfy those sick persons who think they must have some medicine, and must take something. A good size for these sugar pellets is about No. 40 to 60, as are kept at Homeopathic Medicine Stores. These pellets and all pills and lozenges can be further vitalized in an instant as you pick up one at a time between your thumb and finger, to put them into a small paper box or phial ready for your patient's use. With your will and desire throw in spirit vita, and you will make them much more curative than are drug medicines, and perfectly harmless. There is a wonderful curative power in these concentrated food curatives when they are properly prepared, fully vitalized, and rightly administered. Here is the silent wonder-working power of spirit, manifested in a very successful manner in the cure of disease. It is best to let the pellets dissolve in the patient's mouth one at a time an hour or more apart, and longer in mild cases and in old chronic complaints. Or one pellet or lozenge may be dissolved in milk or tea or water, or in any suitable liquid, and then taken by the patient. If these are dissolved in water or milk or tea, the solution can be magnetized by the Vitapathic Physician to suit the particular diseased condition of the patient, and with each dose thus vitalized the physician conveys spirit and his own wonderful healing magnetism and VITA direct to the patient.

Just put on the power and the cure will soon be made.

OTHER METHODS OF CONVEYING SPIRIT.

The letters we write are vitalized with vital spirit magnetism as we write them to our patients, thinking about their disease and its location, and *telling* the patient to wear this magnetized letter on the part of his body diseased as long as the letter will last, and that this will keep up the connection between doctor and patient and a continuous treatment, and they will be much benefitted. This with other treatment and vital remedies will help the cure very much. Silk handkerchiefs well magnetized by holding the end of the *long* folded silk handkerchief in your *left* hand, while you make magnetic passes with the right hand, rubbing on the handkerchief from left to right. This

MAGNETIZED HANDKERCHIEF

can be worn around the throat or on any part of the patient needing it. Any garment can be vital magnetized to suit, and worn on the part of the body needing treatment.

MAGNETIC PLASTERS.

Any good adhesive plaster can be magnetized same as the silk handkerchief, and worn on the diseased place. Any adhesive plaster, anything that will stick to the body three or four weeks, and hold the magnetism, will do if it has cayenne pepper or some hot spices mixed in it, then magnetized *positively*, makes excellent vital treatment for all weakness and debilities. Any adhesive plaster with cooling substances in it and magnetized *negatively*, and applied to an inflamed or swelled or pained part of the body, will help it very much. Healthy persons full of vital magnetism are throw-

ing it off all the time, even unconsciously, and when they do it knowingly and for a purpose can throw it off much more, and do much good to the sick and suffering.

MAGNETISM IN STOCKINGS.

Even the stockings we wear are full of magnetism, and if turned *inside* out and worn at night around the neck or any part of the body will have an effect accordingly. The stocking sole from the right foot will have a positive effect, and that from the left foot will have a negative effect, thus either one can be used as needed. Wonderful is the unconscious power of spirit magnetism.

VITAPATHIC GYMNASTIC

exercise is excellent in many diseases, but should never be violent or straining to any part of the body, and should never be carried to excess so as to tire or exhaust the person, and should be especially gentle and mild in cases of consumption and heart disease, and internal weakness and diseases of the vital organs. Gentle stretching and rubbing of the muscles of any part of the body is good; walking and running is also good, but jumping or heavy lifting is not good. All gymnastic

MAGNETIC EXERCISES

should be by the person himself, or by some persons, and not by machinery. Whether the patient rubs himself or whether some other person does it, it should be done by the bare hand, and the more vital magnetically the better. In fevers and positive diseases, the doctor should rub and make passes down from head to feet of the patient as he lays on the bed, keeping his left hand *below* while he is making passes down with the right hand, and

to do this properly he should stand or sit to the left side of the patient; this may be continued for nearly a half hour or until the fever has abated. The patient and doctor both should drink lots of cold water before commencing treatment. In treating paralysis and all debilities the doctor should be to the right side of the patient, with his left hand above and make passes up, and make the power work up, and both the patient and the doctor should breathe in lots of air before and at the time of treatment, and the treatment should be continued longer in bad cases. Holding the weak patient by each hand for a few minutes is good at the commencing of the treatment, and holding your right hand to the back of the patient's head and neck, with your left hand on the lower part of his forehead a while is good, controlling him magnetically before commencing the general upward passes. And when the full treatment is ended (for that time), have the patient get up and exercise himself, and especially to exercise the parts that need it most, while you cheer and encourage him *to be well*. These exercises at that time under your psychological spirit power are very essential to a cure, and he is his own *gymnast*, assisted by you. And now I will teach you still another way in which the patient can help himself to get well by doing

THREE THINGS AT ONCE.

Many persons suffer with rheumatism and neuralgia as well as apoplexy and congestion, because their blood does not circulate right, or by too much blood being in some places and not enough in other places. There is a lack of balance and equilibrium of the vital forces in the blood, which need proper gymnastics to restore a proper cir-

culatation and consequent health. The worst case of this kind that I ever had was one Daniel Corbin, whose case has been published before and copied from the weekly paper published in his city all unknown to me. I have never even known the editor, but I want to mention the case here so as tell you just how it was done. Mr. J. H. Clark, whose father and wife and himself were my patients, and had sent for me to go six hundred miles to attend them. The second day after my arrival at his home, and had relieved the sick ones there, Mr. Clark drove me in his carriage ten miles to see his friend Daniel Corbin, who by a sun-stroke and a fall off of a high building, was nearly killed, some eight years before my visit; his head on which he fell was so injured, and the rush of blood there was so great, and the concussion so terrible, that he never recovered, but remained a helpless, hopeless invalid ever since the injury. All medical skill those eight long years had failed to even relieve him, and life seemed fast ebbing out. The blood thrown out of balance by the terrible fall and concussion still remained so, rendering life miserable and death preferable. This was his hopeless condition when Mr. Clark kindly took me to the sufferer's house on a warm summer day, but he was not in his house, his place of eking out his miserable life was outside of his house to the north side in the shade, sitting on a big chair with hot irons to his cold feet and hands to keep them warm, while large blocks of ice some two feet square surrounded his head, and his dear wife constantly fanning him with a big fan made of five large palm leaf fans tied on a cane, with which she was fanning him, to keep the heat as much as she could down from his head. It was indeed

A DESPERATE CASE.

Mr. Clark talked to him a while first, but the helpless sufferer had doctored so much and tried so many things in vain that he was hopeless, but he finally consented to let me try. I then talked to him kindly and hopefully, using my vital spirit power on him and told him to breathe strongly; finally I took him by both hands a few minutes, still further to put on my vita, then I made passes near his head and got him in good condition before I touched his head, for he was very sensitive there and could not bear to be *touched*. But finally I touched his head very lightly, all the while making passes down from head to feet and throwing on my will power. Then I had him slap his hands together to *warm* them, then I had him stamp his feet. He began to feel better and to get confidence in the treatment. Then I had him raise up on his feet; the family was alarmed at my request to him to raise up as he could not do that before without fainting, but no faint now, I had him stand up and do

THREE THINGS AT ONCE.

I had him breathe and slap his hands and stamp his feet *all at the same time*. I did the same so as to show him how, and to make him do as I did through the power of imitation, which he did successfully, and the eight-year helpless hopeless invalid was brought to life and health and power that very hour, all by the power of spirit properly employed, as in the HIGHER SPIRITUAL VITAPATHY. No medicine or material substance was used in the cure, ALL WAS SPIRIT POWER. No drug medicine or mere material substance could ever have made the cure, all such had been tried before. This cure was made in one treatment, and the man has been

entirely well ever since. For editorial statements of these facts see our other publications. I only mention it here so that you may know how it was done, and that you may do likewise.

No such remarkable cure, according to history, was ever made by any person in any part or age of the world, and the main visible process was by the laying on of hands by spirit power, and by the patient doing three things at once, as in the better

VITAPATHIC GYMNASTICS.

And this treble exercising treatment will benefit in so many diseases, that all Vitapaths should understand and use it whenever needed. It is good for laziness, *try it*.

WONDERFUL IS THE POWER OF SPIRIT, even when employed through air, drinks and foods, and still more wonderful when properly employed through electricity, which so astonished John Wesley, the founder of methodism, when witnessing some of its curative effects, that he exclaimed that electricity was a thousand medicines in one; and how much greater is it now when science has developed better instruments and better methods of using this heretofore mysterious agent.

And still more wonderful is the power of spirit when employed through human magnetism, now that its best methods have been discovered and made available. And to know that spirit through magnetism can be put into everything, and employed in so many ways to cure disease and prevent death. That the Vitapathic System excels all other systems as much as day excels night; and then still more wonderful is the

POWER OF SPIRIT,

when employed through VITA, by which spirit can

not only cure disease, prevent death, but can actually raise the dead. And greater still is the

POWER OF HIGHEST SPIRIT,

which can save body and soul alive together, and make man immortal. And spirit can be employed in so many ways, and through everything and through every person, man and angel, that there is no end to its power and success.

ANOTHER CURE.

For your instruction I will refer to one or two more wonderful cures so as to show you how it was done. I will take well-known cases, which have been published in the newspaper, and been verified by multitudes of witnesses.

SPINAL PARALYSIS,

such as the helpless and hopeless case of Dr. S. D. Grimes, of Kalamazoo, Michigan. (See his wonderful cure and that of many others in my former books, copied from editorials in newspapers, published in cities where the cures were made.) As the account has already been published, I will only very briefly tell you how the cure was made. I was called to see him as he lay helpless on his bed; I spoke to him kindly and stood at his bedside. I breathed in spirit from the air, and had him do the same, then placed my right hand on the back of his head and neck, and my left hand on his forehead above his eyes. I gave him power with my right hand to his back brain and upper spine, just where the seat of physical life is located, and with my left hand I controlled his thought and individuality, and suppressed his mental power, made him my subject, then I moved my right hand down his spine by stops and

starts, pressing and putting on the power. Then I put both my hands on his bare back, keeping my left hand above until I had treated his spine the whole length with vital spirit power. The whole treatment lasted about a half an hour. I then told him to get up, but as that had been one of the impossibilities he thought he could not, but I commanded him to rise, holding him by the hands he obeyed and got up on his feet, still holding me by the hands. I then told him to let go and stand alone, which he did; then I told him to look at me and walk as I walked, which he did, and followed me into different rooms and out on to the porch, etc., and he has been able to walk ever since, to the astonishment of himself and all who knew him. You will know now how to do likewise, and greater work than these shall you do if you know how, and put the power into use.

I have cured some cases of paralysis in ten minutes: go and do better. And all spirit power and my blessing, and all blessings shall be with you always, VITA. AMEN.

PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL EDUCATION.

BODY AND SOUL CULTURE.

Now that it has been discovered, demonstrated, and established that man is a dual or double organism, and each has its part to perform in the phenomena of life; the *material* body and the *spiritual* soul has each its labor to do, and can do that labor with a success and benefit in proportion to physical and spiritual ability, and that ability is in proportion to education and training. It being well-known that matter composes the physical part or body, and that spirit composes the mental part or soul of the dual man, then we are to learn the nature and use of each part if we want to be successful in life, hence the necessity of a proper education for both. All previous education has been founded and conducted in ignorance of the material and spiritual dual nature of human beings, therefore the education has been wrong, and worse than useless in many respects, and there is need to commence anew on a proper basis, recognizing the duality of man. This being understood, and its great need apparent, it is time to commence, and as we are the nearest to and know most of the material, physical life, we will begin our labors in physical education. All that aids in giving health and strength, and dexterity to the body, or its organs, is physical, and benefits the physical man. And this education is, or should be, natural, and not artificial; cultivate nature and natural methods of doing everything as our natural wants demand, commencing with the first act of life in the new born infant.

BREATH.

The first thing it does is to breathe, and even here assistance, education, and cultivation are

needed, for life depends upon proper breathing. All obstructions should be removed from the nostrils and throat. The infant should be put in the best condition to breathe, have the purest air, warm in temperature, and should be watched and assisted to breathe full breaths; and, as the child becomes older, it should be educated to FULL breathing, and taught to cultivate a full, strong, healthy breathing, so as to fill the lungs and expand the chest. The great trouble with most people, and the main cause of consumption and all kindred diseases, is that they do not take in enough of pure air at each breath, and do not expand their chests enough while growing. It is wonderful how the cells of the lungs, as well as the chest, can be enlarged by condensing air into them by full and strong inhalation; and this is what is needed in all persons, and here is the main secret and source of life and longevity.

BREATHE AND LIVE

Is the main admonition and true process of life; to breathe right is the main basis of life. It is air that fills the lungs and expands the chest, and all persons need a much larger lung capacity than they have. The more air the more power, and consequently the more life, just as more steam gives more power and motion to the engine. And as air is the conductor for vital spirit, which gives and sustains life, and as much more vital spirit is needed to give better health, to cure the sick and to prevent death, all can see the absolute necessity of increased and proper breathing, and all people must be educated up to proper breathing. This important matter should be fully explained to every person. Teaching them how to breathe and live is the

TRUE GOSPEL OF LIFE.

OTHER PHYSICAL WANTS.

The next important act after breathing is drinking.

DRINKING.

Pure water supplies the necessary oxygen to the blood, and through that to the whole body. All oxygen drinks and foods may be included in the process of supplying oxygen to the human system, but pure water is the best, and this the physical being needs as soon as it is born. Water is needed to wash out the mouth and to cool the throat and stomach, and to allay fever and supply oxygen as is needed, a little water should be put in the mouth of the infant often, and continued while it is cutting teeth, to cool and ease the fevered gums. Cool water, not cold water, should be drank frequently during life, and should be drank in large quantities in all fevers, and especially in the highest stage of fever as it occurs in the after part of the day and evening. And water should be applied *enough* to wash and cleanse the whole body, but no more water should be used than enough to cleanse, unless there is much inflammation or fever to subdue. People bathe too much and in too much water, which depletes them, and does them more harm than good. Water is negative and very depleting, and too much does harm. Water puts out fire, and that is all very well, but water drowns too. Water even in common bathing *puts out* the fire of life, washes away vitality, and strength, and power, and life. There is more danger in bathing much, than there is in bathing little or not at all. Many too careful mothers and nurses bathe infants and children too much, bathing the life out of them, they finally sicken and die. Much

of this is done, causing a great slaughter of the innocents. Better let them be dirty; dirty children generally are the healthiest, grow up the strongest and best, while overwashed children sicken and die, or if they live, are poor puny weakly creatures, a misery to themselves and a burden to their friends. There is a man living said to be one hundred and thirteen years old, who, as he says, never washes, not even his hands or face, he don't even get wet in the rain, yet water is a great thing and he drinks plenty of it, and that is the best way to take it. Take water straight, no dilutions or adulterations. Milk is a great drink because it is nutritious, and new milk warm from the cow contains a great deal of vital life, and is drink and food both for consumptives.

FURTHER PHYSICAL WANTS.

Next after breathing and drinking is to learn how to eat right, and what to eat, and when and how to eat; and here in eating is more ignorance, worse error, and greater injury to health and life than even the best educated people would suppose. Much has been said, written and printed on processes of eating, and methods of cooking, but nearly all to no purpose. Nothing in books or methods of eating for "Good Health" heretofore published, explains or does justice to the subject, because the authors do not consider the temperament of the person, or the positive or negative character of the disease to be cured with proper food, nor do they explain or classify foods into positive and negative, and their effects and use *accordingly* in promoting health, etc. In this omission the cook and diet books are entirely inefficient and useless, and sometimes injurious.

FOODS,

To prevent and cure disease, must be selected and prepared, and taken understandingly according to their positive or negative nature and effect in health and disease, and especially must they be suited to the positive or negative temperament, nature, and condition of the person, and according to the positive or negative nature and condition of the disease he may have, these are the essential points and necessary methods of using positive or negative drinks and foods in the cure of any disease; and then these drinks and foods so selected, and then positively or negatively vitalized according to the Vitapathic methods of vitalization, and administered accordingly, they become indeed the real curatives and supporters of human life. And in the proper use of positive and negative vitalized air, drink, and foods consists the whole maintenance and perpetuation of all life, and this, with full spiritualization, as taught in the great Vitapathic System, is the source and foundation of all health, happiness, and

PHYSICAL IMMORTALITY,

Which is sure to come if humans learn to breathe and drink, and eat right, and obey all the laws of life, and supply all the *needed* wants of their being. Here in this

SCIENCE OF LIFE

And only all-sufficient plan of salvation is the open door to human immortality, when, through the aid of progressive intelligent man, nature will surely complete its perfect work, and so spiritualize the finer vital human body, that the purified man will live on and ever on in his own fadeless and deathless immortality.

PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL DISEASES.

As man is composed of both matter and spirit, both conditions are liable to impairment, and suffer what is called disease. Each disease needs, therefore, to be diagnosed correctly, and treated successfully, in order to produce the best health and highest happiness; and first of all it is needed to be known what disease is, and its different kinds and qualities, and intensities.

PHYSICAL DISEASES

Are known by their action and effects on the physical or material part of man. Any action that affects harmfully any part of the material body is physical disease. It may manifest itself in the bones, in pains or aches, or in deadness or decomposition of the bony structure; or the unhealthy action may show itself in the ligaments, tendons, etc., producing inflammation and pain, or coldness and contraction, causing lameness, etc., etc. All these are *visible* signs and known to be physical; then the action may be in the muscles and flesh generally, producing inflammation, swelling and pain, and then into open running sores, suppurating and discharging fetid, decomposed matter; these effects are still more visible in physical disease, and are clearly known to be physical. Fevers, inflammations, etc., are known to be physical, and are classed as physical diseases; scarlet fever, measles, small-pox, etc., are all physical diseases, as they affect the flesh; tetter, ring-worm, rash, pimples, boils, carbuncles, abscesses, buboes, chancres, cancers, etc., are all physical diseases, and so are leucorrhea, gonorrhea, and suppurating sores all physical diseases, and affect the material part of the human being. Stings, bites, cuts, wounds, and injuries are all physical, as they affect the physical

part of man—the physical body. This large array of diseases might seem to take in and include all diseases and complaints that mankind is subject to, but it does not, for there are

SPIRITUAL DISEASES,

And many of them, too. These spiritual diseases have spiritual causes and spiritual effects, and must be diagnosed and remedied. Though spirit may be and is a pure vital essence, a living principle, that is in the air and everywhere, and gives life and health to all living things, yet it often has to pass through foul air and corrupt channels, and may be rendered impure thereby. And there may be deficient breathing and other obstructions to the free passage of vital spirit to the patient's blood, causing weakness and debility to the vital organs from want of vital spirit power. These all are spiritual diseases, and of course need spiritual treatment; then from over-work of any organ or part of the body, exhausting the supply of vital spirit, produces spiritual disease, and requires spiritual treatment by increasing the supply of spirit force. Weakened sight and hearing, smelling, tasting, and feeling, all belong to this class of spiritual deficiencies, and can be cured only by spiritual treatment.

Weak voice, weak lungs, and *especially* weak heart action, is a spiritual disease or deficiency. And so with weak action of the liver and stomach, and kidneys and bowels, and other internal organs, all is caused by a deficiency of vital spirit to give force and action to the functions of these organs. And especially is prolapsus uteri. and all seminal and sexual weakness, spiritual disease, from a deficiency of that great and only

VITAL AGENT

Therefore spirit treatment, that will increase spirit power in all these organs, is the only sure REMEDY.

Then there is a large class of what is known as mental weakness. Any degree of mental weakness, from the mildest derangement to the most extreme insanity, is spiritual disease, and needs spiritual treatment to suit. And then the immoral habits and propensities, resulting in all kinds of crimes; whether these may be hereditary or acquired, or originate in excess or deficiency, or imperfect circulation or regulation of vital spirit force, whatever may be the condition or result, all is spiritual disease, and needs proper spiritual treatment *accordingly*, and that according to the principles of Spiritual Vitapathy.

Humanity needs more and more of spirit physicians to cure them of disease and wrong conditions and propensities, and prepare the race for the millennium, and may all good people hasten the day.

My pupils and I have and are daily demonstrating the reality and power and use of spirit in curing disease, comforting the afflicted, cheering the broken hearted, enlightening the mind, and setting the captive free; restoring the dying, and casting out devils; and, greater than all, developing the powers of the soul, enabling it to see and know and do many wonderful things while yet in the mortal body, and teaching and enabling it to do still greater things out of, or without, its mortal body; and finally to make itself, in its vital body, forever immortal. All this can be done by man through the power of spirit. The fully developed soul can do it all; and we teach and develop our pupils how to do it. But first we will teach more about this wonderful power known as VITA, and for that purpose we will select a few pages from our former published books on Vitapathy, and from our ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATURE.

SOURCE OF VITA.

The sun being the fountain of spirit, throws out its spirit essence into the earth's atmosphere, and, changing into electricity, penetrates our earth; then going from the equator to the poles it changes to magnetism, and then becoming negative from having used up and lost its vital spirit, it goes back to the positive sun in rivers of magnetism, there to be re-vitalized and changed into vital spirit again, thus keeping up a constant supply of spirit and thus keeps on unexhausted and inexhaustible forever. This vital spirit of life in the air is breathed into humans through their lungs into their blood, vitalizing it and making a finer, more vital VITA in the human blood, and forms the pure living vita which is composed of the highest spirit and finest spiritualized, humanized matter in the blood. This vita, being composed of spirit and matter both, is double, and is both positive and negative in itself, and is therefore all-living and all-powerful, and is the living protoplasm from which the vital body is made for the ever-living, intelligent, spiritual soul to live in, here and hereafter, independent of the physical body. All persons begin to build up this vital body within them when they first begin to breathe and eat, and by learning how to breathe spirit sufficiently and eat properly, can build up their vital body faster and better and stronger, and thus provide for a full immortality, and for a stronger, more intelligent and purer soul. The soul being composed of spirit and not substance, has to have a body to live in to give it form and individuality, otherwise it would dissolve and go back to the fountain of spirit and lose its individuality, and be no more a sentient, conscious being.

The soul, having supplied itself with an indestructible vital body, can live in it forever with or without the physical body, making its immortality complete and eternal.

The soul itself and its vital body is in size and shape, and looks like its physical body; "they all know as they are known." The soul while in the body lives in the blood, and extends to all parts of the body in and through the blood. The soul's centre and throne is in the heart, and extends to every part of the body through the blood, giving life to all parts, and from vital blood builds up all parts of the body, but when there is no vital blood there is no physical life, but the soul may live on in its own vital body forever, and may go out of the physical body under favorable circumstances and return again.

NATURE AND POWER OF THE SOUL.

The soul is flexible and elastic, and may increase or diminish its size at pleasure, and may change in appearance its color and sex, and may, in its vital body, leave the physical body and go long distances or anywhere, and do almost anything, leaving the physical body behind breathing in more spirit and vitalizing the blood, and making more vita to renew the strength of the soul when it comes back; and generally the soul has to come back often to regain power as the souls of materializing mediums have to do. The soul generally leaves the body in a deep sleep or trance, but can and does sometimes leave the body temporarily in a seeming normal or wakeful state, and when out of its physical body and in its vital one can and does do many wonderful things, which some attribute to disembodied souls or spirits.

The soul in its vital body leaves from the heart,

its central seat and blood home, through the left side, and passes off leaving a vital connection, like a silver cord seen by clairvoyants, and as I have seen many times. This vital silver looking cord keeps up the soul's connection with the body so that it can come back again, otherwise it could not come back, and the separation would be final. The soul, when out in its vital body, can make itself visible or invisible by increasing or diminishing the density of its vital body, and can make itself resemble any person or animal, large or small. The soul being the epitome of the universe and the highest of intelligent beings, can represent anything and everything it chooses, and can do everything that is done, and can be seen and heard and felt and made known, and, being a spirit in its vital body, can and does, no doubt, produce all the various spiritual manifestations and materializations known at the present day, and can represent other spirits and make himself look like them, and can see and describe, and name them, and can collect and convey much intelligence about them. The soul, fully developed in its vital body being the highest product of nature, can do everything that is done.

Who can limit the powers of the human soul?

STRANGE POWER.

I, my soul in its finer vital body, have temporarily left my physical body and gone many miles away and visited friends and patients, and administered to their health and spiritual wants. I have received many letters from persons at a distance (who had not expected me, so there could not have been any expectation or imagination in the matter), stating that they felt and saw and heard me *there*, and were conscious of receiving treatment of me. One instance I will relate: A lady

patient suffering with internal cancer, who was, at the the time, six hundred miles away, and was suffering intense pain in the cancer. Doctors there had been called in to relieve her, but all efforts failed, and they had left her at midnight to die. Just then, in her agony she cried out in the energy of her soul and said, "I wish Dr. Campbell were here to lay his hands on that terrible pain." Just then, as she and her attendants attest, in came Dr. Campbell through the bolted door, and was seen there in my vital body, and went to the bedside of the patient, and laid my hands on the pained place and removed it entirely, and the lady went to sleep and slept soundly until morning. The lady patient afterwards came to my Sanitarium, in Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio, and was cured entirely, and now lives healthy and happy.

ANOTHER CASE.

Old John Brown, of San Barnadino, California, who was very sick and supposed to be dying, had a letter written to his friend, Col. D. M. Fox, of Ottumwa, Iowa, requesting him to get me to send (or take him) my best vital soul treatment, or he would die. Col. Fox wrote to me immediately, requesting me to attend to his friend, John Brown, *three thousand miles away*. That same night I, in my vital body, with other souls, went to John Brown, in California, and treated and cured him that same hour. John Brown, himself, wrote to his friend, Col. Fox, and to me, about this circumstance; that on a certain date, and which date corresponded with the date of my answer to Col. Fox, in which I promised that I would attend to his sick friend that very night; and at that time our promised visit there was unknown to both Col. Fox, (one thousand miles away) and to John Brown

(three thousand miles away), for my written answer had not left my office yet. But we went to John Brown that *same* night and healed him, and John Brown himself writes afterwards to Col. Fox and to me that he had seen and heard and felt us, and that we treated him and restored him to health that same hour. He got perfectly well and still lives. A partial account of this wonderful cure was published afterwards by Col. Fox, in his weekly paper, and read by thousands (and I have visited and cured hundreds in this way); but will not take up your time with further accounts of my soul visits to patients and friends, far and near, but will now relate some visits that other human souls have made, for your further consideration. It is a matter of veritable testimony that not long since a certain sail vessel was crossing the Atlantic, on its way to New York, and when in near mid-ocean, a strange, pale, sickly looking man was seen in the Captain's room, about 8 o'clock in the morning, writing on the Captain's order slate (to the steersman) on which the strange spiritual looking man wrote these words, "Steer north-west," and then vanished out of sight. The vessel was sailing in a different direction, but the Captain concluded to obey that strange order and sailed north-west, and in about three hours they came to a disabled ship, on which were crew and passengers in a starving condition. They sent boats and brought the almost famished people on board, and among them they saw the same strange, sickly man that had been on their ship that morning and had written that order on the captain's slate. But the strange man himself did not know of his wonderful feat, and it was ascertained that he had been asleep in his own berth on that disabled ship at that time in the morning. The captain of the rescuing ship en-

gaged the strange man in conversation, and got him to write on the other side of the slate "Steer north-west," then he showed the strange man the *other* side of the slate, and the man was amazed that his hand writing in the same words appeared on both sides of the slate, as the one was an exact fac-simile of the other; and so the fact was demonstrated that the strange man's soul, in his vital body, had visited the other ship, and wrote the order to "steer north-west," so that himself and his suffering fellows might be rescued from death or starvation. And all this required no medium.

Wonderful is the power of the human soul. Another instance of a similar kind I will relate: Mr. W., a well-known citizen of Illinois, has a cousin, a Mrs. C., living in Canada, whom he had thought of visiting; but he was taken down with a long spell of sickness, and one morning as he was in bed sleeping, he, his soul in its vital body, visited Canada and called at his cousin's house, and rang the door bell, and was answered by one of the hired girls, who saw him and heard him speak, and inquire for his cousin, Mrs. C.; the girl told him that Mrs. C. had gone down town to do some shopping, and would be back soon, and for him to come into the parlor and wait. He did so, and the two girls saw him and heard him speak; but after waiting awhile, and Mrs. C. not coming back, he said he must go, he could not stay any longer, and told the girls to tell Mrs. C. that her cousin W., from Illinois, had come to visit her, but not finding her at home went back; with this he went to the door and vanished, both girls watching to the last, and saw him as he dissolved as it were into thin air *in their presence*. Soon Mrs. C. came back from shopping, and was told who had been there, and that he had vanished before their eyes.

The lady cousin was very much surprised, and thought that he was dead, and wrote to his family to ascertain. They answered back, that he was sick, but alive and surprised. But finally he did recover, and visit his cousin in Canada in his human, physical body, and found Mrs. C. at home; the girl who let him in this time knew him at once as the same man that had been there before, seemingly in spirit, and had vanished before their eyes. This time she invited him in and went and told Mrs. C. that the same Mr. W. had come again, and she hoped he would not vanish before Mrs. C. could see him. She came and saw him this time, and in his *real* physical body. Many other circumstances like this have occurred, some in my own experience, and some among my patients and pupils, and many persons have had nearly similar experiences in all ages, which all goes to prove that the human spiritual soul, in its own vital body, can leave its physical body and make visits in that capacity, and can be seen and heard, and felt and *known*, and return again to its body, and live as before. This has occurred so often that it is now a well-proved fact, further demonstrating the powers of the human soul. The testimony is so full and complete that no more need be added on that subject now.

But another instance I will relate, of a little different kind; a Mrs. E., a widow, living in the city of Elmira, New York, with her only daughter, a beautiful young lady, refined and accomplished, whom her mother very much loved, and the mother's love was returned with all the ardor of her young and pure heart. Finally the daughter got married, and with her husband went to California on their wedding tour. The mother grieved so that it made her sick. The young bride

and her loving husband had got as far as Omaha, and the bride, feeling tired and home-sick to see her dear mother, had stopped at a hotel to rest and went to her room, to rest and sleep, about the middle of the afternoon, and did sleep; while in the meantime her mother was sick at home and longed to see her much loved daughter, and said in her ardent love: "I wish my daughter was here." When just then her daughter's soul did come to her in all her tenderness and love, and spoke and said: "Dear mother, I have come to see you." The mother saw, and heard and felt her; they embraced and kissed each other in all the tenderness of their soul's warmest love. The mother was cheered and revived, and her grief and sickness disappeared, and she was happy; finally the daughter said she must return to her husband and her body, and did; and awoke sobbing and in tears, and told her husband she had been to see her mother, and found her in bed sick, but added: "Mother is better now, for I have comforted her." The mother says she was wide awake and fully conscious of her daughter's visit, and so stated to persons who came into her room soon after. This account was published in the papers of that city, giving names and particulars, and I myself conversed with persons who know the particulars and certify it to be a fact. I know of other instances in the experience of some of my patients, and might relate them; but enough has been said and proved to establish the fact of the soul's wonderful powers, and its ability to leave its body and return again; and I have done the same myself in hundreds of instances, and know it can be done; and know that the soul while out of its body can change its size, shape, and appearance; and I could relate instances where human souls have appeared

in the shape of animals. There seems to be nothing too wonderful for intelligent, well-developed and elevated human souls to do, and some certainly do greater things than is claimed to be done by disembodied spirits through human mediums.

And sometimes the soul takes the physical body along with it, and goes to many places and does many wonderful things, while its body is entirely unconscious and don't know where it goes or what it does. This is called somnambulism, and is well verified to be true. Many persons have found themselves long distances from home when they awoke in the morning, and much farther than they could have gone in that time in their wakeful state.

One instance, that seems to be well verified, of a young man who had a dear young lady sweetheart, whom he much loved and wanted to see; after having gone to bed, at bed time as usual, at his home, was found at daylight, hatless and tired, sixty miles from where he went to bed at ten in the evening before; in six hours had gone that sixty miles with no means of conveyance but his own body.

Other somnambulists have got up at night and done many unaccountable things, unknown to their physical selves, and returned to their beds again without *themselves* knowing it. And these somnambulist persons often perform wonderful feats of strength, agility, and art, and intelligence, far beyond what they could do in their normal condition, and make wonderful revealments which are often attributed to disembodied spirits. Wonderful is the power of the human soul, *in or out of the body*. And the human soul is the same great, wonderful being, whether it is living in its physical body here on earth, or whether it has left its earthly body entirely behind and gone to live in the air

above the earth. The human soul is still the same through all the changes and vicissitudes of all life; it only changes in knowledge and power, and in holiness and happiness, as it progresses onward and upward in the scale of being.

There are all grades of human souls in the spiritual spheres as there are here on the mundane planes; some intelligent and some ignorant, some good and some bad; they are in all degrees and grades of conditions, just as themselves and the surrounding circumstances make them to be.

All disembodied souls are called Ghosts. Good disembodied human souls were formerly called Angels, and in heathen times they used to be called Sons of God; and in Abraham's time, and later among the Jews, they were called Lords and Gods, and it was supposed that they exerted either a good or bad influence over the lives of mankind, and each family and tribe and nation had, or believed they had, their ruling or controlling god; and some people and nations, like the Greeks, had, or supposed they had, many thousands of them, and had their oracles or mediums. And it is generally believed in these modern times that there are many good human disembodied souls that communicate with, and do much good to mortals. And that there are many low, ignorant, and vicious human souls in the darkness of despair in not having found the heaven of happiness they expected, that they feel like venting their disappointment in spite and injury on earth's inhabitants. These are generally called evil spirits, and they are supposed to have leaders as well as good spirits have. Their leaders are called satan, beelzebub, devils, etc., etc. And some of these are supposed to have much power, and are called in Scripture, "Prince of the power of the air (just what the "power of

the air" is nobody has told us). These poor, unfortunate human souls, called evil spirits, are not so evil after all; but they are ignorant and unhappy, and mourn over their mis-spent life, and would like to get back to better their condition, and they are to be pitied and helped.

There need to be schools and homes for them in the spirit world; and already these schools and sanitariums are being started for their benefit, both in earth and air, and have already been of much benefit to poor suffering souls.

Sometimes people are much annoyed with these so-called evil spirits, and they are therefore called devils, because their effects are evil. These tormenting spirits, these unhappy souls, can generally be made to leave—can be driven out, and this is called casting out devils; and here is manifested the wonderful power of the human soul while in the body. Some great and good men with great Spirit soul-power can make these ignorant troublesome evil spirits go.

These great feats of soul-power of great and good men have been performed occasionally for thousands of years, and are known to history, and we need not repeat them here. But I will relate a few instances in my own experience, by way of illustration and confirmation of many similar occurrences in olden times:

CASTING OUT DEVILS.

When I first came to Cincinnati to practice in 1857, I took board with Mrs. Lowrey at 257 (now) Central Avenue, until I could find a suitable office. I had been there but a few days unknown to anyone, until one night about eleven o'clock, a merchant living four squares further up street came and inquired if there was a man there by the name of

Dr. J. B. Campbell. The lady of the house informed him that she believed there was. He said he wanted to see me. He came to my bed and told me he had a sick niece at home that he wanted me to see. But I refused to go, saying I was a stranger here and was not ready to commence practice yet. Then he told me she was very strangely afflicted, and seemed to be possessed of devils; and they would talk through her and say many terrible things; and throw her into convulsions; at times for a little while a good spirit seemed to get possession of her and talk through her; and the family asked this better spirit if there was any way by which these evil spirits could be made to leave her, and this good spirit answered yes; and said there was a strange man in the city by the name of Dr. J. B. Campbell, who was powerful enough to cast out evil spirits, and told the place where he (I) was stopping; so this merchant came for me, as he said, at the good spirit's direction. I then concluded to go with him. When we arrived there we found the young lady lying on the floor in convulsions, and in great agony, and the evil spirits were saying all kinds of bad words through her. I immediately put the patient under my superior control and drove the evil ones out of her. She was immediately restored to health and happiness and freedom from bad influences, and all seemed safe, and I returned to my lodgings and bed. But in three hours' time the merchant came for me again, saying that the evil spirits had returned again. I went with him again, and before we got quite there an evil one spoke through her and said, we (they) must go now, as he (I) was coming. So they all left; and we met them going through the hall of the house, I saw them and counted them—there were thirty of them, all dark

vicious looking men, and they certainly were human souls. At this second visit to the patient I put on the power so strong that the evil spirits did not get control of her any more.

I have had many such experiences in my eventful life; but I have only time to mention a few, and this for the purpose of throwing some light on the nature of the control, and how best to manage and benefit the poor ignorant souls who, having lost their own bodies, try to get possession of other bodies, so that they can as it were live their earthly life over again, and perhaps improve their conditions, and may be make amends for their past life.

COAXING OUT ONE DEVIL.

A few years ago I was called into the country to see a man that was sick and crazy, as it was claimed. I was introduced to him. I sat down by his side and began speaking to him as to Mr. Green, (the name by which he was introduced to me). Immediately a strange sounding voice spoke through him and said, I (he) am not Mr. Green—this is Mr. Green in the bed, but I am using his body and he don't know it. I say to him, what is your name? He says, I will not tell you. Then I say to him, what are you here for? He hesitates and did not like to tell me anything. I say to him, let us get acquainted, perhaps I can do you some good, don't you need some help to better your condition? This seemed to touch him in a tender place, and he said yes, I do need help. So he and I had a long and friendly talk. He told me his name, and where he was born and raised, and how old he was when he passed out of his body, and how long since; so we got quite well acquainted. He told me about his unhappy condition and the cause of it. I asked him why he came to this particular man? He said

he had known this Charlie Green, as he called the patient, and that he had temperament and disposition very much like his own; and as Charlie was sick he got easy control of him. He said further that he did not make Charlie Green sick or hurt him in any way, and did not want to hurt him; he said he liked Charlie and Charlie liked him when he was in this world. I talked kindly to him and told him I thought he would do better away from Charlie, as he was a poor sick man anyway, and as he had told me all his troubles I would advise him what to do to be happy. He seemed pleased with my friendly advice, and said, he would take it and leave Charlie alone; and he did. And immediately Mr. Green seemed to right up mentally and be himself again. I gave him some vitalizing treatment, and in a few weeks he was well physically and mentally, and has never been troubled with the disembodied spirit since. This spirit was evil only because he was ignorant, and did not know better, and was getting worse instead of better, and was fast learning to be a possessing devil, until I instructed him and *saved* him. He often visits me since, and calls me his SAVIOUR. At his request I have never divulged his name. When he wants to make himself known to me, he says: how is "Charlie?" I have seen him clairvoyantly so often that I now know him by sight, by his peculiarly shaped forehead, light hair and blue eyes. He seems to be doing well and is happy, and I hope ever will be. He has my best wishes and kindest care; and really he is beginning to be of use to me, and seems anxious to help me all he can, and I appreciate it, too, and bless him every day.

I have driven out some evil spirits, and persuaded and instructed some to go; I have added persuasion and force, both, to some, and have always

succeeded to get them to go by some process or other ; and their "name is Legion." In the last year I had more of this to do than formerly ; and it seems easier for me to succeed, as I have had more experience. It seems that the whole Spirit world is laid open to me, and that I am known to all its inhabitants ; they help me and I help them ; and thus much good can be done.

OTHER POWERS OF THE HUMAN SOUL.

While yet an inhabitant of its physical body some people always seem to be in a kind of psychological condition, and are kind of natural seers. Others are made occasional seers, by being more deeply psychologized by some human or spiritual operator, and others are put into the hypnotic or mesmeric state by a strong and skillful operator and are made good subjects, and some are made

CLAIRVOYANTS,

and some persons operate on themselves and are put into a

TRANCE BY STATUVOLENCE OR SELF-CONTROL, and thus control themselves, and greatly augment their own power, and don't know but what some other control does it all. The soul seems to lose its identity when in trance. Clairvoyance and trance, like other occult phenomena, is purely a faculty of the human soul. Some persons become clairvoyant from sickness ; children often see clairvoyantly, and so do animals, all of which is a natural faculty. Some persons can be made good clairvoyants at one mesmeric treatment ; I have made many good clairvoyants at one operation ; others have been made so at many sittings ; even the most hopeless may be made to see clairvoyantly and to hear clairaudoiently. I tell them "Perseverance will win," and these are all human faculties.

SOME EXAMPLES.

I began in my early manhood, some fifty years ago, to experiment on myself and on others; I had heard of the four year old boy that could mesmerize his younger brother, or, as he said, "*come the shines over bub.*" My father was a wonderful healer and seer; but he never went into a trance himself, it seemed to be all natural to him. He was always in his natural state and controlled himself, and he made more wonderful cures on both near and distant patients than any known to be made by mediums or trance healers. I have known him to cure the sick, stop the flowing blood from dangerous wounds, and revive the dying, seemingly in the last hours of life, when all else had failed, and when the patient was many miles away. No so-called healing mediums ever did better. Many of his cures might be called miraculous, but they were not, nor did he have any Spiritual help but himself. He often saw and described spirits, human souls, and recognized and conversed with many, by his clairvoyant and clairaudiant power, but he was not a medium so-called, nor did spirits help him any. The experiences of my life has been the same as his, but I will refer to instances in my own life only to elucidate further the wonderful powers of the human soul, and to illustrate the human sciences of psychology, psychometry, mesmerism, clairvoyance, and so-called spirit-mediumship, demonstrating all to be human faculties and human powers of the soul while yet inhabiting the mortal body. If these are all human faculties, and investigation shows they are, then it would be unwise to attribute their cause to anything else, or to beings that we don't know of.

PSYCHOLOGY

Is the natural faculty of the human, and is exerted more or less *unconsciously*, both by the giver and the receiver, and can be employed advantageously by parents, teachers, merchants, tradesmen, bosses, generals, lawyers, ministers, lovers, and physicians, and so gently too that the recipient will not know it. It is a wonderful power, and much good can be done by it. Psychometry is still more wonderful, and so is

MESMERISM,

(So called from Anton Mesmer, who re-introduced its use in a very wonderful and successful manner.) It is the same kind of human influence, only much more in degree and power, putting the subject *in* much deeper, until some subjects lose all consciousness and feeling; so that their condition may be changed, and their diseases cured, and even some surgical operations can be performed without pain to the subject. I have frequently employed it in this way in my practice, and many other physicians have done the same. It, like all other powers, should be used to do good. I have also employed it in my public lectures, and performed many wonderful experiments on the audience by way of illustrating the wonderful power of "human magnetism," which is its proper name. It has been stated that I have had as many as fifty mesmeric subjects under my complete control, all at one time on the hall floor, in the presence of admiring audiences. These subjects were people of all ages and sex—men and women of strong minds—and well-known citizens, who were completely subject to my will, and some of them entirely unconscious.

[See Editorials and Committee Reports page 60].

To illustrate further the power of the embodied

human soul, I will here relate a circumstance that was also published in the papers at the time. I was giving a course of lectures and experiments in Quincy Hall, Allegheny City, Pa., with wonderful results, using VITA in its highest sense and greatest power. There seemed to be scarcely any limit to its power. When finally the closing evening came, and it was given out that Saturday evening would be the last, the largest hall in the city was used and filled to overflowing, and hundreds turned away. This was the evening for the grand triumph. On previous evenings I had controlled all who came up to be operated upon; but this last evening I asked no one to come up; neither would I select those that had been my subjects before, but I took them as they came in, the last of the audience who sat or stood farthest off. The last one that came in was a young man known in the city. He had just entered the hall, and stood at the far end, because there were no empty seats or even standing room nearer. I called to him and said—hold your arms up over your head. He did so. Then I fastened them there, and with all his power he could not get them down. I then closed his eyes, and he could not open them, he was completely under my control, and all this time I was not within sixty feet of him. I then said to him—you shall come up to me on the rostrum, he seemed to be pulled by an irresistible power, and came *directly* to me with his eyes closed. The seats were old fashioned wooden settees, holding about six persons each, and all filled to overflowing, and to come to me he *had* to come in a straight line, *the power controlled him that way*, so he had to climb over the backs of all those forty seats, parting the sitters on each side to get to me, which he did, and climbed up on the rostrum to me, as direct and as unmis-

takably as the armature comes to the magnet, with his eyes shut, and he all the time unconscious of the shouts of the multitude. After this I operated on a number of gentlemen in a similar manner. Then at last I turned to the ladies, and told them it was not fair to slight the ladies so, and I now should pay my respects to them; I said I did not want to make any invidious distinctions, and would allow any lady or number of ladies to stand up and I would control them where they stood, no matter how far they were from me. But none rose up. Then I said, I will request the audience to select some one by vote. They tried that three or four times, but did not succeed. Then I said, will a number of influential ladies act as a committee to select and prevail on some lady, but they did not succeed. So I said at last, I believe I will have to select one myself, and I hope no one will be offended if I should select them. That was a trying moment, and a risk to run, for I might offend some one; but finally, I looked away down the hall under the bright light of the farthest chandelier, where sat a well dressed lady along side of Hon. Mr. Purviance, and I believed came in with him. I did not know who she was, but I thought if there was any offense my friend Mr. Purviance would make all smooth. So I said, if the lady with light leghorn bonnet on, who sits to Mr. Purviance's right will rise up I will control her where she stands; but she refused. Then I said to her, as I see your face I can control you where you sit. Then she turned her face from me. Then I said, you cannot shut your ears, and I can reach you that way. I then said to her, with a loud strong magnetic voice, when I count three you will be obliged to rise up, and stand up immovable. I counted three with magnetic tone and power, and instantly she jumped up as quick as if

she had been shot from a cannon, and I controlled her perfectly while she was fifty feet away. Ladies went to her and examined her, and so did physicians; they pronounced her rigid and stiff as a rail. All this was done by the power of the human soul, without any other help, as spiritualists claim. Indeed spiritual mediums, so called, have never been known to do that much, with all their spirit help, as they claim. I released the lady subject, and after the evening's entertainment was over, I was introduced to her by Mr. Purviance, and found her to be an intelligent lady of an excellent family, but whom I had never met before, and she informed me that she had never been controlled, magnetically, before, and was greatly surprised at the phenomena, and at the perfect control I had over her. Many other wonders were performed that night, but we pass now to another scene and another occasion.

I was delivering a lecture on human magnetism and the power of the soul, in a Presbyterian church in East Liberty, Pittsburgh, Pa. It being my first evening there, I had to operate on new and strange subjects. After speaking awhile explaining the phenomena and its philosophy, I commenced throwing on the power, and influenced more or less the whole audience, and fully controlled thirty of that vast assembly, and made them my complete subjects, unconscious and insensible to pain, so that teeth were pulled from some of them. Doctors examined their pulse and heart-action, and their *insensibility*. Doctors held the pulse of the subject while I controlled the circulation of their blood, stopped and started their pulse at pleasure, or made it go fast or slow as I willed. I put them through all kinds of experiments, made them whistle, sing, dance, pray, swim, row, im-

agine themselves some one else—animals or great men—and make grand speeches, lift five-times their own weight; I made myself invisible to them; made them see *spirits*, and do many other imaginable things, till the audience exclaimed "Will wonders never cease?" Yet human soul-power did it all. Human magnetism and the higher *vita* can be employed by the human soul to do the most wonderful things imaginable, and there seemed to be no limit to such power. But its best uses is in curing the sick, elevating the soul, and building it a *vita* body to live in forever. But time would fail me to tell of the many wonderful cures of the sick and the dying that have been made through the power of human magnetism and the higher *vita*, especially when the vital spiritual magnetism is united into *vita*, the all-power, then all diseases can be cured, the dead raised to life, and man in his vital body made immortal. The cures already made and the lives saved by this human soul treatment surpasses those of any age claimed to have been made by other powers. It is all done by the advanced and educated human soul, through the power of *VITA*, as employed in the **VITAPATHIC SYSTEM.**

The performance of the many wonderful cures that have been made by this vital system of practice in this city, and elsewhere, is abundantly proved by our patients being still healthy and living witnesses of its power to cure, (some of these patients were cured more than thirty years ago, and though age has overtaken them they are still healthy and happy.) But not to take up too much of your time, we will introduce only a few voluntary editorials and unsolicited certificates as follows:

As a further evidence of the success of the Vita-

pathic system we will add some gratuitous editorials from prominent newspapers, etc.

**VITAPATHY—THE NEW SYSTEM OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
AND ITS SUCCESS IN OUR CITY.**

Prof. J. B. Campbell, M. D., V. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio, the Founder of this New System of Health, President of its College, and Principal of its Health Institute, in Cincinnati, having had an invlid patient from Kalamaxoo (Mrs. Kate Coleman, who has been a helpless sufferer for eleven years, all treatment having failed,) taken to his Cincinnati Institute, and cured there in the most wonderful manner, and which made quite an excitement in our city, our citizens induced Dr Campbell, on his way further north for summer rest, to stop a week in our city and employ his skill, which he did on many of our best citizens with the best success, a few of whose names and cases we will mention :—

Dr. Grimes, who has been laying on his bed a helpless invalid for nearly eleven years, with inflammation, softening and decay of the spinal cord, extreme debility and paralysis, all physicians and systems having failed to even relieve him. But as a last hope he sent for Dr Campbell, who applied his vitalizing treatment, by which Dr. Grimes was so much benefited that he was enabled to get up and walk the first day, and is still improving, and now walks quite well, and says he feels like a new man, and has every prospect of complete restoration.

Mrs. Crane, who also has inflammation of the spinal cord and general inflammatory rheumatism of the worst kind, by which all her joints became, swollen and stiff, and many of the smals bones and joints drawn out of place, and the

whole body useless, and so sore that she could not be moved or even touched without producing the most excruciating pain, this condition remaining for two years and a half, all physicians and means having failed to give relief, until finally body and mind were wrecked by the agonizing sufferings. Mr. Orane took Dr. Campbell to see his wife. His correct diagnosis, and his advice and appropriate treatment commenced to improve Mrs. Crane's case immediately, and she too is in a fair way to get well.

Dr. Campbell has treated many others of our best citizens, telling their diseases correctly and benefiting every case. There is Mrs. Judge Rix, whom Dr. Campbell has enabled to walk without her crutches. Mrs. Henshaw, cancer of the stomach, is getting better. Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Waterman, Mrs. Cohn, Mrs. Manvel, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Horace M. Peck, Mrs. Burrows, our Congressman's wife, and many others from city and country, have employed Dr. Campbell during his short visit here with the best success. His correct diagnosis of each disease, and his success in treatment, has astonished everybody, and proves the superiority of the Vitapathic System of Practice, and the ability and skill of its founder.

It would be well for the people if there were more Vitapathic Physicians, and we are glad that Mrs. Dr. Gile, who is a graduate of that school of practice, is located among us.

Last night we had a call from Dr. Grimes, who was dressed up in his Sunday clothes and driving about town with Dr. Campbell. Dr. Grimes complained a little after arriving down town of being tired, but when he got home he said his tired feeling was all gone, and that he felt stronger than when he started. Dr. G. still continues to walk

about the house, receives his friends, shows them how he can walk, and escorts them to the door. Dr. Grimes says Dr. Campbell has done something almost unprecedented in his case, which is, to say the least, a fact. Dr. Grimes for eleven years has been helplessly paralyzed, though formerly a strong robust man. He had not had his clothes on for ten years until last evening, and when his silk hat and broadcloth coat were handed him, he remarked, "It has been ten years since I have attempted to put these clothes on." — *Kalamazoo Gazette*.

[Later from the *Kalamazoo Gazette*.]

The many friends of Dr. J. B. Campbell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, in Kalamazoo, will be pleased to learn that the Doctor has opened another boarding house for patients, and a hotel for those who prefer, so as to accommodate his many patients and students.

Dr. Campbell made many friends during his brief visit to Kalamazoo last summer, and the entire community would be glad if he could make it convenient to spend his next summer's vacation here. True skill and genuine success always have their reward.

Dr. J. B. Campbell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who has been here for a few days, has certainly done wonders in curing many of our best citizens of heretofore considered incurable diseases; and his success in Dr. Grimes' case is most remarkable. Dr. Grimes has been a helpless, hopeless invalid for eleven years, but now, by Dr. Campbell's skill, he is literally able to "take up his bed and walk," and was down town with Dr. Campbell last evening. Our

old citizens were amazed to see him, and many exclaimed that it was like a resurrection from the dead.—*Kalamazoo Daily Telegraph*.

THE HIGHER VITAPATHIC TREATMENT CURES THE SICK AND SAVES LIFE WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS.

Extracts from long Editorials by Richmond C. Hill, Esq., of Friendship, Allegheny County, New York, in his weekly paper, *The Friendship Chronicle*, during July, 1880 :

“ A MARVEL, IF NOT A MIRACLE.”

“ Daniel Corbin, formerly principal blacksmith of our city, was nearly killed by sunstroke and by a fall from a building some eight years ago, injuring his brain and producing high inflammation and great pain, with intense heat in his head and freezing cold in his hands and feet, and the pupils of his eyes so dilated that they seemed to be *nearly* all pupil. These, with other interesting symptoms, continued during the eight years, increasing each summer, until life became a burden. All medical skill had failed even to give relief.

“ Last Friday he was sitting in his accustomed place, out-door in the shade of his house, under a big awning, with blocks of ice around his head and hot stones to his hands and feet, his ever-faithful wife fanning him with a huge fan made of five palm-leaf fans, all hope having fled. Just then Judson H. Clark, the famous horseman, and proprietor of the Genessee Valley Stock Farm, of Scio, in this county, drove up in his fine carriage with his lady and a genial portly looking gentleman, whom Mr. Clark introduced as Prof. J. B. Campbell, M. D., V. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio, the President of the American Health College, and Founder of the Vitapathic System of Practice, now proving so superior in the

cure of disease. Prof. Campbell was pronounced by his gentleman and lady patients present as the most skillful physician and successful healer of any age or clime, and whom Mr. Clark had employed to come to Scio and treat his (Mr. Clark's) wife and father, and whom Dr. Campbell had already much benefited.

"At Mr. Clark's request, Dr. Campbell commenced treating Mr. Corbin, laying his hands on his head, in the peculiar and successful manner known only to Prof. Campbell and his pupils, removing all heat and pain, and restoring his eyes to their normal condition, and warming his frozen hands and feet, and enabling the heretofore helpless suffering invalid to get up and walk and enter his house, to the astonishment and joy of his family, and this was the hottest day of the summer, when 'Dan' was at his worst.

"So great was Dr. Campbell's healing power that the patient felt it as soon as the Professor laid his hands on his burning pained head. 'Dan' says that it flashed through his entire body, from head to feet, like a stream of electricity. The long suffering patient, who had been a care to his family for many years, was now restored to health, and he and his family were nearly beside themselves with joy.

"Since that fortunate Friday 'Dan' has been in excellent health, and now follows his horse-shoeing business as in days of yore. No more ice and hot stones or fans are needed, but 'Dan' is himself again. He and his family feel deeply thankful to Mr. Clark for his kindness, and to Prof. Campbell for his wonderful cure; and hundreds of astonished neighbors flocked to 'Dan's' house, to see, and hear, and know, of the miracle."

Another Wonderful Cure by Dr. Campbell.

"Mrs. Crandall, who lives a few doors south of Mr. Clark's beautiful home in Scio, has been a helpless invalid, confined to her room for eleven years with inflammation, softening of the brain, spinal weakness, severe pain, and difficult diseases of women, and so bad in body and mind that she required constant watching and care. Dr. Campbell was taken to see her by the same generous Judson Clark and his noble lady. Dr. Campbell, at their request, gave the helpless, hopeless invalid one of his successful vitalizing treatments peculiar to the Vitapathic System of Practice, which restored the suffering patient to health and strength of body and mind. She arose, dressed herself, prepared dinner, did up the work, went out visiting and shopping the same afternoon, bought dress goods, and went home to make it up. Her neighbors were astonished to see her out, *the first time in eleven years.*"


A week later the editor says,—“Corbin still continues well ;” and three weeks later Mr. J. H. Clark reports that “Dr. Campbell's patients are all doing well—Daniel Corbin all right, and Mrs. B., who was confined for years as an incurable lunatic in Willard Insane Asylum, and whom Prof. Campbell visited in the asylum, and gave one treatment to her, is now cured and came home to her family, happy and well.”

“These and other wonderful cures astonished everybody, and caused the afflicted to send for or come to Dr. Campbell in scores, and offered him the highest inducements to stay and treat them, but the Professor's extensive home practice prevented his remaining any longer among us. But

patients and students from our best families here will follow him to his Cincinnati Institute.

"There seems no limit to the power of Vitapathy to cure all diseases of body and mind. Every physician, no matter how much he knows, should yet learn this successful system, and practice it for the good of suffering humanity.

"Prof. Campbell's home is at Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio, where those seeking health must go."

 The above editorials were written and published unsolicited and entirely unknown to Prof. Campbell.

Prof. J. B. Campbell, M. D., formerly of this county, but now President of the American Health College, Cincinnati, Ohio, passed through this place this week on his way to East Mahoning, where he formerly resided, and where a large number of his relatives still live. The Doctor looks hale and vigorous as in the days of yore. He is the Founder of the Vitapathic System of Cure, and he looks as though he could spare enough "vita" to cure all the sick. Many persons from this county, having failed to be cured at home, have visited his Sanitarium at Cincinnati and have been cured. He is a most affable gentleman, and takes enough of his valuable time to make an annual visit to his old home. This he missed last summer, as he was busy superintending the erection of his new college building, which is now complete. — *Indiana (Pa.) Weekly Messenger*.

[From *The Banner of Light*, November 25, 1878.]

JOTTINGS BY HON. WARREN CHASE.

I recently stopped over a few days in Cincinnati with Dr. J. B. Campbell, at his Vitapathic Insti-

tute, and found him doing a large and successful business in his improved system of practice, and educating, graduating, and preparing for legalized practice the healers, mediums, and magnetizers who desire it. The Doctor is opening a new era in the great work of treating disease, by legalizing what has so long been treated with contempt, prejudice, and persecution by those who had a legal right to kill or cure under the old law.

The particular attention of all progressive, intelligent people is called to the American Health College, lately incorporated by the State of Ohio, teaching the Vitapathic System of Practice, which is said by its graduates to be greatly superior to all other modes of cure, and very highly recommended by many eminent physicians and scientific men. Fall session commences the first of October, instructing and granting legal diplomas to physicians, healers, mediums, lecturers, and ministers. Apply to or address with stamp, the President, Prof. J. B. Campbell, M. D., V. D., Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio.

[From the Cincinnati *Enquirer* July 9, 1878.]

LEPROSY.

Nature of the dread scourge, which is appearing in America—
Interview with Dr. Campbell.

In our supplement on Sunday we published an account of the ravages of leprosy on the New Brunswick coast. Yesterday we received the following note from a physician :

CINCINNATI, July 7, 1878.

To the Editor of the Enquirer:

I see in your to-day's supplement a thrilling account of the dreadful plague leprosy on the New Brunswick Coast, and know-

ing of its increase on our Pacific and Atlantic Coasts, I wish you to publish in your widely circulating paper that a medicine properly prepared from the California root—botanical name, *Berberis Aquifolium*—internally administered, and a wash made from the leaves of the Australian gum-tree—botanical name, *Eucalyptus Globulus*—and externally applied, will cure the worst cases of leprosy, elephantiasis, scald-head, salt-rheum, etc. Please let the medical profession and the people know it, and oblige yours, truly,

J. B. CAMPBELL.

INTERVIEW WITH DR. CAMPBELL.

“So you know something about leprosy, and are interested in it?” said an *Enquirer* reporter to Dr. Campbell at his office last night.

“Certainly. That article in the supplement to Sunday’s *Enquirer* interested me very much.”

“It used to be regarded as incurable, and is still supposed to be very obstinate.”

“It is neither. Our graduates are curing it in California by the means I name in the letter I addressed the *Enquirer* to-day.” (The Doctor is at the head of the “Vitapathic Medical Institute” in this city.)

“Do you know of its extent in this country?”

“I know it has been bad in California. The Chinese brought it there. It also made its appearance in Baltimore, Maryland, and Wilmington, North Carolina. I have heard of two cases in New York, but they were imported.”

“Do you regard it as contagious or epidemic?”

“Would scarcely regard it as either. It is most likely to appear among uncleanly, illy-housed and badly-fed people.”

“Then you see no cause for alarm about its appearance here?”

“None whatsoever, as it can be easily cured.”

Vitapathic graduates become both physicians and ministers, with the highest offices and fullest rights of both professions, and constitute a grand brotherhood and sisterhood now spreading throughout the civilized world, having its incorporated society and chartered college, *its own buildings and property*, where this grand and superior system is fully taught, including the highest knowledge of Anatomy, Physiology, Phrenology, Psychology, and Psychometry; and employing the best uses of vital curatives, food, water, air, heat, light, electricity, magnetism, vital spirit, and VITA—the last, highest and best discovery and culmination of all POWER—to which is added special, quick, and sure modes of treatment. And, to complete all, this grand system is crowned with its own sure diagnosis, safe surgery, and easy parturition. All covered with the highest diploma and fullest protection to all Vitapathic graduates.

Cincinnati, Dec. 8, 1877.

I was sick twelve years with female diseases and neuralgia, and suffered all the agonies of death; nine doctors had failed to cure me, and there seemed to be no hope for me; but my husband employed Dr. J. B. Campbell, and he restored me to health in a few weeks, and I still remain well.

ABIGAIL SADLER, farm near College Hill.

I fully concur in my wife's statement.

DAVID SADLER.

CURED IN A FEW MINUTES.

Scott St., Covington, Ky., Nov. 19, 1870.

Nearly every week for twenty years I suffered the most excruciating pains in my head; all means had failed to cure me, and I was reduced to almost a skeleton and nearly a maniac, after which Dr.

Campbell cured me with his hands in a few minutes, and I have been perfectly well ever since, now more than ten years.

MARY J. MILLER.

I fully corroborate my wife's statement.

HENRY MILLER.

CONSUMPTION CURED AND LIFE SAVED.

Cincinnati, March 14, 1874.

I tried inhalation, patent medicines, and many doctors, but all failed, and I was given up to die with consumption—I had made my will ; but Dr. J. B. Campbell was called, and he cured me. That was three years ago, and I remain perfectly well.

THOMAS CARMAN,

Cor. Eighth St. and Central Ave.

CANCER CURED AND LIFE SAVED.

Cincinnati, Feb. 28, 1868.

I suffered with a cancer for four years ; the best doctors and surgeons had cut and burnt it all to no purpose, it was eating in and discharging foetid matter, and I was hopeless ; but Dr. J. B. Campbell cured it in a few weeks. That was over three years ago, and I remain well.

SOPHIA S. COOK, 180 Linn st.

SCROFULA CURED.

Cincinnati, Feb. 28, 1878.

I had scrofulous sores on my right arm, which discharged a great deal of matter, and then my arm withered away, and the hand cramped up, and I lost the use of both ; but I was induced to employ Dr. J. B. Campbell, whose cures are so remarkable, and after he had treated it a few minutes I began

to use it, and a few more treatments cured all perfectly. My son also had a scrofulous enlargement on the side of the face and neck. Dr. Campbell treated it but once, and it began to go away, and in a few weeks it had all gone, and he is well.

I know of many other cures of other diseases that Dr. Campbell has made among my own acquaintances. He cures every case, no matter how bad.

MRS. ANDREW CUTTER,

Then of 114 George St., Cin'ti, now of Dayton, Ky.

Dr. Campbell has made thousands of other cures in Cincinnati in the last few years, every one of which can be referred to, and he has a great many letters from patients, from a distance, of the most flattering character.

HOME PRESS.

A new and successful method of cure, in which electricity, water, magnetism, and vitality are employed, as suits the nature of the disease and temperament of the patient. Vitality, the crowning glory of all remedies, gives health and life when all else fails, and cures some disease in a few minutes, and others in a few days. Thousands of the most hopeless invalids have been restored to health by it in an incredible short space of time.

Prof. J. B. Campbell, M. D., of this city, is the founder of this new system of practice, and had it protected by United States copyright, and by Ohio State law. He also teaches and qualifies other healthy and suitable persons to practice the new system, and his students are in nearly every state of the union, and a few in Europe, and everywhere it succeeds well.—*Cincinnati Nat. Union.*

Dr. J. B. Campbell's new method of cure by electro-positive and negative remedies, and laying on of hands, is working wonders. Many of our citizens have been cured by him of the most difficult diseases in a few days' time, and the new system seems to be a complete success.—*Cincinnati Daily Enquirer*.

Dr. Campbell treated, in our presence, the following well-known citizens: Alfred Jones, Dr. Newton, John W. Free, Noble Newport, G. W. Grummond, Richard Henderson, Wm. L. Brady, and a number of others. Some had asthma, some rheumatism, paralysis, deafness, blindness, and other diseases; each one expressed himself to us as being benefited by the few minutes treatment he had received; and Mr. J. W. Free's ten years' blind eye was restored to sight almost instantly. During the week, we understand, the Doctor made many remarkable cures.—*Richmond, Ind. Weekly Humming Bird*.

Dr. Campbell has numerous letters of recommendation and testimonials of the highest order and most satisfactory character.

The doctor was called to Lebanon a short time ago, and cured the following persons: Henry White, (coroner,) deafness of twenty years' standing, in three minutes; Mrs. Davis, heart disease, in two minutes; Mr. James Moran, palsy, ten minutes; Miss Joanna Wise, a bed-ridden helpless cripple, went to her house, and cured her in ten minutes—she got up without help and walked through the streets the same hour; Mrs. Williamson, deaf, and nearly speechless from infancy (more than forty years), made hear and speak plain in three minutes; Henry Smith, nervous blindness for many

years, cured in one minute; Mrs. Anderson, forty years of age, rheumatism and mental derangement from youth, made well in body and mind in five minutes; Miss A. Miller, lameness, cured in three minutes. He also treated many other persons of other diseases, among the highest class of people in Lebanon—Mrs. Wm. Ritchey, Mrs. Conery, Mrs. Hinch, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Benham, Mrs. March, and Mr. Corwin and Mrs. Sage of Governor Corwin's family, and many others, and was successful in every case.

Dr. Campbell's discourse on healing, in Philip's Hall, Richmond, Indiana, Sunday, November 24, filled that spacious hall to overflowing, at the close of which thirty prominent citizens came forward and were healed. Every one publicly expressed themselves benefited. [See Richmond papers.] And Dr. Campbell's lectures to females, in the same hall, on Thanksgiving afternoon, drew out nearly eight hundred of the fair ones of that city, who expressed themselves as perfectly delighted with the instruction given; and at the close seventy-five ladies came forward and were healed of their infirmities in the space of an hour and a half. Besides in the city patients came from the surrounding towns and counties; and during the week Dr. Campbell treated six hundred persons, curing some, relieving others, and more or less benefiting all.

REMARKABLE CURE.

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 4, 1868.

I hereby cheerfully certify to Dr. Campbell's wonderful healing powers. I called him in a few days ago to treat my wife, who was suffering with one of her severe attacks of erysipelas, which generally lasted near two months with the best medi-

cal skill we could procure. This attack was more rapid and severe than any before, swelling the face out of shape, and closing the eyes in a few hours.

Dr. Campbell laid his hand on the red-hot swelled face, which acted like a *poultice or fly blister*, breaking through the skin, and drawing the hot water out in streams down her cheek, relieving the pain, reducing the swelling, and checking the disease in a few minutes; and to-day she is nearly well. We are all astonished and delighted with the Doctor's wonderful healing powers in this case, and in others of our citizens that he healed in the few days that he was here. And now (1870), more than four years after, she is still well.

WM. L. BRADY, 68 MAIN ST.,
Saddle and harness manufacturer.

PROFESSIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 5, 1868.

TO THE PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC :

I hereby frankly admit my astonishment at the almost miraculous and nearly instantaneous cures effected here by Dr. Campbell, of Cincinnati. Several of the cases were my former patients, and I knew the hopeless nature of their diseases ; but Dr. Campbell cured them by a touch. There seemed no limit to his success. And the hundreds of poor people that he healed in the Public Hall, without money or price, prove him to be indeed an angel of mercy.

L. D. WOODS, M. D.

Dr. Campbell has also cured Mrs. Kepler, 83 West Eighth street, of cancer in the face ; and Mrs. Myers, of 104 Front street, Covington, Ky., of long standing amaurosis, (partial blindness,) and cancerous diseases of the stomach ; and he cured

her daughter of a terrible St. Vitas' dance; and cured her son when he was dying of congestion of the brain. He has cured thousands of other persons of the most difficult diseases, after all medical skill had failed, all of whom can be referred to. And he has hundreds of unsolicited letters showing his complete success. Thus evidence is heaped upon evidence, the most overwhelming, until none can possibly doubt.

Battlecreek, Michigan, October 11, 1879.

DR. J. B. CAMPBELL :

Dear Sir — I have been waiting to see if my improved health would be permanent, I now believe it is. Thanks to your wonderful healing power and skill to cure the most difficult diseases after all else has failed. I often hear from Mrs. Lyon and your other patients. They are all enthusiastic for Dr. Campbell and Vitapathy ! And that cure you made for Mrs. Coleman seems to be the greatest of all miracles.

Yours, ever gratefully, GRACE DUFFIE.

WONDERFUL POWER OF VITAPATHY.

Climax, Michigan, August 12, 1879.

DR. J. B. CAMPBELL :

Dear Sir — Your treatment is a success after all else has failed. My wife is improving very fast. Yesterday she walked for the first time. Please send what further is needed C. O. D.

Yours, truly, J. E. NICHOLS.

Climax, Michigan, August 26, 1879.

DR. CAMPBELL :

Dear Sir—I now undertake to write, the first

that I have been able to do for years. I can now use my arms and hands. The sores on my face have nearly healed, and those on my arms and feet are getting well. I am a great deal better than I was three weeks ago when you commenced treatment. The Vital Medicine you sent my sister acted like a charm.

Yours, gratefully,

MRS. J. E. NICHOLS.

Elk, Michigan, April 28, 1879.

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL:

Dear Sir—The "Little Giant" arrived in good order, and I am doing wonders with it and your other remedies.

I find the Vitapathic System far beyond my expectations, although it had received the highest praise from your former graduates, "yet the half had not been told me." The New System of Health Practice, which you have originated and so ably perfected, is grand beyond description, and its success is complete.

I have and am now curing difficult cases of diseases in persons whom I failed to cure by the old practice. I now want your Vital Medical Distilling Apparatus. Please let me know the price.

Yours, fraternally,

C. W. GOFF, M. D., V. D.

Santa Fee, Maury Co., Tenn., March 10, 1879.

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL:

Dear Sir—I am overwhelmed with wonder and gratitude for the sublime lessons and undying truths taught in your grand book, the "Encyclopedia of Nature and Full Vitapathic Practice." A book of wonders; the product of a superior mind. Thrice

have I read it through, but its glowing pages are still fresh and new, with immortal light and divine power. The culmination of all science and spiritual intuition! A book compiled from the two great kingdoms in nature—SPIRIT and MATTER! The key which unlocks the door to Health, Life, and Prosperity, and illuminates the pages of all bibles.

Yours, reverently,

J. T. JOHNSON, M. D.

DR. JAMES M. HOLLAND, of Salt Lake City, Utah, writes to his friend Dr. P. W. Poulson, of Council Bluff, Iowa, as follows :

I am building a large house for a hospital, where I will take patients and treat them with the full Vitapathic System, and will have conveniences to use all of the superior Medical Electric and Magnetic Apparatus, and Vital Methods of Treatment of the great Vitapathic System, originated by Prof. J. B. Campbell, M. D., V. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio, and I advise you by all means to learn this better system of practice, and get possession of all of Prof. Campbell's valuable discoveries—Books, Lessons, Formulas, and Special Modes of Treatment, now proving so wonderfully successful in the cure of all forms and stages of disease, and making the only complete System of Medical Practice yet known to the world.

You will find Prof. Campbell an eminent medical inventor, able teacher, and skillful physician, and a much esteemed and honorable gentleman, whom with his system of practice I can recommend to you in the highest terms and fullest confidence.

I remain your interested friend and well wisher,

JAMES M. HOLLAND, M. D., V. D.

May 14, 1879.

Salt Lake city, Utah.

Prof. Campbell has many similar letters from

other prominent physicians, certifying to the great superiority of the Vitapathic System; his references are the most ample, and of the highest character. *All can see them.*

WONDEREUL CURE.

THAT VITAPATHY IS THE TRUE SYSTEM OF HEALTH IS
PROVED BY THE CURES THAT IT MAKES.

Cincinnati, O., February 26, 1879.

Mrs. Kate Coleman, the wife of my cousin, J. M. Coleman, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, was so severely injured by a railroad accident, eleven years ago, that her life was despaired of; her back was bruised and spine injured its whole length, and her body injured internally, bringing on uterine tumor and other difficulties. By the greatest care she was kept alive, but was still so sore that she could not move, or be moved, without increased pain and fainting away. Her lower extremities were paralyzed, and her head, neck, and whole body powerless. She lived on those eleven years more dead than alive, almost without food or sleep, until nature became exhausted, and all physicians failed. Her friends then heard of DR. J. B. CAMPBELL, and his wonderful cures made by the Vitapathic System. With great care, attended by both a physician and nurse, they brought her to Dr. Campbell's Health Institute, in this city, where after two month's treatment she is restored to health and life, and walks unaided and alone, and, in the language of her friends, "the dead is alive."

She goes to Detroit this evening on the cars *alone and by herself*. All of which I certify to be true.

G. W. COLEMAN,

Sup't of Coleman Gas Works, 292 Main st.

I feel truly that I have come to life again by Dr. Campbell's kind and skillful treatment, and feel confident that no one else could have saved me.

KATE COLEMAN.

Detroit, Mich., February 28, 1879.

DR. J. B. CAMPBELL :

Dear Sir — My wife arrived here yesterday all right. I am amazed and delighted to have her restored to health and life again.

Yours, gratefully, J. M. COLEMAN.

I am the physician who took Mrs. Coleman to Dr. Campbell's Institute on an easy portable couch, made for the purpose, and could scarcely keep her alive until we got her there. I am astonished and delighted at the success of the Vitapathic System, and think every physician should learn it.

M. E. GILE, M. D.

Kalamazoo, Mich.

EXTRACT FROM MRS. COLEMAN'S LETTER ON REACHING
MICHIGAN FROM DR. CAMPBELL'S INSTITUTE :

I arrived at Detroit feeling very well and happy in being restored to health! My family scarcely knew me. I had changed as it were from death to life! My daughter was so amazed that she could not speak, but wept tears of joy! My husband was astonished and delighted. And all who knew about my great injury and eleven years of helplessness and intense suffering, think the cure is wonderful, and so do I.

Ever grateful, KATE COLEMAN.

The Michigan papers NOTICED the wonderful cure.

WONDERFUL POWER.

The wonderful power of the developed human soul in its faculty of clairvoyance and clairaudience (some examples of which I have already referred to in former pages) is so valuable in many ways, and to make this marvelous human power more plain, I will relate some more well attested cases in my own experience.

Clairvoyance has been successfully employed to examine the human body of our patients, whether present or absent, and to accurately describe every organ and part of the human body, and to locate and diagnose the particular disease in the most complete manner, and point out the proper treatment, which when followed leads to complete success. Some persons can do this and call themselves mediums, and pretend to be assisted by disembodied *spirits*, when they do it by their own developed soul power (but may not know it). Clairvoyance is useful in finding things that are lost. To illustrate the use of this power more fully I will relate a few circumstances in my own experience. (I speak of occurrences in my own experience because I know them to be TRUE.) At one time I was treating a young man patient for epilepsy at his father's house one evening, and had *passed* him into the clairvoyant state. A young man traveler, who was staying there for the night (for it was a house of entertainment), said to me, "Can the clairvoyant see and describe things that are lost?" I said I don't know but will try; and to the clairvoyant patient I say, "John, look and see what this strange young man wants." John spoke and said, "The young man has lost a silver watch," and described the watch and guard, and how and where it was lost; the young man

did not know when or how he had lost it, but he traveled many miles next day to the place that the clairvoyant had described and found his watch. (The clairvoyant had never been to the place.)

Just then another traveler came in and he wanted to find out something, so I asked John to look at this stranger that had just come in. John said "Yes; this man has lost a bag of buckwheat flour." "Why, how is that?" said the stranger. John said, "You have a grist mill at home and had ground a bag of buckwheat flour for a customer, and set it down to wait until the owner came for it." The stranger asked whose bag of flour it was; John said, "I see the name R. Hamilton on the bag," and then went on and described a man and his team who came to the mill for a grist, and in taking his he took this bag of buckwheat flour along with him also. The clairvoyant described this man and his team, and his house and family, so accurately that the miller found him when he returned home, and got the bag and flour. (Can so called mediums do better than that? Can they do as well?)

A LADY CLAIRVOYANT.

On another occasion, one winter evening, I was at this same house of Mr. George Smith, treating his son. The father said to John's sister, "Ann, can't you see that way?" She said, "I don't know, but would like to." So at her and her father's solicitation I put her into the clairvoyant state very easily and quickly. There was but one stranger there that evening on whom to make a test, and he had just come in. He said, "Have her examine me." I did so. Then the clairvoyant said, "You have a weak knee that hurts you sometimes." "Why, how did I get that?" said the

stranger. Ann said, "Well, sir, about thirty years ago, when you were thirteen years of age, you were riding a horse along a narrow path through the woods, and a bird flew up and frightened your horse, so that he jumped against a tree and hurt your knee severely; and it hurts you at times yet." The man seemed to take it all strangely, and said "What colored horse was it?" she said, "Iron gray." "What kind of a bird was it?" she said "A pheasant." "What kind of a tree was it?" she said "It was a pine tree." He inquired, "Can you see them now?" she said "Yes." "Why," he said, "the horse, and the pheasant, and the tree are dead and rotted all away twenty-five years ago, and how can you see them *now*?" she said "*I see them as they were THEN.*" This wonderful revelation was admitted to be true in every particular by the stranger, who was entirely unknown to me or any of the Smith family. Can mediums, or ghosts, or hobgoblins beat that? Ann Smith did this all herself, after I had developed her clairvoyant powers, as I have done with hundreds of other persons.

This clairvoyant revelation opens the eyes of the thinker, and convinces him of one *overlooked* FACT, that is, that the person or thing seen and described, as being present at the time, need not be there at all. But if they had ever lived or existed, the impress of their forms *as living*, can be seen by the clairvoyant, same as if they were then and there present. This will open the eyes of many persons who go to mediums who describe their friends as being *present* when they are *not there at ALL*.

Clairvoyants often describe persons, and animals, and trees, and plants, and flowers that have long since passed away, and of course they are not *there* as claimed by mediums.

PSYCHOMETRISTS

Describe the conditions and surroundings of things as they were many years ago, the same *as if they were* present. Persons and things are described as they *were* when they lived, whenever that was, though that may have been thousands of years ago. But all this does not prove that they live or are present *now*. And when persons or things are described as being present *now* that have long since dissolved away into their original gases, we may conclude that no person of the past is present *now*, or at the time of sitting, although claimed to be so by mediums. It is describing things as they *were once*, but not as *now*. This settles the question of mediums calling up spirits in the *negative*, and disposes of that part of spiritualism, for this is allsynonymism.

Clairvoyants can describe persons and things without the person or thing being present; so when persons go to mediums to meet their deceased friends they don't meet **THEM**, they are deceived, their better feelings trifled with, and their money taken for naught; and it is time that people were getting their eyes open; and this fact is still further proved by

CLAIRVOYANCE,

Which is another human faculty, and does all that is done, and all that mediums claim to do. Persons that I have developed as clairvoyants, psychometrists, and clairaudients, do all and more than mediums even claim to do. Clairvoyants *see* and describe things in the past; psychometrists *feel* and describe things as they were in the past; clairaudients *hear* and describe and relate words and conversations that occurred long ago, as if they

had just been uttered ; which goes a long way toward proving that the persons or spirits who uttered the words need not and probably are not present *now* (at the time of the seance), neither is it probable that they are *present* at the time as claimed by the mediums.

I developed one of my nieces to be a good clairvoyant and clairaudient ; she could describe things that were done and words that were said years before that time, and I have tested the same with many others ; and these are human, cultivated and developed faculties, and no spiritualism about it more than human spirits or souls *in* the body. These and many more wonderful things can be done by the developed and educated human soul, and far surpass all so called spiritualisms ; and it is better to call things by their right names.

FINDING CRIMINALS.

A clothing merchant had a coat stolen from outside his store door, and after waiting and hunting for months without finding either coat or thief, he finally came to me for clairvoyance. I then had a young man student whom I had developed into a good clairvoyant. The merchant insisted on a trial and offered large sums of money. I put the young man into the clairvoyant state and turned his attention to the merchant. The clairvoyant described the coat and the man who took it, and told what the thief said to his wife when he went home, *as was ascertained afterwards* ; finally the clairvoyant described the thief accurately, and told the merchant that he would find the thief many miles away at work with the stolen coat *on*, and with a pipe in his mouth. The merchant found the thief, and coat, and pipe, and work, and place the next day, exactly as the clairvoyant had described, and

got the coat and thief. Can so called spiritualism do as well?

I have had much such experience and such results; and by actual observation and test I have learned that all these results are accomplished by the cultivated and developed human soul, while yet living in its own physical body. "And greater works than these shall be done."

Then may not the human soul learn all and do all? This is the

GREAT QUESTION,

And who can settle it? It will not do to rely on old beliefs originated in the infancy of the race, when mankind did not know much and had nobody to teach them, and in their ignorance were not capable of either discovering or of comprehending the truth. It will not do to rely on supposed superior beings to teach us, for those supposed superior beings may not be a reality. Do they exist at all? That is the *first* question.

If we as intelligent human beings examine and analyze all nature from the finest ether (or next to nothing,) up or down through all grades and degrees of developement, through atom, rock, soil, herb, tree, animalcule, coral, crustacia, worm, fish, insect, reptile, bird, animal, up to the most perfect man—the genius homo—then observe the dawn of reason and watch its upward grade, from sensation to instinct, reason and intelligence, and the different grades and degrees and increase of intelligence; and then see how it commences at nothing in the new born infant; and see that intelligence is a thing of cultivation and growth.

These are still unsettled questions in the minds of some people, and perhaps no two think or believe exactly alike. That there is a power in nature

that does all things according to the workings of its own natural and unalterable law seems to be well understood by intelligent mankind. But this power (nor any kind of power) has no intelligence. It is a blind unconscious power that knows nothing. The sun's rays have power and do wonderful things, but no intelligence. There is power in the fleeting wind, and in the sweeping tornado, and in the destructive cyclone, but no intelligence. There is power in the lightning's flash and in the swelling flood, but no intelligence. There is power in the earthquake and in the volcano, but no intelligence. When the sun's electric attraction acts on matter forming atoms and worlds, there is power but no intelligence, neither was there any need for intelligence, as all operate by natural force and unalterable law, that no intelligence can control or change or manage.

Unalterable, blind, unconscious, all-sufficient power was first; and then gradually, by the operation of its own creative power, it finally, when it had produced the proper organizations, ultimated in intelligence in proportion to the completeness of the being and its cultivation and development.

In looking through the works of nature, in creation, it is evident that there was no intelligence employed in its production; no intelligence or wisdom manifested in making a world with hills and hollows, earthquakes and volcanoes, storms and floods, freezing cold and burning heat, light days and dark nights, sunshine and shade. An intelligent power could have made all warm and pleasant, and all light and beautiful. When it is said that it was said, "Let there be light," why was n't it so? Is there any intelligence coupled with power? All the works of nature proclaim that there was no intelligence in the power that

created all things, nor was there any need for intelligence. Neither is there any love manifested in the creative power. There is no love manifested in putting helpless infants on a cold barren world, surrounded with wild beasts, stinging insects, and deadly reptiles, and all manner of troubles, and want and sickness, pain and death ; and at last, as the heathen scriptures say, at last make a lake of fire and brimstone to burn mankind throughout all eternity. Oh, no! no sensible person would believe there was any love there. No intelligence ; no love in creative power. We can submit to a blind unconscious power that makes us miserable, though it goes hard with us ; but that an all-wise, loving, and intelligent all-powerful being did it is hard to believe.



PART SECOND.

THE PROBLEM SOLVED.

Ever since the dawn of recorded history, all down the ages, accounts have been given, stories related, and beliefs expressed of a wonderful power, uncomprehended and seemingly incomprehensible. In explaining more of this wonderful power, heretofore unknown, but which through the assistance of the higher sciences can soon be made fully known, and which is now practiced by some to a wonderful extent. As a further introduction to this power, we will use the first part of our Sermon on the Higher Vitapathy, heretofore spoken and published :

For there is a wonderful and all-sufficient power in nature, operating by its own occult law and living energy; as grand as it is mysterious; surpassing the knowledge of untutored intellect; as extensive as the illimitable universe. All space is full of this power, and alive with its omnipotent energy; all nature is full of its manifestations, and reveals its power and presence in everything—every moment of time. It is HEARD in the murmuring breeze, in the howling winds, in the roaring ocean, in the quaking earth, and in the pealing thunder; it is SEEN in the shining sun, in the glistening stars, and in the flashing lightning; it is FELT in the balmy air, in the mineral magnet, in the perfuming vegetable, in the electric eel, in the charming serpent, in the magnetic man, and in the fascinating woman.

This wonderful power has been employed to some extent by the learned, and wise, and brave

of all ages—by the African vou-doo, the Chaldean astrologer, the Persian magi, the Hindoo fakir, the Egyptian priest, the Hebrew prophet, and by the wonder-workers of all ages and climes. But it is only in modern times, and but very recently, that this vast and unlimited power has been known and employed successfully. True, wonderful results have been produced by it in former years, and by those who did not know or understand the power. Much good has been done with it, and some harm, for the vicious and selfish have used it for evil purposes; but the wise and good, the noble and the pure, have employed its sublime powers in doing good, in relieving the needy and distressed, in curing the sick, and in mitigating human woes, and this while its highest powers and the best methods of its application were unknown. It took a long time for humanity to progress up to the comprehension and fulness of the power. They did not nor could they understand the height and depth of this mighty power. It was too high for the limited knowledge of even modern philosophers; with all the light of the ages shining down upon them it was to them still a hidden mystery. Ancient sages and medieval philosophers strove in vain to solve the problem and find the power. It remained for the present day scientists, with their better knowledge, clearer light, and higher perception, to break the seal, unlock the door of nature, discover the power, and reveal its method of operation. This now has been done, making a plain science of what was an impenetrable mystery, and making its processes so plain that any intelligent man or woman can learn to employ its invincible power with wonderful success, excelling the marvels of the past as far as day excels night.

And greater works than these shall men do if they learn, and know, and use the power.

With it the learned, and faithful, and brave, can control the elements, suspend matter, overcome gravitation, organize worlds, produce and preserve vegetable, animal, and human life; control the human passions, govern subjects at will, develop the intellect, and expand the powers of the soul; cure diseases, prevent death, gain immortality, banish wrong, and bring general happiness into the world. So sure as all in the past has been fulfilled so sure will the future be. And the good time coming, so long looked for, is sure to come, and is already close at hand.

The wonderful discoveries and rapid progress in learning and wisdom, and the many remarkable inventions that have been made in the last few years, and that are now being made, all proclaim its coming. The great progress that has been and is now being made in the use of electricity and magnetism proclaims its near approach, and prepares the way for a grander manifestation of vital power, that is close at hand and now coming. Its signs appear. The starry heavens radiate its glory; air and earth throb with its scintillations of living force; intelligent man feels its presence; all nature is ready for its coming, and why should we delay. Prophets have foretold it. Our souls yearn for the good time coming; and the people are looking with piercing eyes, anxious gaze, and longing hearts for the power about to be revealed.

Stand back you doubting, scoffing, unbelieving host—you dead weights of society—who would keep back the blessings in store for our race. Why would you hinder the car of progress, or stay the chariot wheels of power? You have kept it back lo, these many years. How long, oh how long, will

you prevent its coming and full realization? You cannot prevent it much longer; you have done your worst. The power is now too strong; you cannot withstand it any longer.

But now, like intelligent men and women, admit its truth, accept its conditions, and prepare yourselves for its benefits, and listen while I explain to you its possibility, probability, and absolute certainty.

In calling your attention more fully to its nature, and power, and use, I need not lead you through the labyrinthine mazes of ancient myths or modern speculation. Books have been written and libraries filled with histories, of wonderful manifestations of an unknown power, which none could explain or tell from whence it came nor how employed. You need not look for it there. You need not wade through the ignorance of the past; nor search through the musty tomes of ancient or modern lore. *It is not there.* Yet to know what the people in the past thought of it, and to know their different opinions, may be interesting; and we sometimes profit by others' failures. Mankind, commencing low down in the scale of intellect, had to commence low in their conceptions. They thought first that the power came from certain minerals and precious stones; some thought that it was the power of certain vegetables, gums, balsams, oils, and perfumes; some thought that it was the power of the elements, fire, water, earth, and air; some thought that it was the power of certain animals, and worshiped them accordingly; some thought that it was the power of certain gifted humans, or as they supposed more than humans, and they deified them accordingly; some thought *and think* that it is the power of invisible, intelligent beings (perhaps

once in the flesh) that do wonderful things for those who subject themselves to their influence; some think that it is the power of some immaterial, eternal, omnipotent being, that does all things according to his own will.

As mankind did not know what this power was, or what the real power is, they supposed it to be almost everything else but the right thing. Thus all systems of religion have been founded on these false notions of what the real power is. They supposed that there were higher beings than human souls. That there were spiritual beings of some kind and from some source was generally believed, for they were seen and heard; but none knew from whence they came or where they belonged to; some called them by one name and some by another; some called them geni, some called them angels, and some called them gods. Abraham sometimes called them men, and sometimes angels, and sometimes lords, and sometimes gods. The Egyptians called them gods, and so did the Greeks, who believed there were thousands of them, and they built temples for them. Moses claimed to have one particular one, he called him sometimes lord, and sometimes god, and often by other names; and having different attributes—some of love and some of hate. As some of these spiritual beings were supposed to be good, they were called gods, and the supposed evil ones were called devils; and often the gods seemed to be worse than the devils, in character and actions, until mankind became so unsettled in their minds that they did not know what to believe, or who to trust, and

STILL THE MYSTERY DEEPENED,

Until finally some supposed they might be a kind of human souls or half-way angels, and called them



sons of god. It is said that when the three captive Jews were confined in the fiery furnace that a fourth person was seen with them, like unto a son of god (or disembodied human soul). At one time a number of spiritual beings (or human souls) met together and their meeting is recorded in this way, "The sons of gods met together," (and it is said the devil met with them and had quite a friendly chat with the leading god, who allowed him to rob and plunder and afflict old Job, just to please the devil), but what the sons of god did at this meeting history does not inform us further. I suppose the devils and sons of devils had their meeting too, and whether the gods or sons of gods met with them or not we are not told; but I expect they did; and it seems that the gods used these devils, "Lying spirits," to bring suffering and death on mankind. It is recorded in a supposed truthful book that the chief of the gods wanted to have Ahab king of Israel killed, but he did not know how to accomplish it, so the *sacred* book says there was "Silence in heaven for the space of a half-hour" to think of some method by which Ahab could be killed.

And now the question may be asked, are there any intelligent beings in the universe except human souls that were once in the flesh like us? Nature has only one method of producing intelligence and intelligent beings, and that is through physical forms, by graded development up from the lowest atoms to the highest man. This we see going on, and know that it is done that way. What we see nature do we *know*, and there need be no foolish guess work or blind belief about it, and there would not have been if there had been any intelligence to start on. Human thought began in ignorance and therefore their conclusions were erroneous. They did not even know that the earth

was round ; or that the sun was the source of heat, light, and life ; they did not even know the ingredients of the air they breathed, or the water they drank, or the food they ate. They knew scarcely anything, and what little they did seem to know science demonstrated to be wrong.

A HUMAN SOUL TRAVELING THROUGH THE AIR A THOUSAND MILES WHILE ITS BODY IS AT HOME ALIVE.

By GEN. EDWARD F. BULLARD.

In December, 1854, with my first wife, I made a visit at the residence of Gov. Talmadge, in Fon du Lac, Wisconsin. After a few days I accompanied the Governor to Philadelphia and New York, to aid in procuring the publication of the "Healing of the Nations," a book in which we took a great interest. My wife remained with the Governor's family, a distance of over one thousand miles from New York city.

While in New York, one forenoon, we made a social call upon Judge Edmunds at his parlors, then on Fifth avenue, near Thirty-second street, and there met the Judge, his daughter Laura, and Dr. Dexter. While conversing upon the subject of spiritual communications, Miss Edmunds went into a partial trance and described my wife as being present, standing by my side. Miss E. had never seen her before, but Gov. Talmadge pronounced her description correct. Miss Edmunds said Mrs. Bullard was anxious to talk with me, but as she could not do so without other parties hearing, she withdrew.

In a few days by regular course of mail I received a letter from my wife, stating that at the very time in question she was anxious to consult with me, and was told by her angel friends if she would

consent they would take her to me. She obeyed, and apparently traveled through the other world, and, as she passed along, she met many old acquaintances who had been several years there; some happy and some in darkness. They all spoke to her as she passed hurriedly along, and in a few moments she was in my presence. As I had not the power to see or hear her, and she could only make herself known to the clairvoyant, she declined to converse with me on the subject about which she was anxious. After my return she fully corroborated her experience upon that occasion, and gave me many interesting particulars, not important to relate, in regard to her conversations with the spirits with whom she conversed on that excursion.

As she passed to spirit life in February, 1859, and has often returned since, I thought it might be important that such well authenticated facts should be put upon record for the instruction of the public, and to excite further investigation as to the great powers of the mind or spirit while yet in the body. On other occasions, when I would return from a few days absence, no matter how distant, she would frequently repeat to me conversations which I had held with persons miles distant from her, with perfect accuracy.

The public ask: What good to know that these things occur?

When persons fully realize that their every act is open to the vision of their living friends, as well as to those on the other side of life, it can readily be imagined what the influence will be upon human conduct.—*Journal of Man.*

This statement of General Bullard fully corroborates the previous historical accounts which I have related a few pages back, and, like them, this visit

of Mrs. Bullard to her husband a thousand miles away is of the same kind of human phenomena that the others before referred to were, and the same as many incidents in my own experience. And I know it was all human, and performed by the human soul while its physical body was yet alive. It is all human power; the human soul does it all. Wonderful is the power of the human soul, and "greater wonders than these shall thou do" when you have learned *how*: but no plan could be devised in all the wisdom of heaven. Then an evil spirit, a devil, proposed a plan that was accepted (devils in heaven; yes, that is history) after the leading God had inquired of the devil how he would do it. The devil said he or they would go and be lying spirits in the mouths of all the prophets and entice Ahab to go up to Rameth Gilead to battle and get killed. God was pleased at that proposition and said to the devils, "go and succeed." And it is further recorded in that same book of books that the devils did go and did succeed. The Gods don't seem to know much or have much power, but that the devils are wise and powerful. But who are the

GODS AND DEVILS?

For a long time mankind believed these so-called good and evil beings to be of a different order of intelligence from human souls, *indeed*, mankind did not know that these were human souls separate from the human body, and supposed that at death *all* died together. Moses and the prophets all seemed to believe and teach that way, but finally the Greeks and other so-called heathen nations made

THE GREAT DISCOVERY

By seeing these spirits in their own human forms,

and concluded that they were human souls. And at last intelligent people began to understand and believe that these spiritual beings were *really* disembodied human souls, whose bodies had died and mouldered back to dust. Then the

LIGHT BEGAN TO DAWN

On the minds of mankind that all the evil and good spirits, all the devils and all the gods, were disembodied human souls, and only differed in good and bad qualities, as human souls do here while in the material body. That being settled immortality began to dawn. But then the question arose: What kind of bodies would these human souls appear in in the future? Finally some thought in the *old* body, and thus originated the idea of a physical

RESURRECTION,

And the Egyptians and other nations proceeded to embalm the bodies of their dead friends so as to preserve them for them for the *resurrection morning*. Other nations doubted, and did not know what to think or do, and so did nothing. The Jews were divided; the Pharisees believed in a resurrection, and the Sadducees did not; and so with other nations and people, some believed and some did not, and some are still waiting for clearer and fuller proof. It is a pity that mankind never had any proper teaching on this all-important subject.

But finally a fuller spiritualism dawned on the world and claimed that these spiritual beings are not only disembodied human souls, but are those of *our* own departed friends, whose physical bodies we have laid in the grave; but later spiritualists claim more: they claim that they can hold communion, under suitable conditions, with the souls or

spirits of these departed friends. If their claims are true it clears away all doubt and misapprehension as to who the spiritual beings are who inhabit the spiritual world, and establishes at once the truths of

SPIRITUALISM.

Then it is settled that human souls live after the death of their physical bodies, and friends once parted may meet again. *What a comforting thought,*

BUT IS IT TRUE?

Almost every person would like to know, and many would give fortunes to know for certain. The day for faith is past. People ask *now* to

KNOW,

And they are determined to know, and will not rest short of absolute knowledge, therefore, they resort to so-called spiritual tests, and our desire to know the truth prompts us, in the light of reason, science, and common sense, to analyze the whole subject, and examine the varied so-called spiritual manifestations, and discover how the different kinds of spiritual phenomena are produced.

To get at the truth, in our inquiry and investigation, we will go back to first recorded history, in order that we may find out what spirits first did, and how they did it. Moses tells us that an evil spirit conversed with Eve under the apple tree (in the bushes); and that a good spirit *called* to Adam in the cool of the day, but just how either spirit conversed or communicated Moses does not tell us; nor how Noah received the command to build the Ark. Abraham communicated with them, but *how* we are not told. Moses himself learned to communicate with spirits or human souls while he was a student in Egypt, and became

an adept in occult phenomena, even excelling some of his tutors, the Egyptian priests; but still he did not tell, in all his numerous writings and many books, how it was done. Sometimes, he claimed, it was by writing on tablets of stone, and sometimes by the lightning's flash, thunder's peal, and by Sinai's roaring volcano, and other natural phenomena.

Moses did not claim to have seen these spiritual beings, though he did say that he had seen the hinder parts of one once; but he could not tell whether it was black or white, good or bad. But Moses did condescend to tell us that he made an ark (cabinet) to facilitate communications with spirits, and that part of the performances was produced in the dark; and he employed what is now called mesmerism to prepare his subjects (mediums), and he tells us that he thus prepared Joshua to be the chief leader (and medium) for the children of Israel after his death. It is said that Moses prepared Joshua for this important office by *striking* his hands on him. (Making strokes or passes same as is now done by mesmerists.) And this trance state was commonly used among the priests and prophets of Israel as Moses had learned it in Egypt, and taught it to Aaron and his successors.

Elijah, the prophet, had a school of this kind in Jericho, and his students were called "Sons of the Prophet," among his best graduates was Elisha, the prophet. They all professed to communicate with spirits, some good, some evil. It was said at one time, that four hundred of these prophets were frauds, and Elijah laughed at them when they failed under "test conditions" to do anything. He taunted them, and told them to "call louder, so that their god could *hear*, as perhaps he was asleep or on a journey." But still they did not succeed,

and false prophets and false mediums never have *succeeded under test conditions*, unless they were as smart as Elijah was, who by chemical processes ignited his wood under his (leg of beef) sacrifice.

Science and tricks do wonderful things, falsely claimed to be spiritual, yet there seemed to be some truthful and honest prophets and mediums, and perhaps the (clairvoyant) woman of Endor was one; by her clairvoyance she discovered who King Saul was, although he came to her disguised, and clairvoyantly *saw* Samuel as he *was when* put in the grave; and presently she read the future and told the fate of Saul and his son at the next day's battle, and represented to Saul as if Samuel had said it. At any rate the communication was true, and her prophecy was fulfilled to the letter on the next day. If that was spiritualism it was good and true, and proves her to be a true medium, so called, though the prophets in power did want to kill her off, as old school medical doctors want to do now with younger and better school doctors. As it was then so now, the false generally wants to kill off the true. Wrong for a time triumphs over right; "but ever at last, the right comes uppermost" "The mills of the Gods may grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine." As time passed on there were many mediums through which the people believed they communed with their friends once supposed to be dead. The Greeks had their medium oracle in every temple, through whom they supposed, at least, they held communion with departed human spirits or souls; and it was said that many of these *disembodied* human souls were seen in the streets of Jerusalem, and that they looked so natural that their living friends supposed they had "rose from their graves." The Apostles saw human spirits, and one looked so grand, and

bright, and glorious to St. John, the divine (as he was called), that he supposed he was some supernatural being. But the glorious being told John that he was a *disembodied* human soul, one of the old prophets, and a brother human with John himself.

From that time on it is supposed that human souls, commonly called spirits, have been seen and communicated with in all parts of the world; indeed it is a belief among all the people, and this brings us to the main question,—

DO SPIRITS, SO-CALLED, COMMUNICATE?

and, if so, how; Is there any true and reliable mode of communication between disembodied human souls and their friends yet on earth, or is it all *humanism*, the workings of human souls yet in the body. That human souls yet in the body can do wonderful things has already been shown, but to prepare your minds to decide properly we will insert some newspaper accounts of wonderful things done, some by the works of nature and some by human beings, and which may lead the way to clearer thought on this all-important subject:

MAN'S SPIRITUAL DOUBLE.

In an article by G. C. Wittig, on "General Ernst von Pfuël as a Spiritist," in a recent number of *Psychische Studien*, is to be found a highly interesting account of a Finish sorcerer who possessed the extraordinary faculty of entrancing himself and sending his double out into the world long distances, and conducts himself in that state like a real man; who in one instance actually purloined the wedding ring of the wife of a certain Swedish bishop, presenting the husband—who had been a

skeptic on the possible feats of magic—with the ring, as a proof positive that he had been to Stockholm, and seen his wife in the kitchen scaling fish, for which purpose she had taken off her ring, and only got it back again on the return of the bishop, who had gone all the way to Finland to ascertain the truth of the many wonderful accounts in circulation about the magicians of Finland. The strangest part of the narrative is what the bishop's wife has to say when trying to account to him for her lost wedding ring,—“I missed the ring,” said she, “since such-and-such a day,” naming the exact date on which the bishop witnessed the magic performance of the Finn, “and I have a suspicion that an old Finn, who had come into my kitchen on that day while I was cleaning some fish, has stolen the ring, although I do not know how he could have done so. The strange conduct of the man made me suspect him; the sudden appearance of the man without any previous announcement, his peculiar look and countenance—as if I were looking a dead man in the face. Thinking the man was destitute, and perhaps sick, I went to the chest of drawers for some alms, but when I turned round to give it to him, the man had disappeared and my ring too.”

A REMARKABLE SCENE.

Thought-Reading and the Detection of Crime Before a London Audience.

On Saturday evening, at the Hotel Victoria, Mr. Stuart Cumberland gave illustrations of thought-reading as it might, he suggested, be applied to the detection of crime. The company included magistrates, diplomatists, lawyers, authors, novelists, etc. Mr. Cumberland prefaced his experiments by stating that there was no such thing as a power of read-

ing a person's thoughts by looking into the mind and seeing what was passing there, but that what he termed thought-reading was the observation of the involuntary physical indications which correspond to the thought or feeling that was predominate in the mind. With this explanation the experiments were proceeded with.

Mr. Vaughan, the well-known magistrate, was then asked to take the chair, and in that capacity he forthwith became accessory before and after the fact to a series of as startling crimes as were ever perpetrated before a drawing-room gathering. Mr. W. Lumley communicated to Mr. Vaughan his intention to murder Mr. Milner, Mr. Cumberland being out of the room at the time, and then Mr. Cumberland, blindfolded and holding Mr. Lumley's hand, walked about among the company, and shortly fixed upon Mr. Milner as the gentleman who had been designated. It should be said that Mr. Lumley was requested to concentrate his thought during the search upon the person whom he had selected. The next thing was the representation of a murder with robbery, Mr. Cumberland being out of the room as before, and blindfolded during the search. Mr. P. Callan was good enough to slay Sir W. Charley, and a gentleman from the Russian Embassy took and secreted his watch. Mr. Cumberland, holding the hand of the supposed criminal, soon selected the victim from among the company, and though the discovery of the watch was more troublesome, it was at last satisfactorily accomplished. After this Mr. Cumberland found out which of three suspected men—Mr. W. S. Gilbert, Mr. B. L. Farjeon, and Mr. T. Lumley—had committed a sham assassination. It should be added that not only did Mr. Cumberland discover the imaginary victims, but that he

repeated the manner in which the pretended crime had been committed, pointing a dagger to the same part of the body, and in one case this was remarkable, as the original deed was a make-believe stabbing in two places. Miss Julia Neilson was requested to fix her mind on some article worn by any person present, and, after it had been discovered, to bestow it in imagination upon some other person. Mr. Cumberland, holding the lady's hand, had no difficulty in finding the owner of a ring which had attracted her notice, and in ascertaining that she had mentally transferred that article to Mrs. W. S. Gilbert.

All the experiments were perfectly successful, though some appeared to present more obstacles than others. At the conclusion Mr. Vaughn expressed the thanks of the company to Mr. Cumberland, and said that what he had witnessed had certainly presented the subject in a new light.—*London News.*

THE DELUSIONS OF HASHEESH.

An Experiment with the Transitory Affections Produced by Psychic Poisons.

A. M. Field has recently recounted his experience under the influence of hasheesh. He smoked the hasheesh until he felt a keen sense of well-being, and then put the pipe aside. After a few minutes he seemed to become two persons. He was conscious of his real self reclining on a lounge, and of why he was there; his double was in a vast building, made of gold and marbles, splendidly brilliant and beautiful beyond all description. He felt an extreme gratification, and believed himself in heaven. This double personality suddenly vanished, but reappeared in a few minutes. His real self was undergoing rhythmical spasms throughout

his body; the double was a marvelous instrument, producing sounds of exquisite sweetness and perfect rhythm. Then sleep ensued and all ended. Upon another occasion sleep and waking came so rapidly that they seemed to be confused. His double seemed to be a sea, bright and tossing as the wind blew; then a continent.

Again he smoked a double dose, and sat at his table, pencil in hand, to note its effects. This time he lost all conception of time. He arose to open a door; this seemed a million of years. He went to pacify an angry dog, and endless ages seemed to have gone on his return. Conceptions of space retained their normal character. He felt an unusual fullness of mental impressions—enough to fill volumes. He understood clairvoyance, hypnotism, and all else. He was not one man or two, but several men living at the same time in different places, with different occupations. He could not write one word without hurrying to the next, his thoughts flowing with enormous rapidity. The few words he did write meant nothing. This experience admirably illustrates the close relationship between states of real insanity and transitory affections induced by psychic poisons.—*Science*.

NOTES ON HYPNOTISM.

Results of a Detailed Study of the Memory in the Hypnotic State.

Dr. A. Dichas, writing in the *American Journal of Psychology*, has made a detailed study of the memory in the hypnotic state, and summarizes his main conclusions somewhat as follows: (1) During the hypnotic sleep the subject remembers the experiences of his waking life as well as of previous hypnoses. (2) In hypnotism there is often an exal-

tation of the memory, and at times a change in its contents, leading to the assumption of a foreign personality. (3) The memory of what has been going on during hypnoses is usually lost, it can often be revived by a simple suggestion, and at times the memory of a suggested hallucination may linger on and influence the waking condition. (4) The operator can, at his will, have any of the acts of the hypnotic state remembered or forgotten by making this a part of a suggestion. (5) Suggestions seem to be largely explicable as unconscious memory. Dr. Cybulski has studied the power of hypnotic subjects to hypnotize themselves. He finds that such subjects strongly imagine for a minute or less that the operator commands them to go to sleep, and the desired result ensues. Furthermore, if the subject, on going to sleep, imagines himself controlled by a certain person, then, even though another sent him to sleep, he will be subject to the former, and not to the operator. These observations show the importance of the subjective, elements in the process of hypnotism and indicate the method by which the subject unconsciously takes suggestions and acts upon them. Dr. Berkhan has applied hypnotism to the amelioration of the hearing of the deaf. He tested the hearing of nine deaf boys, and, after hypnotizing them, spoke to them, and had various noises made before them. The hearing of four of them was found to be improved, and the improvement is reported as still persisting after eighteen months.

CONJURING IN INDIA.

Celebrated Feats whose Performance is indeed a Mystery.

Indian jugglers are famous not only for their tricks, but for the apparent ease and openness with

which they perform them. Dr. Norman Macleod describes his own futile attempts to discover how one of their most celebrated feats was accomplished.

Through one of my friends I asked for the well-known Mango trick. I am told that many intelligent young men profess to know how the trick is done, but whenever I made inquiries I have found, to my regret, that at that moment they have always forgotten the secret.

While the tom-tom was beating and the pipe playing, the juggler singing all the time in low accents, smoothed a place in the gravel three or four yards before us. Having thus prepared a bed for the plant to grow in, he took a basket and placed it over the prepared place, covering it with a thin blanket. The man himself did not wear a thread of clothing except a strip round the loins.

The time seemed now to have come for the detective's eye! So just as he was becoming more earnest in his song, and while the tom-tom beat and the pipe shrilled more loudly, I stepped forward, with becoming dignity, and begged him to bring the basket and its cover to me.

He cheerfully complied, and I carefully examined the basket, which was made of open wickerwork. I then examined the cloth covering, which was thin, almost transparent, and certainly had nothing concealed in it.

Then I fixed my eyes on his strip of clothing with such intentness that it was not possible it could be touched without discovery, and bade him go on, feeling sure that the trick could not succeed.

Sitting down he stretched his naked arms under the basket, singing and smiling as he did so, then lifted the basket off the ground, and behold a green plant about a foot high.

Satisfied with our applause, he went on with his incantations. After having sat a little, to give his plant time to grow, he again lifted the basket, and the plant was now two feet high.

He asked us to wait awhile that we might taste the fruit! But being assured by those who had seen the trick performed before that this result would be attained, I confessed myself "done" without the slightest notion of the how. I examined the ground, and found it smooth and unturned.

Apparently delighted with my surprise, the juggler stood up laughing, when one of his companions chucked a pebble at him, which he put in his mouth. Immediately, the same companion, walking backward, drew forth a cord of silk, twenty yards or so in length, after which the juggler, with his hands behind him, drew forth from his mouth two decanter stoppers, two shells, a spinning top, a stone, and several other things, followed by a long jet of fire.

INDIAN JUGGLERY.

*Wonderful Performance of a Jossakeed, at Leech Lake,
in 1858.*

The feature of the evening at one of the late meetings of the Anthropological Society, in New York city, was a paper by Colonel Garrick Mallory, on "Algonkin Glyphs on Bark and Stone." The paper dealt briefly with some related subjects, and will form a part of the annual report of the Bureau of Ethnology. The following is a brief chapter on "Indian Jugglery," extracted from this paper:

"Paul Beaulieu, an Ojibwa of mixed blood, present interpreter at White Earth agency, gave his experience with a jossakeed, at Leech Lake, about the year 1858. The reports of wonderful perfor-

mance reached the agency, and, as Beaulieu had no faith in the jugglers, he offered one hundred dollars, a large sum, then and there, against goods of equal value, that the juggler could not perform satisfactorily one of the tricks of his repertory, to be selected by him (Beaulieu) in the presence of himself and a committee consisting of his friends. The wager was accepted with the result to be described.

"A medicine lodge was made. Four strong poles were planted deep in the ground, rising to an elevation of at least ten or twelve feet; one of them having the branches remaining and rising a little beyond its fellows, this being the indication of a jossakeed as distinguished from a mede lodge. The interior diameter was less than four feet. The frame, which was inclined to the center, was then filled in with intertwined twigs and covered with blankets and birch bark from the ground to the top, leaving an orifice of about one foot in diameter open for the ingress and egress of spirits and of the objects to be mentioned, but not large enough for the passage of a man's body. At one side of the bottom wrapping a flap was left for the entrance of the jossakeed or shaman. A committee of twelve was selected to see that no communication was possible between the jossakeed and confederates. These twelve men were respectable people, one of them being the Episcopal clergyman of the reservation. The spectators were several hundred in number, but stood off, not being allowed to approach.

"The jossakeed then removed his clothing, until nothing remained upon his person but the breechcloth. Beaulieu then took a rope (of his own selection for the purpose), and first tied and knotted one end about the ankles; the knees were

then securely tied together; next the waists, after which the arms were passed over the knees, and a billet of wood passed under the knees, thus securing and keeping the arms down motionless. The rope was then passed around the neck again and again, each time tied and knotted so as to bring the face down upon the knees. A flat river-stone of black color—which was the jossakeed manedo or amulet—was left lying upon the thighs. The jossakeed was then carried to the lodge, placed inside upon a mat on the ground, and the flap covering restored so as to completely hide him from view.

“Immediately loud, thumping noises were heard, and the frame-work began to sway from side to side with much violence, whereupon the clergyman remarked that this was the work of the evil one, and it was no place for him; so he left, and did not see the end. After a few minutes of violent movement and swaying of the lodge, accompanied by loud, inarticulate noises, the motions gradually ceased, when the voice of the juggler was heard telling Beaulieu to go to the house of a friend near by and get the rope. Now, Beaulieu, suspecting some joke was to be played upon him, directed the committee to be very careful not to permit any-one to approach while he went for the rope, which he found at the place indicated, still tied exactly as he had placed it about the neck and extremities of the jossakeed. He immediately returned, laid it down before the spectators, and requested of the jossakeed to be allowed to look at him, which was granted, but with the understanding that Beaulieu was not to touch him.

“When the covering was pulled aside the jossakeed sat within the lodge contentedly smoking his pipe, with no other object in sight than the black stone of manedo. Beaulieu paid his wager of one

hundred dollars. An exhibition of similar pretended powers, also for a wager, was announced a short time later at Yellow Medicine, Minn., to be given in the presence of a number of army people; but at the threat of the grand medicine-man of Leech lake bands, who probably objected to interference with his lucrative monopoly, the event did not take place, and bets were declared off * * * So remarkable and frequent were these performances of jugglery that the French in 1613 called the whole body of Indians on the Ottawa river, whom they met at a very early period, 'the scorcerers.' They were the tribes afterward called Nipiseing, and were the typical Algonquins. No suspicion of jugglery in the sense of deception appears to have been entertained by any of the earliest French and English writers."

SPOOKS.

Spooks seems to be another name for disembodied human souls. Accounts of haunted houses, ghosts, and spooks that are supposed to have been seen, open the question, Do disembodied human souls, commonly called sprits, really go about and show themselves sometimes to certain persons? I know this is a common belief, but where is the evidence. People are always imagining something or other, and they have many strange notions that when fully examined are found to be erroneous. The foundation of nearly all systems of religion may be classed in this category. Then is spiritualism based on any better foundation? Though millions may believe it to be true, it may be, like other systems of belief, found to be false. And right here let me say, I have no beliefs to uphold, nor any to tear down: I shall tell only what I believe to be true, and tell it without fear or favor.

I have been investigating spiritualism and other systems of belief for more than forty years, and as there was a power manifested, I sought to find it out and utilize it for the good of mankind, and especially that I might use it in my profession to more effectually cure the sick and mitigate the woes of suffering humanity; and I think I have succeeded to a wonderful extent, as the thousands of persons cured by me are living witnesses of the healing power I used. We will now analyse spiritualism itself, and put it in the crucible of scientific investigation, and we shall endeavor to do it thoroughly and impartially. We will review its history with care and moderation, seeking for truth, and to know more fully the powers of nature, so that we may employ them more beneficially than ever before in curing disease and restoring life.

MODERN SPIRITUALISM,

What *is it* and how is it *done*? Is it spirits or humans that do it?

In presenting the subject as fairly as we can so that all can judge for themselves, we will give the

HISTORY OF THE RAPS AND MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

"The times have come

That when the brains were out the man would die,
And there an end;—but now they rise again
With twenty mortal murders on their crowns,
And push us from our seats. This is more strange
Than such a murder is!"

"The first well authenticated history that we have of the sounds so unaccountable to those who have heard them, was in a house occupied by Mr. Michael Weekman, in a little village known by

the name of Hydesville, in the town (township), of Arcadia, Wayne Co. He resided in the house for about eighteen months, and left some time in the year 1847. Mr. Weekman makes the statement in substance as follows: That one evening about the time of retiring, he heard a rapping on the outside door, and what was rather unusual for him, instead of familiarly bidding them "come in," he stepped to the door and opened it. He had no doubt of finding some one who wished to come in, but, to his surprise, found no one there. He went back and proceeded to undress, when, just before getting into bed, he heard another rap at the door, loud and distinct. He stepped to the door quickly and opened it, but, as before, found no one there. He stepped out and looked around, supposing that some one was imposing on him. He could discover no one, and went back into the house. After a short time he heard the rapping again, and stepped up (it being often repeated) and held on to the latch, so that he might ascertain if any one had taken that means to annoy him. The rapping was repeated, the door opened instantly, but no one was to be seen! He states that he could feel the jar of the door very plainly when the rapping was heard. As he opened the door he sprung out and went around the house, but no one was in sight. His family were fearful to have him go out lest some one intended to harm him. It always remained a mystery to him, and finally, as the rapping did not continue at that time, passed from his mind, except when something of the same nature occurred to revive it.

"They were at one time disturbed by a manifestation of a different nature, which might be thought more incredible than the former, had not facts proved that such occurrences were common in the

families where the first class of manifestations are heard. One night their little girl, then about eight years of age, was heard to scream from fright, so that the family were alarmed by her cries, and went to her assistance. This was about midnight. She told them that something like a hand had passed over her face and head; that she felt it on the bed and all over her, but did not become so much alarmed until it touched her face. It seemed cold, and so badly had she been frightened, that it was a long time before she could tell the cause of her alarm. It was several days before she could be induced to go into the same room to sleep.

"All this *might* have occurred, and been only 'the idle fabric of a dream;' and we should be inclined to the belief that such was the case, had we not had the most conclusive evidence that such manifestations were quite common, not only in that house, but in various other houses, where these strange occurrences have happened.

"We hear nothing more of Mr. Weekman being disturbed by the rapping or other manifestations, or of there being any thing of the kind with that exception, until after the house was occupied by the family of Mr. JOHN D. FOX. It was reserved to that family to be the instruments of communicating to the world, or to this part of it, this most singular affair. They were the ones who first, as if by accident, found that there was an intelligence manifested even in this rapping, which at first appeared nothing more than an annoying and unaccountable noise.

"The family of Mr. Fox were well known in the neighborhood where they resided. Mr. and Mrs. Fox were connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which they had for many years been exemplary members, and had sustained a character

unimpeachable for truth and veracity. No one who knew them had the least suspicion of their honesty or truthfulness. At the time these occurrences first took place in the family there were living with the parents three daughters, the youngest about twelve years of age.

"There are, probably, few families in which such an occurrence could have taken place, where it would have created a greater degree of surprise and fear than in this one. They were entirely unacquainted with the history of any similar occurrence in the world, and brought up in the common routine of religious belief, they were, as in fact all the world really was and still is, entirely unprepared for such a development of the power of spirits to make themselves known to us by sounds or other ways.

"From the family we gather the following facts, which are in substance the same as those embodied in a pamphlet published just after the first manifestations at their house.

"They moved into the house (formerly occupied by Mr. Weekman) in the early part of the month of December, 1847, and first heard the sounds in the latter part of March, 1848. The sounds first appeared to be a slight knocking in one of the bedrooms on the floor. When the rapping was heard, they felt a tremulous motion or jar on the floor, and distinctly felt it while in bed. This feeling has been observed by most persons who have examined the subject and heard the sounds. The best idea we may be able to give of the feeling is to say that it very nearly resembles the application of a galvanic battery to whatever you stand upon. The jar seems more of that nature than that of a stroke from any tangible substance. The first time they heard it was in the evening just after

they had retired. The whole family occupied at that time the same room, and all distinctly heard the rapping. They arose and searched with a light to find the cause of the noise, which continued all the time they were searching, and at near the same spot. It continued that night until they all fell asleep, which was not till nearly or quite midnight. From this time the noise continued to be heard every night.

"In the evening of the 31st of March, they concluded to call in the neighbors, the noise still continuing. At this time none of the family had ever noticed it in the day time. On the evening above alluded to (31st of March) they retired very early, as they had been disturbed and broken of their rest for several nights in vain attempts to discover from whence the sounds proceeded. They thought that this night they would not be disturbed by it, whatever it was.

"Mr. Fox had not retired when the sounds commenced. The girls who occupied another bed in the same room heard the sounds and endeavored to imitate them by snapping their fingers. The attempt was first made by the youngest girl, then about 12 years old. When she made the noise with her fingers, the sounds were repeated just as many times as she made them. The sound was not like that which she made, only the number of raps. When she stopped her fingers the sound stopped for a short time. One of the other girls then said in sport, do what I do; count one, two, three, four, five, six," etc., at the same time striking one hand in the other. The same number of blows or sounds were repeated as in the other case. As this slight manifestation of intelligence was displayed, she began to be alarmed, and desisted from trying any more experiments. Mrs. Fox then said count ten,

and there were ten distinct strokes or sounds. She then said will you tell the age of Cathy (one of the children) and it was answered by the same number of raps that she was years of age. In like manner the ages of her different children were told correctly by this unseen visitor. Mrs. Fox then asked if it was a human being that was making the noise, and if it was to manifest it by making the same noise. There was no sound in answer to this question. She then asked if it was a spirit, and requested that if it was it would manifest it by making two distinct sounds. As soon as she made the request she heard two raps as she desired. She then proceeded to inquire if it was an injured spirit and to request an answer in the same way, and the rapping was repeated. In this way it answered her until she ascertained that it purported to be the spirit of a man, and that he was murdered for his money. To the question how old he was there were *thirty one* distinct raps. She also ascertained by the same means that he was a married man, and had left a wife and five children; that his wife was dead, and had been dead two years.

"After ascertaining so much, she asked the question: "Will the noise continue if I call in the neighbors?" The answer was by rapping in the affirmative. They then for the first time began to call in their neighbors, to help if possible to solve this great mystery.

"At first they called in their nearest neighbors, who came thinking they would have a hearty laugh at the family for being frightened; but when the first lady that came in found that the noise, whatever it might be, could tell the age of herself as well as others, and give correct answers to questions on matters of which the family of Mr. Fox

was entirely ignorant, she concluded that there was something beside a subject of ridicule and laughter in those unseen but audible communications. These neighbors insisted on calling in others, who came, and after investigation were as much confounded as at first.

"The family being somewhat alarmed and much fatigued, left the house for the night. The next day the excitement began to spread, and the house was filled with anxious seekers for the unknown and invisible visitor. Through that day and up to that time there were no sounds heard in the day time

"On Sunday morning, April 2d, the noise commenced in the day time, and was heard all that day by all who could get into the house, as the crowd, which came from all quarters, was much greater than the house would hold. We have heard it estimated that at one time there were as many as five hundred people who had gathered to hear the sounds, so great was the excitement at the commencement of these strange occurrences.

"On Saturday evening there was a committee appointed to ask questions and report what the result was, and it was nothing of any importance differing from what is here related.

"As a confirmation of what we have stated as being related to us by the family, we give the following from the testimony of WILLIAM DUESLER of Arcadia, and an immediate neighbor of Mr. Fox at the time of the transaction. This statement was published in a pamphlet by E. E. LEWIS, Esq. of Canandaigua, New York, which contains the testimony of many persons in the neighborhood. Mr. Duesler says:

"I live in this place. I moved from Cayuga County here last October. I live within a few rods

of the house in which these noises have been heard. The first I heard any thing about them was one week ago last Friday evening (31st day of March). Mrs. Redfield came over to my house to get my wife to go over to Mr. Fox's. Mrs. Redfield appeared to be very much agitated. My wife wanted I should go with them, and I accordingly went. When she told us what she wanted us to go for, I laughed at her, and ridiculed the idea that there was anything mysterious in it. I told her it was all nonsense, and that it could easily be accounted for. This was about 9 o'clock in the evening. There were some twelve or fourteen persons there when I got into the room. I went into the room and sat down on the bed. Mr. Fox asked questions, and I heard the rapping which they had spoken of distinctly. I felt the bedstead jar when the sound was produced.

"Mrs. Fox then asked if it would answer my questions if I asked any, and if so rap. It then rapped three times. I then asked if it was an injured spirit, and it rapped. I asked if it had come to hurt any one who was present, and it did not rap. I then reversed this question, and it rapped. I asked if I or my father had injured it, (as we had formerly lived in the house,) there was no noise. Upon asking the negative of these questions, the rapping was heard. I then asked if Mr. ——— (naming a person who had formerly lived in the house,) had injured it and if so, to manifest it by rapping, and it made three knocks louder than common, and at the same time the bedstead jarred more than it had done before. I then inquired if it was murdered for money, and the knocking was heard. I then requested it to rap when I mentioned the sum of money for which it was murdered, I then asked if it was one hundred, two,

three, four, and when I came to five hundred the rapping was heard. All in the room said they heard it distinctly. I then asked the question if it was five hundred dollars, and the rapping was heard.

"After this, I went over and got Artemas W. Hyde to come over. He came over. I then asked over nearly the same questions as before, and got the same answers. Mr. Redfield went after David Jewel and wife, and Mrs. Hyde also came. After they came in, I asked the same questions, and got the same answers. * * I then asked it to rap my age—the number of years of my age. It rapped thirty times. This is my age, and I do not think anyone about here knew my age except myself and family. I then told it to rap my wife's age, and it rapped thirty times, which is her exact age; several of us counted it at the same time. I then asked it to rap A. W. Hyde's age, and it rapped thirty-two, which he says is his age; he was there at the time, and counted it with the rest of us. Then Mrs. A. W. Hyde's age, and it rapped thirty-one, which she said was her age; she was also there at the time. I then continued to ask it to rap the age of different persons (naming them) in the room, and it did so correctly, as they said.

"I then asked the number of children in the different families in the neighborhood, and it told them correctly in the usual way, by rapping; also the number of deaths that had taken place in the different families, and it told correctly. I then asked it to rap its own age, and it rapped thirty-one times distinctly. I then asked it if it left a family, and it rapped. I then asked it to rap the number of children it left, and it rapped five times; then the number of girls, and it rapped three; then the

number of boys, and it rapped twice. Before this I had asked it if it was a man, and it answered, by rapping, it was; if a peddler, and it rapped.

"I then asked in regard to the time it was murdered, and in the usual way, by asking the different days of the week, and the different hours of the day, learned that it was murdered on Tuesday night, about 12 o'clock. The rapping was heard only when this particular time was mentioned. When it was asked if it was murdered on a Wednesday, or Thursday, or Friday night, etc., there was no rapping. I then asked if it carried any trunk, and it rapped that it did. Then how many, and it rapped once. In the same way we ascertained that it had goods in the trunk, and that — took them when he murdered him; and that he had a pack of goods besides. I asked if its wife was living, and it did not rap. If she was dead, and it rapped. I then asked it to rap the number of years the wife had been dead, and it rapped twice. In the same way I ascertained that its children were now living; that they lived in this State—and, after asking if in such and such a county (naming over the different counties), at last when I asked if they lived in Orleans county, the rapping was heard, and at no other time. This was tried over several times, and the result was always the same.

"I then tried to ascertain the first letters of its name, by calling over the different letters of the alphabet. I commenced with A, and asked if it was the initial of its surname, and when I asked if it was R the rapping commenced. We then tried all the other letters, but could get no answer by the usual rapping. I then asked if we could find out the whole name by reading over all the letters of the alphabet, and there was no rapping.

I then reversed the question and the rapping was heard. * * * There were a good many more questions asked on that night, by myself and others, which I do not now remember. They were readily answered in the same way. I stayed in the house until about twelve o'clock, and then came home. Mr. Redfield and Mr. Fox stayed in the house that night.

"Saturday night I went over again, about seven o'clock. The house was full of people when I got there; they said it had been rapping some time. I went into the room, it was rapping in answer to questions when I went in.

"I went to asking questions and it answered them. Some of those in the room wanted me to go out, and let some one else ask the questions, I did so, and came home. There were as many as three hundred people in and around the house at this time I should think. Hiram Soverhill, Esq., and Volney Brown asked it questions while I was there and it rapped in answer to them.

"I went over again on Sunday, between one and two o'clock, P. M. I went into the cellar with several others, and had them all leave the house over our heads, and then I asked if there had been a man buried in the cellar, to manifest it by rapping, or any other noise or sign. The moment I asked the question there was a sound like the falling of a stick, about a foot long and half an inch through, on the floor in the bed-room over our heads; it did not seem to bound at all, there was but one sound. I then asked Stephen Smith to go right up and examine the room, and see if he could discover the cause of the noise. He came back and said he could discover nothing, that there was no one in the room or in that part of the house. I then asked two more questions, and it rapped in the

usual way. We all went up stairs and made a thorough search, but could find nothing.

"I then got a knife and fork and tried to see if I could make the same noise by dropping them, but I could not. This was all I heard on Sunday. There is only one floor or partition or thicknes between the bed-room and the cellar, no place where any thing could be secreted to make the noise. When this noise was heard in the bed-room I could feel a slight tremulous motion or jar.

* * * On Monday night I heard this noise again, and asked the same questions I did before, and got the same answers. This is the last time I have heard any rapping. I can in no way account for this singular noise which I and others have heard. It is a mystery to me which I am wholly unable to solve. I am willing to testify under oath that I did not make the noises or rapping which I and others had heard; that I do not know of any person who did or could have made them; that I have spent considerable time since then, in order to satisfy myself as to the cause of it, but cannot account for it on any other ground than that it is supernatural. I lived in the same house about seven years ago, and at that time never heard any noises of the kind in and about the premises. I have understood from Johnston and others, who had lived there before ——— moved there, that there were no such sounds heard there while they occupied the house. I never believed in haunted houses, or heard or saw anything but what I could account for before; but this I cannot account for." (Signed,)

"WILLIAM DUESLER."

April 12, 1848.

"To the same effect is the testimony of the fol-

lowing persons, whose certificates are published in the work alluded to, viz.: John D. Fox, Walter Scotten, Elizabeth Jewel, Lorren Tenney, James Bridger, Chauncey P. Losey, Benjamin F. Clark, Elizabeth Fox, Vernelia Culver, William D. Storer, Marvin P. Losey, David S. Fox and Mary Redfield.

"These are only a few selected from the immediate neighbors of Mr. Fox. The certificates of persons who have examined this matter up to this time would swell to hundreds and thousands."

The foregoing is the history of the rappings as they commenced in Hydesville, New York, on the 31st of March, 1848.

Now let us see what was done. There were raps that gave intelligent answers to questions; but what or who made the raps and gave the answers, and what were the answers? You will observe that the answers about the ages and family affairs were to persons *present*, who knew the answers to their questions. So it is plain to be seen where the information and intelligence came from. The other answers to questions to the supposed peddler might have come from the imaginations of the persons *present*, as the other answers came: but they could not imagine the name of the supposed peddler, so they got no name. If it had really been the peddler, or other murdered man, why could he not tell his own name as easily as to tell other things? So there was nothing definite or reliable about it. And the gentleman himself who investigated it most, and wrote the history of the raps, says, in concluding his *seemingly* impartial statement, that he could not account for the mysterious rappings. He and the other investigators with him all testify that they heard noises that they could not account for, and that there was intelli-

gence manifested, but that they could not tell from whence it came; and that the intelligence manifested in the answers was generally in harmony with their own knowledge of the questions they asked. Many other persons there and in other places examined the mysterious sounds, and came to the conclusion that they were made by the so-called mediums themselves; but still many believed that the noises were made by spirits—meaning disembodied human souls—some good and some bad, owing to the *condition* of the spirit communicating.

These, or similar raps, have been heard in the presence of certain persons all over the United States and the world; but the intelligence and answers were generally unsatisfactory, and seemed to have no higher source than the *medium* and other persons present. The rule, however, will work both ways; if certain human souls *in* the body can make raps and answer questions intelligently, so may *disembodied* human souls do the same, if there are such souls or spirits, and are near us; still it is reasonable to suppose that the human soul, *in* the body, could do it best, and they are the only ones that we *know* of as being present, and of course the *present* ones *do it*. But with what substance or force is it done? It is not wind, it is not water, nor steam, for there is none near the place. It is not electricity, for that has been tested by scientists with electrometers; neither is it magnetism, for that has been tested too. Is it spirit? I do not mean spirits or human souls, but spirit, a vital essence, as explained in former pages of this book. Spirit can vitalize and produce life, but spirit *alone* has never been known to make any kind of noise; but spirit united with matter, as in *VITA*, can make noises as well as light, heat, mo-

tion, sensation, instinct, reason, and intelligence, then *vita* can be used to produce raps and noises without intelligence in itself. Persons often hear raps, but can get no intelligence out of them. I myself have experienced this, and have tested it and know what I say about it. *Vita* then is the power used, but who or what uses it? That is the next question to be solved, and comes within my own experience. I, like thousands of others, generate large quantities of *vita* and throw it out from front brain and hands, and other parts of the body, sometimes by my will, and sometimes *involuntarily* and *unconsciously*, and sometimes can direct it to a suitable place *near by*. A number of persons sitting around a table, or in a circle, may do this, and do not know they do it. Some persons (so-called mediums) have this power largely developed from birth, but others have to go through a long developing process; some persons have still more remarkable faculties; some for mathematics, some for music, and some for mediumship, *so-called*; but these wonderful faculties are all *human*, and can be very highly *cultivated*, or *developed* as Spiritualists call it. Raps and noises of all kinds may be made by fraud or trick, and often supposed *spiritual* raps are made that way, as I have found by investigation and observation and know it to be so. Still there may be

HONEST RAPs,

And done by the medium *unconsciously*, as the somnambulist does many things that he is not aware that he does. Rappings are often made in this way, and more especially is table tipping done in this way, and so is manual or hand writing often done that way. I have tested all these ways, and know of what I speak. Forty years of investigation has settled my mind definitely on this matter,

and it is only after long study and experiment that I have come to this conclusion. But the believers may say they get intelligent answers to questions, yes, that is true, but you will observe that what is obtained is about what the medium or some of the circle know, and this points to the true source of information; so, even if some of the information imparted seems to be beyond the knowledge of some of the circle, it is no better than good guess-work. But even clairvoyants and psychometrists often revealed things that they nor any one else knew at the time.

My clairvoyant subjects have found things that were lost, and found persons that were drowned, when no person knew that fact; and many more wonderful things my pupils saw and described, and did, even excelling all spirit mediumship; and clairvoyance is a *human* faculty. But the believer in spiritualism may say that spirits may impart the information to the *medium*; but my experiments prove that the clairvoyant's own soul does it itself. To illustrate this I will give a case:

A strange man came to me to enquire for his brother who was lost or killed. I put my pupil into the clairvoyant state, and had her hunt for the lost man. Her soul seemed to go out of her body, indeed, I saw it go out, and know that it went to search for the lost man; finally she came to a creek, *describing it*, I told her to go down the stream, she did, and presently her body at home stooped down, with its head near the floor, for an *instant*. I said, "What are you doing?" she said, "I am going over a high dam, and as the water went down I went down too." This convinced me that she, *her soul*, was really *there*, and that clairvoyant souls do go and see, and make the revelations *themselves*, and no other spirits about it. She

went on down the stream and found the drowned body of the lost man; no other human knew that he was drowned, or where he was. That beats *spiritualism*! My developed human souls in their bodies can do more than all spirits and their mediums combined can do, and with all their tricks and fraud to help them.

But to make this clairvoyant experiment more conclusive, I will state that when I had restored my pupil to her normal condition she could remember and describe her journey, her finding the man in the water, and his clothing, and just how he looked; and the next day she led the way and went over the ground and down the stream, though she had never been there before in her physical body, nor had I, yet she knew the way and went right *to* and found the drowned man; saying that this was the same route that she came yesterday, only yesterday she followed the stream *on* the water, but to-day she walked on the bank of the stream. She was positive that she was *there yesterday*, and found the drowned man as she showed him to us *to-day* in her normal condition.

I have tested her, and many others of my clairvoyant pupils, and ascertained thoroughly that their souls could go to places where their bodies had never been, and could describe places and transactions that were then taking place many miles away, and where neither they nor I had been or knew of. These and hundreds of other experiments that I have made prove beyond a doubt the wonderful powers of the developed human soul, and reveal the true secret of supposed spiritualism, and lifts the veil of obscurity from human minds, and affords the key and opens the door to unlimited development of the amazing powers of the human soul.

But now we will look over our experience in *Spiritualism*. Commencing with raps, in 1850, in the presence of the Fox sisters; with them and with others, we sat around a table in a quiet upper room, for the purpose of hearing the raps; soon we could hear a distinct rap on the table or under it; it would rap when we requested it, and as many times as we requested; but the intelligence and information was obscure and seemingly of no higher source than that of the circle, and was very unsatisfactory. Then the sisters said *they* could produce the raps in other parts of the room, and stood up near a wardrobe and produced raps on the partly open door of the wardrobe; there was a distinct jar against this door, when neither the sisters nor anyone was touching it.

These raps were plainly made by the sisters—both their desire and energy were employed to produce the result. They did not make the raps with knee or toe joints, but it was plain to be seen that they did it with *vita* from their bodies, with vital energy and their desire to do so. I have tested this process, and *know* that it can be done. I have thrown out my vital energy so strongly that I have hit and shocked persons several feet from me, and much stronger if I touched them. I have had dozens of persons join hands with me in a circle and all have felt *my* raps or shocks. I have investigated the raps in the presence of many mediums, and also when no professed mediums were present; but I never got any satisfactory answers to my questions, and I sought dilligently for many years, and I tried my best to believe in spirit communication. It is a pleasing belief, and I wish it was true. *There may be some truth in it* after all the fogs, and mists, and frauds are cleared away: I hope there is.

But next we examined

TRANCE MEDIUMSHIP,

And this seemed to be the old method in Bible times, and seems the most reasonable of all methods of spirit mediumship. To rap requires more mixture of physical force; but a disembodied human soul may use some other living body, instead of its own, to communicate through for a short while at a time, at least it seems possible. But what is trance? Some persons are so psychological that they can put themselves in trance and in clairvoyance; others have to be operated on magnetically, by a powerful human operator, and by repeated sittings be put into that state; some *easy* ones may be put in at one sitting; some *hard* ones may require twenty or more sittings with a good operator. Some persons try to put themselves in, and some sit daily for years then fail. Positive persons may succeed, but *negative* persons need a good, honest *positive* human control, or else evil spirits may take control of them. I have cast evil spirits out of many obsessed persons. *Negative persons should never sit alone.*

I have put hundreds of persons into the trance state and made them good clairvoyants, etc., and the best so-called mediums. But always remember clairvoyance, etc., is a human power and a human faculty. These

HUMAN TRANCE MEDIUMS

Often think they are controlled by some other spirit or soul than their own, when they are not. I have often made my trance subjects think they were some great orator, and actually made brilliant speeches, seemingly far above their own powers, whether that supposed control was alive or not made no difference with the trance subject.

If the *supposed* control had been that of a *dead* orator, the credulous would believe that *that* was spiritualism *sure*.

Further back on page 148 of this book you will see where I have quoted an extract on

HYPNOTISM,

Where the writer states that the hypnotic trance subject often thinks himself some one else, and I know they do often think themselves some great spirit, and they try to act and communicate accordingly; and some supposed mediums think they have for controls great men such as Washington, Jackson, La Fayette, Lincoln, Grant, and Jesus Christ. It is wonderful what delusions some persons will get into. But trance after all is the most honest form of mediumship. Then we have so-called

MUSICAL MEDIUMS,

They have good musical talents, and have cultivated them well and are good performers; then, when they get partially self-entranced, or by some other person, their own musical powers become greatly *increased* and elevated, and they perform wonderfully, *seemingly* far beyond their ordinary powers, so it is attributed to some celebrated deceased musician, and they *sometimes* may really be present. It is the same in other educational arts. It is so with trance mediums, their own powers are greatly increased by their own soul's exalted condition, and they do read a person's life wonderfully well; and tell of friends, present or absent, or dead, often giving names and descriptions of dead or absent friends, and *describe* the departed dead as if they were *present*, and you think they are present, when they are not. Such trance seers can read your mind well enough to

tell you what you want to know, and generally tell it too in harmony with your hopes and desires, particularly if the questioner is negative and weak-minded; and this is the best that *mediums* can do. I speak from experience and actual tests. I have been consulting mediums of all kinds, over the United States, for nearly forty years, and know what I am saying; I am no upstart opposer, but have been all the time a hopeful *believer*, and a fair and honest investigator, and will now give some of my own experience in Spiritualism.

I thoroughly investigated the raps, in the presence of the Fox sisters and hundreds of other rapping mediums, and in all cases I ascertained that the raps came from the medium and circle, whatever the intelligence might be. And table tipping showed the same fact still more plainly; and so does planchette and psycho-brette, as well all other physical means and manifestations.

I never had any trance or other medium tell me what I did not know, unless they guessed at it, and guessed wrong, so there was nothing smart in that. The only thing they seemed smart in was to get money out of their customers. But mediums often tell direct falsehoods, and lead persons astray, doing much harm.

AN INSTANCE.

I called on Mrs. Patterson, of Philadelphia, Pa., the most celebrated of the writing mediums; she asked me to write my questions on slips of paper, I did so write six questions; she took one of them and put in a double slate, or at least I *supposed* so, and closed and fastened the slate together, and laid it on her lap as she sat *opposite* to me at a table, and then, with both her hands on the table, she wrote on paper, with her own hand, a seeming answer to the question—and in the mean time there

was written on the inside of the double slate a short answer to the same question. All seemed fair, and rather mysterious; but the answers to the questions were wrong, and so with all the six questions, one at a time were answered the same way, and all wrong. One question was to my father, and the seeming answer came signed, "your Father." I then wrote another question, requesting my father to write his name, but then it was *convenient* for the medium to say that the power was exhausted, and could do no more then. I paid my dollar and left, and waited a year or more to see if what she had promised in the future would come true, and it did not; but the very reverse of it did take place, leading me astray, had I followed her advice, to thousands of dollars loss. So much for spiritualism. Mrs. Patterson did all *herself*, and no other spirit about it, and she only is to blame. My father's angel soul did not do it.

I tried many other writing mediums, one of whom was the celebrated medium, Mrs. Carrie Twing. For a dollar and a half she wrote me out on paper with her own hand, a *long* rigmarole of nonsense, void of all intelligence or truthfulness. I tried scores of other so-called mediums with the same success.

I tried materializing mediums with equal success. First at Col. Case's, in Philadelphia, at the time of the Centennial. The notorious Nelson Holmes was the medium. A number of materialized spirits appeared in a dim light one at a time, and one was introduced as General George Washington, and looked very like his portraits. Three evenings later I saw the same show at the house of Mr. Holmes, the medium. Col. Case also *attending*. The manifestations were grand and sublime, and very convincing, and I *believed*, until,

some time after, a man who was in the *ring*, and supposed I was, said to me, "Col. Case makes a good *materialized* Washington, don't he?" "Well, yes," I replied, "he does look just like Washington's pictures."

But time rolled on, and I went to spiritual camp meetings. I went to five of them in one summer, and attended various seances at all of them. I attended the materializing seances of the famous Eddy Brothers, at Lake Pleasant, but the materialized spirits were all too human. Then I attended the seances of Mrs. Huntoon, sister to the Eddys, the same materiality exhibited itself, all was *nicely* done, and many believed. Then I attended the seances of Mrs. Stoddard Gray and her famous son, at the same camp meeting, and will now take a little time to explain how it was done.

First thing was to take your dollar, next to sit around in a half circle facing the cabinet; then lay some musical instruments on the table by the cabinet. The medium sits down by them and goes into a trance (?). Then make the room totally dark. Then Mr. Gray, husband of the mother medium, reached over *in the dark*, and touched my head with his fingers—make believe the spirits did it; in the *meantime* son medium was making much racket and poor music on the instruments—make believe the spirits did it. Then make dim light *very dim*. Then the son in the cabinet puts on white robe, and begins to show a little of himself as a spirit, but his mother and a table in front of him prevent us seeing him plainly; finally he comes out as a young lady; and then, with wigs and masks resembles men. Then again he comes out as an oriental lady of great distinction. And now a lady spirit *seems* to come up from the floor. It was done in this way. The table in front of the

cabinet was covered with a dark cloth, the son medium, representing the spirit, crawled from the capinet *under* the table and came out on the outside of it, and then rose up suddenly, making it appear in the almost darkness as if it had come up through or from the floor. But you will notice that these crawling up *spirits* never go back the same way. Sometimes you can see the mediums make believe spirits do it, by standing *inside* of the cabinet and then squatting down as low as a *human* can, then pull the curtains together, to make it appear that they went *entirely* down.

One night when I was at Mrs. Gray's they showed us a new act; right behind the table, inside of the curtain of the cabinet, they had placed a high stool, and then the son medium, pretending to be a spirit, with his long white robe on, stood up on the stool making him look about eight feet high. Then I was called by the mother to see the *wonderful*, tall spirit, from the spirit land, or perhaps formerly an inhabitant of some other planet where people grow taller. I went and saw, first, that the belt around his waist was up too high for a tall man; I then discovered the stool on which he stood, but I said nothing, I did not want to spoil further investigations; but presently I saw him step down, and heard his step upon the floor. The mother said, "Did you see?" "Oh, yes," I replied, "I saw." (She was afraid I had made the discovery.) She said, "Saw what?" I turned it off in her favor, I did not then want to let her know that I understood all. But I had really detected the trick, and indeed all the tricks, for they were all tricks.

When the young man would be out a short distance from the cabinet, and in going back the skirts of his long robe would part, and I sat where the *little* light enabled me to see the legs of his pant-

aloons. Altogether, I had fully unravelled their tricks and counterfeit materializations, yet I said nothing, and many persons present believed them genuine.

The son has some natural psychometric powers of his own, by which he can give written answers to folded questions. I tried him, but, like Mrs. Patterson, his answers and predictions did not come correct. Still this *natural human* faculty that he has makes people believe that he is a spirit medium, and helps them to believe that his materializations are genuine. And that is the way that other *mediums* do; they have some natural clairvoyance, or clairvoyant powers, and do some little things that make people believe they are mediums, and they believe in all their tricks as genuine; here is where the delusions and deceptions come in. And because mediums and fortune-tellers can tell *something* of the past, the credulous believe they can tell the future too; but they can guess, and that is all they can do.

But I must tell you about more materializing mediums. We will describe Mrs. Beste's show next. I saw her at Onset camp meeting, at the Glen Cove House, the leading hotel of the place. The company sat in a half-circle, in a dark room. Mrs. Beste sat in the corner of the room behind a curtain, and a big, fat lady accomplice sat next to her. Music and singing was engaged in by the circle, while the fat accomplice handed the medium the *illuminated* robe, that she got made in Boston, for her to put on, so that she, representing a spirit, could be dimly seen in the dark; then she could personate almost any spirit, and by changing her voice could speak and sing as almost any spirit might be supposed to do. But there were really no *disembodied* spirits there.

I also attended Mrs. Bliss' circles at the same camp meeting, but I will speak of her further along. Next I attended the seances of the famous Mrs. Ross, and there I saw plainly that she had confederates, and that settled her **PRETENDED MATERIALIZATIONS**. I did not expose her, but others did at her future seances.

The next evening I attended the seances of the Berry sisters, under the management of the shrewd Albro, who makes materializing mediums to order, same as Bliss does trumpet mediums. The materializations that evening were apparently very good, and satisfied many believers present. The light was very dim and did not shine on the cabinet at all. Soon the white robed *spirits one by one* came out a short distance and shyly went back. Soon both the Berry sisters came out together, and represented themselves to be the two deceased daughters of Major Hale, who was present. Albro and the mediums knew Mr. Hale's history, and who he wanted to see. Then again one of the sister mediums came to Dr.——, as his daughter, he led her to me and introduced her to me, then I saw that she was one of the two sisters who had been to Major Hale, as *his* daughter. There were a few more representations by the sisters, but not to me. And I may remark here, that none of my relations or friends, or even acquaintances, ever appeared to me, though I have attended the seances of dozens of *materializing mediums*, nor have ever any persons or spirits communicated to me in any way through any medium of any kind. But near the close of this evening's sitting, I said to Mr. Albro, "I don't seem to get *anything*, and I want to go away tomorrow." He seemed anxious to please me, and held a short whispered conversation with the sisters in the cabinet; then one of the sisters

came out to me, with her dress taken off, and her night gown put on. She came up and took me by the hand. I raised up, and asked her who she was. She said her name was Margaret. I asked her for her other name, but I could not understand what she said. Finally she told me she was my long since passed over Margaret, and should have been my wife, and would be my spirit wife. I never had an acquaintance by the name of Margaret, but I did not tell her so; I let her have her own way; she was very loving, and hugged and kissed me good, and I did my best to please her and gave her the kisses all back again, and we had a loving time. [I had said publicly a few days before that the apparitions were all too material to be spirits, but appeared like women in their night clothes, and when they were examined closely it was found that they had neglected to take their corsets off.] This Berry sister had taken her corset off and let me feel her waist, and bare breast under her night gown to see that she did not have her corset on. I found she had none on, but all was naked truth. I examined her very thoroughly and know that she was a human; then I led her up to the light and examined her face and head very closely, for I was on an investigating tour and was a *believer*. In looking closely I saw she had a peculiar countenance and rather thick lips; she had her hair banged in the latest style. I told her to raise her hair as I wanted to see her forehead; this she did; and I also looked at the top of her head; she had a peculiar shaped crown, and her hair was parted from it well forward on the top of her head: I noticed all these peculiarities, as I hoped to see her after the seance, but Mr. Albro would not let me see her, although I entreated him to let me make her acquaintance before I left, as I was going to leave

in the morning, but he *refused* this reasonable request. She had come out four different times to me during the evening, each time hugging and kissing me as if she really loved me. The last time she came out she appeared to come up from the floor close to the cabinet, and some ten feet from me, and I will relate how it was done. The long black curtains hung in front of the cabinet and lapped on the floor, and all was dark close to the cabinet and no *good* light anywhere. She put a white handkerchief on her head got down close to the floor in the cabinet then crawled out under the black curtains, and then suddenly rose up, making it appear like she had come up through the floor, and some said, "see the spirit come up through the floor," but I saw how she came, and noticed that she *walked* back into the cabinet, and did not go *down* through the floor as she appeared; oh no, she could not do that, she had to walk back. All mediums can make believe the spirits come *up through* the floor this same way.

I was sorry I could not see her after the seance, but as I was denied that privilege, I thought to get her photograph, and after I came home, I saw some spirit medium photographs advertised in the "Facts" magazine, among which was the Berry sisters, so I sent a dollar to the editor of "Facts" for the photographs, but they never came, but finally after some months had passed "Facts" did publish a number of spirit medium pictures, and among them was a very good engraved likeness of the Berry sister who represented my "Margaret" *whom I never knew*. I had told the circumstances when I went home, so when I saw the picture in "Facts," I showed it to my friends and said, here is my "Margaret" who hugged and kissed me so

much; oh "*gloria mundi*," "*mirabile dictu*," "will wonders never cease."

In all these statements I am telling only what I know. All these mediums have been exposed time and again, and the Berry sisters have quit the spirit business. I never exposed any mediums; I am no spirit grabber or disturber of meetings. I have heard of many other mediums being exposed many times, but I did not attend their seances, so I will not accuse them on hearsay, but speak only of what I know myself from personal observation, and will now speak of home or Cincinnati mediums.

We have had a great many here of many kinds, and I thoroughly investigated the most of them, but I have only time to speak of a few and will commence with Mrs.——. She would hold public circles at a small entrance fee, and sit them in an oblong circle, with herself at one end; then they would sing and she would pretend to go into a trance, and commence whispering and blubbering, saying some words to those she knew, but strangers could get nothing, because she did not know their history. She would also give private sittings at one dollar each. I had a special sitting with her to see what she could do. We sat at a small table on opposite sides; she began first with a slate and small pencil, and would hold this under the table, and small scratches could be heard. She used her fingers to work the pencil until it dropped, then she would hand up the slate and there were her scratches on it, but no sign of even one letter of the alphabet. She tried this several times until I got tired of it and asked for something else. Then she pretended to go into a trance and commenced talking to me. I asked her who was talking, she said it was the medium's uncle who controlled her.

She went on and talked to me about what she knew of my history, and *nothing else*, and the *control* made great promises how he would help me in my practice, etc., but it was never realized. I was fully convinced that she said and did it all herself. But in after years she went on improving in her skill, until she began to represent materialization. To test her on that, I paid her to come to our house and materialize. She came, and I soon saw how she did it. She had all the spirit robes she needed under her clothing, and in the dim light she could make different representations, and by changing her voice would appear to be different persons in her whisperings; and it was laughable to hear her try to imitate a little girl's voice. She would reach up high for a tall person and stoop down low to represent small persons. I have seen her on her knees, and have seen her stooping. We attended her seances at her house and at other places many times, and every time I could plainly see she did it all herself. One time I saw her trying to make it appear as if two spirits were present, she would part the curtain in two places and then peep through alternate openings, so quickly in the dim light, that some would think there were two spirits in the cabinet, but I, and so did others, plainly saw that it was herself *only*, and all her materializing was done this way. She has left Cincinnati now for other pastures. Next was

A MAN MATERIALIZING MEDIUM

Mr. ——— who had been playing the materializing game in many places for many years, and many people *believed*. Finally he came to Cincinnati, and I engaged him to hold seances at our house for the benefit of our students who wanted to see.

We hung dark curtains across the pantry door, opening into the dining room, had a nice circle around it, made the light low and sung some hymns and had some music. Then he went behind the curtains and ordered total darkness; then he breathed loudly, pretending to go into a trance sleep, then he took a small triangle out of his pocket and tapped his knife on it—"Spirits." Then he took off his boots and walked out softly in the total darkness, while music and singing were going on. Then he touched some of the sitters with his fingers: Spirits again. I reached out and felt him and the peculiar buttons on his coat, but I did it so lightly he hardly knew it; I let him go on undisturbed; then he made some small phosphorous lights. The sitters thought that was wonderful. Then he called for light, a very dim light, and the *materializing* commenced. First some fingers were shown at the opening in the curtain and then a hand. More singing called for, then he took off his coat and stuck out his long arm, I could see plainly that it was his arm; finally a face appeared in the aperture in the dim light, but *never* spoke. But when some thought it might be their brother, he would nod his head being afraid to speak for fear his voice would "give him away." So none of his *spirits* ever spoke at any of his seances. At another time when his wife was with him he could do better; she wore a long large mother hubbard cloak, and carried all the paraphernalia under that, so on those evenings he would request some one or a committee to examine him to see if he had anything about him that was white, but all seemed honest. After that he would put on the white robe that his wife brought and would appear as a full size ghost, sometimes with whiskers and sometimes without them; sometimes he would put on

a veil and appear as a female, and sometimes he would appear as a stooping old man, and sometimes as an old woman, "somebody's grandmother;" sometimes he would put a mask on and appear as a young lady, bangs and all, in the latest style. But none of these representations ever spoke or were recognized by the sitters, though some thought the apparition looked like a long lost friend of theirs, then it would nod in the affirmative; sometimes he would make believe there were two spirits in the cabinet at one time, he would do it by showing his head at one opening and by holding the rubber mask in his outstretched hand at the other opening; he was pretty smart and did things well. At one time, at a gentleman's house where he was holding seances, he claimed that his control would draw a crayon picture of the spirit of a child, (that was never born). He substituted one already drawn by a pupil at the school of design. This he made the gentleman believe was his spirit daughter, who left the world before she was born. The gentleman believed it was his daughter's picture, drawn by spirit control, and paid the medium fifty dollars for it, and had it put in a massive golden frame, but he *don't* believe it *now*. The last time this medium was in our house holding a seance, I saw in the dim light that when he came partly out, representing an old man spirit, that he had a white handkerchief tied on his head, I could plainly see the knot behind, and before I thought, I said what have you got that white handkerchief on your head for, to represent an old man with gray hair? I was sorry I had said that for he then knew that he was detected, and he immediately called for a dark circle and music, and then handed the paraphernalia to his wife, and slipped out of the house in the dark-

ness and left the city, and I have never seen him since. I have heard that he has not attempted to hold any more materializing seances anywhere. The next morning after this, his last seance, I went into the pantry to bring out the chair and there I found his rubber mask with its banged hair, and a piece of an old pale blue mosquito bar for a veil, which he left in his hurry to get out for fear we would grab him. I showed it to persons present, and though they fully believed in materialization up to then said that they remembered seeing it on the medium. We have this mask and hair and veil yet, and will show it to any person who comes to see it. After he and his family had left the city *between two days*, their hired girl told us that she had washed and done up his robe and other things used in materializing. His wife has died since, "peace to her ashes."

Lately we have had in Cincinnati a Mr. ——— holding *materializing* seances. I went one night and saw it all and understood it all, but I came away and said nothing, as there were a good many believers there in the circle, but finally he was exposed by some spiritualists, a full account of which was published in the Cincinnati *Enquirer* of Nov. 2, 1888, which we now append,—

"There was a very sensational exposure of spiritualism last night. Materialized spirits were seized and unmasked, but they fought with mundane muscle and the claret flowed.

"For some time past one J. W. Fletcher, 'materializing and trumpet medium,' has been giving seances at 55 Carlisle avenue. He was recognized and indorsed by the local Spiritualists' Union, and his exhibitions were attended with great success. The seances were held three times a week, and,

as they were well attended and fifty cents admission was charged, Fletcher was enjoying a large income.

"Five well-known and responsible citizens—J. C. Wilms, of 128 West Fifth street; S. F. Howard, of 182 Elm street; H. Burbank, of 148 Smith street; D. F. Meader, of 224 Spring Grove avenue; and William Kimmich, of 322 Spring Grove avenue, determined to put the medium to a crucial test, and selected last night as the time. By eight o'clock some twenty-five persons, including the quintet of conspirators, had crowded into the parlor at 55 Carlisle avenue. The place had been arranged with a cabinet and the usual paraphernalia.

"After Fletcher had disanted for a while on the principles and claims of spiritualism, he announced that the spirits were ready to appear and converse with their friends and relatives.

"The lights were extinguished, and suddenly a bluish glow seemed to permeate the room, adding to the gloom and the strange feeling that filled the interested onlookers and believers.

"'Is Grandma Graham present?' asked the medium.

"An infirm lady, over seventy years of age, answered in the affirmative.

"'Your daughter Tillie, in spirit land, wishes to speak to you.'

"The form of a young woman clad in white glided from the cabinet and advanced a few steps, then stopped and swayed from side to side.

"'Its she! Its my dead daughter!' cried Mrs. Graham. She was so overcome by her emotions and the unhallowed sight that she fell back in a faint and did not recover for several minutes.

"Other spirits appeared, and claimed through the

medium to be departed friends and relatives of persons in the audience.

"Then came what Fletcher stated were his guardian spirits, over which he had control and could summon at will. These were "Indian Joe," an old Chief; his daughter "Bright star." While these representatives were in front of the cabinet, a little girl spirit stepped forth, and in a childish voice asked to see her papa, Mr. Howard, one of the five conspirators.

"It was then determined to spring the trap. Each of the prying gentlemen drew a pocket lantern and threw light on the scene. There was a hustling of spirits, and they made for the cabinet. Mr. Wilms seized hold of "Bright Star," who covered her face with her hands.

"When unmasked she was recognized by several persons in the room as a Miss Runnekamp, the daughter of a sewing-machine peddler. A dash was then made for the cabinet. Runnekamp himself was found therein, clad in his underwear and making vigorous efforts to get on an overcoat. At his feet lay the robes worn by "Indian Joe." The third occupant of the cabinet was a very pretty little girl, another daughter of Runnekamp, who burst into tears when led into the light. On either side of the cabinet was found a box. The sides had been cut and pasted over with blue tissue paper. This, with a lighted candle within, had caused the bluish glow that had filled the room.

"The expose caused great excitement. Runnekamp became very threatening and made at Mr. Wilms, who received him with a sharp blow on the nose, causing a quick retreat for repairs. When the lights were sprung, Fletcher, the medium, made a bound and escaped through the hallway into the street. He shortly afterward returned and threat-

ened the self appointed committee with all manner of violence, wanting to know why Runnekamp had not done some shooting. The conspirators merely laughed over their triumph and invited him to come on with his fight.

"There was at first considerable indignation among some of the more deluded persons, but when they recognized the completeness of the expose their anger turned against the fraudulent medium. The sudden denouncement prevented Fletcher from collecting the usual fifty cents all round."

Soon after the above exposure, doings of a Mr. —, who pretended to get writings and trumpet-speaking and materializing, was shown to be fraud by a committee of leading spiritualists.

Mr. S.—, and Mr. F.— and other exposed mediums, have all left for parts unknown, and we will let them go, but we will look a little more at the

SLATE WRITING MEDIUMS.

You will remember what I told you on page 175, further back, about Mrs. Patterson and other writing mediums, and we still have some in Cincinnati of the same kind, and some independent slate writing mediums *equally* as good, and the writing all done by human means—their own souls doing it—but they may not know it, and thus I will call them *honest*. People must judge for themselves.

TRUMPET MEDIUMS.

I went with a gentleman from Louisville, Ky., to see Mrs. —, a famed trumpet and slate writing medium; she did not know us, but supposed we both were from Louisville, as my friend told her he was. We two had a sitting for trumpet se-

ance, but finally a neighbor of hers came in, who had been to many of her seances: we three sat with the medium in a small circle, in total darkness. Singing was had, and the so-called Lord's prayer was said by all in unison. Then the medium picked up the long trumpet, and began to whisper through it, first to the neighbor, whose spirit friends she had often heard about, and the man remarked that he thought it strange that he could only hear from those of his friends whom the medium *knew* of, but such was the fact. Finally the trumpet stuck its long end towards my friend, and began to whisper some unintelligible words to him, but the attempt to communicate was a failure, although my friend is a full believer and very credulous.

Finally the trumpet reached toward me, and with one end touched me on the knee. I could plainly discern that the other end was held by the medium. It whispered *something*, and I said is it mother? It said what seemed to be yes. I asked her for her name, but she did not give it, as the *medium did not know it*. She, the *spirit*, asked me when I was going back home (to Louisville), when in fact I was not from there at all, but lived in Cincinnati, near by the medium, but the medium did not know it. This was a bad mistake, and was a clear give away, for my mother must have known where I lived. At last the neighbor man asked for singing, and for his brother's spirit to sing through the trumpet. This was agreed to, and all the circle were requested to join in the familiar hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee," and though the medium is a good singer, and sang the same hymn at the beginning of the seance, now, when the supposed spirit was using the trumpet, the medium did not (could not) sing, though she had been re-

quested to do so, nor was her voice heard in any way (*but through the trumpet*) while the singing was going on; she did it all herself, as other mediums do. But the day dawns, light is shining in the dark places, and all *secrets* will be REVEALED.

A PUBLIC SEANCE

Was held at a gentleman spiritualists house, for the benefit of the society. I went and took a friend and paid a dollar for our admittance, and although it was promised that only a few should be admitted, yet the double parlors were packed to suffocation. There were three or four trumpet mediums present with their long tin horns, and there was lots of speaking "in a horn." The mediums did their best, and whispered through the horns pretty lively in the dark, so they could not be seen handling and speaking through the horns. But we have said enough about trumpet mediums, but a little more may be said about trance mediums, so that their performances may be a little better understood. We will take as an example the most famous trance medium of Cincinnati, who holds public meetings Sunday afternoon and evening, for a small admission fee. First they have singing, then the medium goes into a partial trance, which is itself a human faculty, and no spirits about it, only the spirit soul of the medium, who has practiced this magnetic *feeling* and *thinking* so much, and can become passive and can get *en rapport* with some person in the room, and tell them something that they already know, and they think it is wonderful; and sometimes describes spirit friends of the sitters that are only present in the memory of the sitter. This they call spiritualism (?). This same human clairvoyant seer gives private sittings during the

day, and with some passive person can get in magnetic rapport with them, and can clairvoyantly *see*, and clairsentiently *feel*, and psychometrically describe something that the sitter knows or wants to know; but these are all human powers as much as is music, sculpture, mathematics, etc., and no disembodied spirits about it. But even with all these powers and opportunities the medium sometimes signally fails, and tells just the reverse of the truth. Some trance *mediums* may not know what they say or do, like the somnambulist, and are not accountable; and sometimes they tell what is of great benefit to the questioner, and I think this seer is the best in the lot.

PSYCHOMETRISTS,

Like Mrs. ———, and all test *mediums* so-called, can read some negatives quite well. She is a positive, and so am I, therefore she cannot read me correctly. So with Mr. ———, he is considered a good test medium, and can describe, for certain persons, something about their deceased or living friends, neither of whom need be present, but this is the best he can do, and yet he is the best of the best. But one and all do it by their own human power. Then there is the one famous New York

MATERIALIZING MEDIUM,

Who does it all herself. She has since quit the business, and has taken to lecturing, or rather reading essays written by somebody else. Then after *reading* her discourse, she would use her *clair-sentient* and cunning powers on some of the audience. She would commence by stepping down among the audience and say, she felt an influence of some one who had died with some throat or lung trouble, (very likely most people die that way,) and then some one will say my brother

died that way, then the *medium* answers, yes, it is your brother. Wonderful! Sometimes she does better. A man in the audience had a friend who committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. She gets in rapport with this man, and tells him what he *knew about* it, and he is *astonished*. Great is spiritualism! When there were no spirits about it, only those inhabiting their bodies. She is pretty smart, and is *bound* to find out some way to tell something. It reminds me of what my father used to tell me about Lorenzo Dow, a famous preacher in his day. He had an appointment to preach in a school house near by, on his way there he saw a man working by the road side, he said to the man, come to the school house I am going to preach there. The man said he had not time, he was working to buy an axe as he had his stolen a few nights ago; but Lorenzo says to him, come to my preaching and I will find your axe for you. So the man went, and on his way the preacher picked up a large stone, took it in and laid it on the stand or desk in front of him. Then he commenced preaching about sinners and thieves, and how easily they can be found out, and said he: "There is a thief in this house who has stolen an axe, and I can hit him with this stone," so he picked it up and began swinging it about as if to get a good strong start, and was about to throw it, and the thief being there jerked down his head, showing that he was afraid of being hit; so the thief was easily found out and made restore the axe to its owner. Wonderful, but no spirit about it, nor are there any about other manifestations. It is all human soul-power while yet living in its own physical body. I must now say something about

DARK CIRCLES

And their delusions. One, two, or any number of

persons may sit in a dark room, sing, and become harmonious; soon they will see small sparks of light flash up for an instant, they imagine that it is spirits, when it is only their own vital sparks flashing out in the dark. I have tested this and know. Some persons who sit in dark circles, or even alone, under favorable circumstances, finally get to see some light, misty forms, or apparent forms, in the intense darkness, which seem to rise up before them, then vanish; this they think is spirit sure, and expect materialization, when it is only the *reflection* of their own soul, "as in a glass darkly," or as the sun causes a bright reflection on glass at a proper range. These are all natural phenomena; so with other *supposed* spiritual phenomena or spirit manifestations; it is all human and natural, and its supposed proofs of spirit all melt away like snow before the warm sun. I say, do not sit in dark circles, it is evil. But all the supposed

SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS

May not have been yet fully explained on a human basis. Raps, tipping, psychometric trance, test mediumship, musical and all such manifestations we consider have been fully explained, so that all can understand them and see that they are human. But there yet remains so-called independent slate-writing; even supposing there is no trick in previously preparing the writing on the slate or paper, yet it can be and is done by the *medium*. You remember that the clairvoyant soul can go out to long distances, and see and describe, and do, and reveal wonderful things, even unknown to them in their normal state, and often unknown to the sitters or questioners. This I have well tested and abundantly demonstrated; but the spiritualist may ask: "How can the slate writing medium write on

a closed slate?" I answer, by the medium's own soul or its soul-hands being extended *out far enough* to write, and it can learn what to write from the sitter or questioner, and this advanced medium's hands in their *seemingly* normal state do all as I have seen them do.

I tested this matter thoroughly with Dr. Slade, in New York City, and he is considered the best of the slate writing mediums; I saw him write, and saw and felt his *vital* soul-hands as they came from him to me and touched me. He and I had quite a talk about it, and then I put him in a trance, and the manifestations were more visible and complete; we could see plainly where the hands came from, and whose they were, and his soul could make them do anything it pleased.

The soul of entranced persons may do wonderful things, and, like the somnambulist, they do not know they do it. But trumpet and other normal mediums may all know they do it themselves. I have seen them do it, and have conversed with them on the subject; they know they do it themselves. Nearly all persons acting as mediums have their

PSYCHOMETRIC POWERS

Largely developed, including some clairvoyance and clair-*feeling*, by which they find out some things, and even get some names and answer some questions, and describe persons and things, and incidents quite well (all these things I have done myself, and know how it is done, and can teach others), and people think they are *real* spirit mediums, when they are only using their own soul's developed power, and deceive themselves as well as their patrons; here is the grand mistake of the people. The developed human soul has wonderful powers, and can do wonderful things, and no wonder the

people think it is more than human power. No wonder there are so many believers in so-called spiritualism, and there are hosts of them, including the wisest and best of men and women, who are honest in their belief; and among them, as in all other religions, there are devotees who would be ready to die for that which they believe to be true.

MARTYRS HAVE DIED

For less seemingly convincing beliefs. Belief is often in error; but knowledge is generally in the right. Knowledge is better than faith.

Some persons think it is impossible for the medium to write in the closed or covered slate with his extended soul-hands while he or she may be talking to some person in the circle, and think, therefore, that some spirit must have done it. Upon this delusion they found their belief in spiritualism. They do not stop to think that the medium's soul-hand could do it better than *disembodied* souls could, even if they were there, *which is not probable*; but we *know* the soul of the medium is *there*, and from what we know of human soul ability we know it would not be hard for the developed medium to do what is done.

HUMANS DOING THREE THINGS AT ONCE.

We have known of persons who can play two tunes, one with each hand, and sing a third tune, all at the same time; and we have known of persons who could write on two different subjects at the same time, one with each hand, and could talk on a third subject at the same time. This beats slate-writing mediums, and this was done by the human means of the operator himself, and is enough to convince any honest investigator that all mediumship can be and is done by the human soul-power of the cultivated medium.

This so-called mediumship is but a human faculty in some persons, the same as music is. It is trained and developed in the human, so that the adept can perform all these supposed spiritual manifestations without any *disembodied* spirits' assistance whatever

[From the Cincinnati *Enquirer*.]

SEYMOUR, THE THOUGHT MAGNET.

"Mr. A. J. Seymour will give a series of tests of his wonderful powers at Kohl and Middleton's Museum, Monday afternoon. After several severe tests, Mr. Seymour will be taken in charge by a committee, while another committee will repair to some more or less remote section of the city, and conceal any article they may desire, and after they have reported that they have done so, Mr. Seymour will promptly name the article, tell the name of the street and number at which the object had been secreted, and then, after seating the committee as his guests in a carriage, he will mount the box alone and drive blindfolded to the spot, and promptly discover and produce the hidden object."

Prof. Seymour was put to the test, and performed all he had promised with complete success, and the committee so reported.

Mediums need not claim that spirits assist them any after this complete refutation and demonstration that humans can do more and better than is even claimed for spirits.

From the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, December 31, 1883.

MISTAKEN MEDIUMS INTRODUCE A LIVE MAN'S SPIRIT.

"Mr. Charles Kellogg, of the Grand Hotel, has been for some years carefully investigating spiritualistic phenomena.

"He has consulted numbers of mediums both in

this and other cities, and has run across some remarkable phenomena. For a number of years he mourned a dead brother.

"The queer part of Mr. Kellogg's story or experience is, that he has mourned the brother for twenty years as dead, and various mediums have assured him that they had communications from him in the spirit world. Last week Mr. Kellogg learned from a daughter of his brother that her father was alive, and living in Toledo. The strange part is, how could the mediums give Mr. Kellogg, of this city, communications from the dead brother in the spirit land when the brother was alive? This is a mystery that is bothering Mr. Kellogg and his friends."

This leaves but a little more to be said on so-called spiritualism, and that will be on

MATERIALIZATION.

There are three methods of supposed spirit materialization, none of which are *genuine*. The first method is to have human confederates to represent spirits, which in the very dim light is hard to detect, this is the most common way, and the psychometric *medium* can give some names, and tell some family secrets, which make the sitters believe that it is spirit materialization. The second method is to have a little thin gauze robe, veils, mask, etc., to put on, by which *many* changes can be made, representing many supposed spirits, and thus the people are deceived. The third method is the most difficult and most convincing, and is more *spiritual*, but still is human, and is done by the *medium*.

HOW IT IS DONE.

This is a wonderful test, and needs special explanation, for this is more mysterious than all.

THE REAL DISCOVERY MADE, THE GREAT SECRET
REVEALED.

By this time the reader has learned that the developed human soul can go out of its physical body, and can make itself look of any size or shape or appearance it pleases, under favorable circumstances, and can represent any disembodied spirit it pleases, and can see into the minds of the sitters, and see what they *want*, and can see their remembrance of their friends with whom they wish to communicate, and can make themselves look, and act, and speak like *that* friend; and can answer questions and reveal secrets belonging to that friend, whom the sitter *thinks* he is conversing with. Thus millions are made to believe that they are conversing with their departed friends when they are not.

Mrs. Bliss has practiced all of these ways, but mostly the last. In this latter form of materialization the medium generally goes into a trance sleep, or partially so, the better to enable their soul to leave the body *far* enough and *long* enough to form, and be clothed with its own vita, enough to be visible to the persons present for a short time, and then go back to their body again, there renew their vital strength and come out again, and sometimes when out they can speak and sing, and embrace supposed friends. This seems strange and quite convincing, and thus many believe. But you will remember the account given on a former page of the mother in Elmira, New York, who, in her normal wakeful state in daylight, saw her daughter's materialized soul, who had come a thousand miles to see her mother (in her materialized soul, leaving her body behind), and her mother plainly saw and embraced and conversed

with her. This was a *real* materialization, and this daughter was not a practiced medium either, and yet she did it better than the professional mediums can do, and reminds me of my visit to the sick and dying old man Brown, at San Bernardino, in California, three thousand miles away, where I, in my vital soul-body, went and materialized so that Mr. Brown saw, and heard, and felt me; and I treated him then and there, and restored the dying man to life, and he still lives, hale and hearty, although more than eighty years of age. Four other *living* souls went with me, and Mr. Brown saw and counted us five, and we are all alive yet. [See further account on former pages.] This was a genuine materialization, while my body was asleep three thousand miles away.

I have materialized in the same way in hundreds of other places to many people. They have seen, and felt, and heard me speak, and recognized my personal presence and treatment for their diseases, and were relieved of their most distressing pains, and snatched, as it were, from the very jaws of death. This is materializing to some purpose. Hundreds of persons have materialized in the same way, and especially my own pupils, whom I have educated and developed up to this condition. And many persons in all ages have done this, their souls have been seen many miles away from their bodies. (So of course materializing mediums' souls can do all the materializing that is done.) And this is the only way that real materializing can be done.

It has never been fully proven, and it is not believed, that a disembodied soul or spirit ever has materialized after its material body has dissolved away to its *mother earth*. For a soul to materialize it *must* have its *living* material body to draw from so as to make itself visible. The souls of

persons *recently* dead may go to their friends and partially materialize, or let them know in some way that they are just dying or dead, and this has occurred frequently in my own experience, and no doubt in the experience of many other persons, but they have never so appeared after their bodies were buried and dissolved away or cremated, and it is believed that souls cannot even *live* after death by electricity. Electricity is so positive and powerful that it may kill body and soul both. I would call the attention of those States that propose to execute their criminals in this way, to this strong probability. DON'T DO IT. Let everybody die a natural death.

Trance materializing mediums whose own soul does the *materializing*, may, like the somnambulist, not know what they do, therefore we can throw the mantle of charity over them, and say to them,

“GO AND SIN NO MORE.”

Some human souls (in their living bodies) can generally imitate but a few other souls; thus the *medium* will produce the same old so-called cabinet spirits or band every time, and when you *see* them fairly they all look somewhat like the medium, as I have often seen with Mrs. Bliss and other so-called mediums, and this is why the seance room is made so dark that the spectators cannot *distinguish*. But, as I have explained before, the medium's soul can change its shape, size, sex, and color in appearance so as to deceive even the very elect.

Persons going to mediums, and paying their money expecting to see their dear departed friends, only see these same old cabinet *imitations* and

ARE SADLY DISAPPOINTED.

This is the most there is of materialization. *It is done by the living human soul of the so-called me-*

dium. If there was not a living *disembodied* human soul in the universe there could be just as much materializing and other phases of so-called spiritualism as there are NOW.

SPIRITUALISM.

Is there any spiritualism? If humans and humans' embodied souls can do all that is done in the name of spiritualism, where is there any need for disembodied human souls, or any kind of spiritual beings, and are there any? That is the momentous question, and on its solution depends our future existence. It is proven that human souls can live outside of their physical body while it is alive, and even after the body is dead, if decomposition has not taken place. But can the soul live any longer than that, if so, how? and where is the proof?

It has been ascertained that the human soul can and does *build* itself a finer and more enduring vital body in which it can live, in or out of the physical body. I *know* this in my own personal experience, and is corroborated by the experience and knowledge of thousands of other persons—enough to prove it to be a *fact*.

I have fully shown in the Vitapathic System that the vital body is composed of spirit vita, which is itself composed of the highest living spirit and the finest indestructible matter-essence, collected from the finest, purest, and most spiritual vital blood—PURE VITA (and we use the same vita in the Vitapathic System of Practice to cure all physical and spiritual diseases), and with this indestructible vital body, the human soul, the *real* man, may live forever. Or,

HOW LONG WILL HE LIVE?

That he does live for some time is demonstrated beyond the chance for a doubt. If they live, where

do they live? Souls being spiritual, must live in the spiritual world, as material beings live in the material world; and where is the spiritual world? We know that the material world is condensed matter, and therefore conclude that the spiritual world is condensed spirit. Condensed matter is the earth, and, of course, condensed spirit is the sun, *i. e.*, the earth being condensed matter and the sun condensed spirit. The physical being having his lowest home in the material world, and the soul, the spiritual being, having its highest home in the spiritual sun, and wherever the sun shines.

The space between the sun and earth, being part spirit and part matter, is neutral ground. Physical beings can live *up* in the earth atmosphere, so spiritual beings can live *down* in the earth atmosphere, and thus "Friends long parted may meet again." But can we SEE our spirit friends that visit us? No, not in our normal physical condition, because we are material and they are spiritual; but if we pass into a spiritual condition, as in clairvoyance, then we can see them, as I often do, and if our ears are spiritualized and made clairaudient we can hear them *spiritually* speak and sing, and frequently I hear whole bands of angels sing above and near me; I have afterwards written down the words they sang. Their music is delightful. These spirit friends make themselves visible enough (although unseen by our natural vision) to make their impression on the sensitized plate in the camera, thus their photograph can be taken, and their exact likeness procured, which is an evidence that our spirit friends still live. But can they communicate with us, and if so, how?

They being *spirit* we would not expect them to do anything physical, such as rap, or tip, or write, or materialize, or use trumpets, or move any inert

matter, or do anything physical or what physical beings can do. Spirits are *spiritual*, and can only do spiritual things; and spirits being spiritual can not act on dead, *inert* matter to move or do anything with it. All matter is subject to the laws of gravitation and electrical force, and is regulated by the laws of the whole universe. Humans can move physical matter in proportion to their strength, because they are physical and belong to that realm. Spirits can act through *living* physical bodies, as the soul acts through its own living body, but can do no more; and human souls can use their own living bodies better than other souls can; but disembodied souls, so-called spirits, or angels, may help the embodied human soul to act through its own physical organism as instructor, and may *impress* and *inspire* and *control* a harmonious physical body and passive human soul to say and do many wonderful things, and thus good spirits, good angels, may be of much benefit to human beings, and both angels and humans may help poor ignorant and evil humans and spirits; and thus much good can be done through proper spiritualism.

But human beings expect too much of disembodied spirits, and ask them to say and do that which they cannot do. And then the mediums have to act and answer for the spirits as best they can; and to make their business a success, the pretended mediums pretend to answer the *unreasonable* questions of the persons wishing to consult spirits; thus all is error and dissatisfaction. Some times the expert medium and psychometrist can answer pretty well, and makes the questioner believe that it is really *spirits* that do it, when it is not; in this way much deception is practiced. The human clairvoyant may describe dead or living friends that are not present at all, just the

same as psychometrists can describe things that are not present, or do not even *now* exist. These powers and results are all human, and are not spiritualism at all.

Then another mistake spiritualists make is in supposing that spirits can know more than mortals about physical affairs, when in fact they know less. Then people expect spirits to know more of the future than mortals, when there is no reason why they should know even as much about material things. All should remember that a *disembodied* spirit is only a half man until it gets developed into its full *spirithood*. People expect so much, and ask so many unreasonable and foolish questions, it is no wonder they are often disappointed, and even disgusted at the whole thing. But there is

A REASONABLE SPIRITUALISM,

And this must begin here on earth in the humans themselves. Spiritualism is a science that can be learned and understood and practiced by its fully developed students, as telegraphing and telephoning can be learned and practiced. Some persons make better mediums than others, same as in music and other human abilities and professions, but all need a teacher or teachers to develop and cultivate their faculties, whatever they may be. Mediums' schools are needed. Old Elijah, the prophet, had a school of this kind at Jericho, and Elisha, who became a prophet, was one of his best students. Yes, Elijah, the prophet, kept a school "of the prophets" in Jericho to educate and develop suitable persons to become prophets or mediums. And the same schools are needed now, and we are doing our best in that line at the American Health College, and that we have succeeded the wonderful mediumistic success of our students abundantly

proves, and we intend to instruct, and develop, and qualify many more to supply the increasing demand.

All these wonderful powers are included in the

GREAT VITAPATHIC SYSTEM,

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Vitapathy is more than a science, it is a religion, and thus is a full system for both body and soul; it is universal in its application and power, and hence is for all mankind, uniting all together in health, and peace, and happiness, now and forever. Vita, amen.

TRUE SPIRITUALISM.

Yes, there is such a thing as true spiritualism, and always has been since the first human soul was born. The soul is a spirit, and whether in the body or out of it its acts are spiritual, and it need not cross over the dark river to be able to produce *spiritual* manifestations; and those who have crossed over can commune with their friends on this side. All religious denominations believe in the "communion of saints," and in "life everlasting." Indeed this communion and spiritual revealment is the only evidence of the soul's continued existence beyond the death of the body. Paul says, "That if in this our hope is vain then are we of all men the most miserable." But now living disembodied souls have been seen, and heard and felt, and recognized, and as they live we know we shall live also, and this is our hope of immortality. But if our hope is vain, and spiritualism is not true, then all religion is vain and all faith a delusion.

Then why those costly churches, towering cathedrals, and massive monastries? Why those millions of salaried priests, ministers, and missionaries living in splendor on the "fat of the land?" Why those untold millions of money filched from the people, by *false pretences*, to support such useless institutions, if spiritualism is not true? Better tear away the mask and let the people have the truth, and let the people keep their money to supply their daily wants and be happy here.

The true always has its counterfeit. A counterfeit bill is not money, neither are counterfeit manifestations spiritualism. The would-be exposers are only exposing the counterfeit, which is not spiritualism at all, and they must not think, because they expose fraud, that they have demolished the true. No, they only make it shine the brighter for having the tares removed, giving the wheat a better chance to grow, and the exposers should be thanked; but they must be careful that, in trying to destroy spiritualism, they do not pull down the pillars of their own temple, and, like blind Samson, all perish together. Weed out the tares, but let the wheat grow, and there will be an abundant harvest of the precious grain.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

Paul says, "there are spiritual gifts," some have one kind and some another kind of spiritual gifts or powers, according to temperament and organization, development, education, and cultivation. Some have the gift or power of speaking, some of healing, and some of trance, some of seeing and describing spirits; and Paul advises all to seek spiritual gifts, implying that *all* can seek and find, and learn to use these spiritual powers.

Prophets and seers and healers have used these

powers in all ages of the world, but now in these latter days it is becoming more common, knowledge and power is diffused, and more learn and use the power, and this is on the increase in spite of frauds and deceptions and evil influences, until finally knowledge will overcome ignorance, truth overcome error, and right overcome wrong, until at last all shall *know* SPIRIT and none need inquire of another.

These *gifts*, of adaptation, education, and development, are subject to human conditions and spiritual faculties, and are as common as a talent for music, and may be as easily developed and employed. "Seek, and ye shall find," "knock, and the door of power shall be opened unto you." Great is the power of a cultivated manhood; wonderful is the power of the enlightened human soul. The wise, and the good and the brave can win success, where others fail.

All these gifts and powers are fully taught in the American Health College, the first and only *real* spiritual college in the world. Many are learning and using this almost unlimited power with wonderful success. All gifts, and all powers, and all science are included in Vita-Pathy, it is as broad as the universe and as high as heaven, and is for all mankind, throwing aside all sects and schisms, and uniting all people into one happy family, for all time and eternity. The greatest success of these powers is in the cure of disease and prolongation of human life and happiness as the grand result of the Vitapathic System.

For the development and appreciation of this power, and the high esteem in which it is held by those who have learned and know it, and for the universality of its plans and ceremonies, in which all humanity can unite and be blest thereby, see

the Closing Exercises of the American Health College, of the Spring Class of 1889 :

CLOSING EXERCISES

OF THE

American Health College and Religio-Scientific Medical Institute of the Vitapathic System of Practice of Health and Life, for body and soul, of the Spring Session of 1889, at its College Buildings, in Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio, Saturday and Sunday, May 4th and 5th.

At the close of the Spring Session of the Vitapathic Health Lectures, teaching this higher system of health and life of body and soul, here and hereafter, the students, who had been thoroughly instructed by their able preceptor in the principles and practice of the Vitapathic System (which is now acknowledged to be vastly superior to all other known system of health, and is fast spreading over the civilized world), and who bore a full and satisfactory examination in all departments of the superior Vitapathic System of practice, were passed to the graduating class, and received the high double diploma of the American Health College, fully prepared to practice their high profession, for the cure of sick and suffering humanity.

The names of those who attained these high honors are as follows :

REV. J. W. TAYLOR, Salt Lake City, Utah.

MARTHA A. TOWER, Millington, Michigan.

ADOLPH NAUMANN, New York City.

W. H. FEURT, M. D., Zanesville, Ohio.

M. R. YEWELL, Botland, Kentucky.

REV. B. S. METZGER, Troutville, Pennsylvania.

J. H. PAGELER, Omaha, Nebraska.

TALLIE J. SPENCER, M. D., Cincinnati, Ohio.

MINNIE E. JENNINGS, M. D., Cincinnati, Ohio.

LAURA A. WATKIN, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The other students of the Spring Class remain over for further instructions and the fall course of lectures, which begin on the 10th of September.

The graduates received their diplomas on Saturday, at the hands of the President of the college, according to law and the charter of the college.

The Secretary of the college presented a short statement of the rise and progress of the Vitapathic system, and its college, explaining that VITA meant life, and PATHY (its opposite) meant disease. Vita cures disease, and life conquers death. Thus it is a system of health and life, and immortality. It was originated by Prof. John Bunyan Campbell, M. D., V. D., who is the Founder and President of its college, and the most able teacher of this noble system.

Letters copyright of the United States for the printed Vitapathic System, contained in its ample library also Letters Patent for its instruments, equipments, and processes and full methods of treatment; making the Vitapathic System fully legal in all parts of the Union. The full charter of the American Health College, from the State of Ohio, was also exhibited, and ample explanation made of the standing and success of the College and of the Vitapathic System of practice.

The President then delivered the charge to the graduates of Vitapathy, and presented each their diploma with suitable remarks. Then the valedictory address and poems were spoken by the grateful graduates and alumni of the college, some of which will be found below.

Mrs. Martha A. Tower, V. D., of Millington, Michigan, for the whole class, addressing Prof. Campbell, said :

“ Respected Father of Vitapathy, we, your grate-

ful children in Vitapathy, as a small acknowledgment of our gratitude to you, present you these many beautiful potted and richly blooming fragrant flowers. Their green, growing leaves and bright living flowers, and rich perfume are emblematic of ever living Vitapathy, and of the brightness and eternal vigor of your invaluable teachings, and like these growing plants your remembrance will be ever green in our memories; and to Mrs. Campbell, our mother in Vitapathy, who has so bountifully supplied our physical wants, and helped to make our college term so harmonious and happy, we present this basket of beautiful flowers, shedding their rich perfume like a mother's love. And to you, Mrs. Hazen, V. D., who, like a bird of music and song, has given us from day to day such lovely music, and such soul-cheering songs of Vita, that our hearts have quivered with the melody of heaven, we give this beautiful basket of flowers, as a small token of true love from the whole class."

Then Mrs. Tallie J. Spencer, M. D., V. D., of Cincinnati, made a brilliant speech, full of praise of Vitapathy, but is too long to insert.

Mrs. Minnie E. Jennings, M. D., V. D., of Cincinnati, also addressed the class in glowing terms of Vitapathy.

Mr. W. H. Feurt, M. D., V. D., delivered a short practical essay on the valuable discoveries in the Vitapathic System, so superior to the old system he had practiced many years.

Revs. Taylor and Metzger followed with short and eloquent addresses, expressing their admiration and delight with the whole Vitapathic system.

Mrs. Laura A. Watkin, V. D., of Cincinnati, closed with a beautiful valedictory poem.

The President then extended to the graduates the right hand of fellowship, and received them into the great family of Vitapathic physicians.

With general hand shaking and many blessings on each other, the Spring Class of 1889 closed to prepare for the religious ceremonies of the morrow.

THE UNIVERSALITY OF VITAPATHY.

*A Universal System of Health and Peace and Happiness
for all Mankind.*

The Vitapathic System is universal in its science, sociality, and religion. The ceremonies of the first two having been attended to on Saturday, on this Sunday the religious ceremonies were celebrated, consisting of the beautiful and soul elevating spiritual observances of the Vitapathic System, consisting of Vita songs, silent breathing prayer, vitalized milk sacrament, vital spirit baptism, and Vitapathic ministerial ordination.

THE SILENT BREATHING PRAYER

Is employed by *each* one sitting at meals, instead of oral words by one. In this way all feed the soul with vital spirit from the air before feeding the body with the food from the table. And in the congregation all present participate in this "universal breathing prayer," and all can say *silently* such soul prayer as their souls desire, and without disturbing others.

VITAPATHIC MILK SACRAMENT.

Fresh new milk, the pure white blood of life, and the universal first food of all humanity, the harbinger of perpetual life, is poured into a crystal vase, and vitalized by concentration of spirit into it by the Vitapathic processes, and thus being fully blessed, is poured into small glasses by the officiating min-

ister, as each person comes up to receive the sacrament, and as all mankind have to breathe and eat, so all can partake of the breathing prayer and milk sacrament, no matter what their religious belief may be, and enjoy the universality of Vitapathy, in health, sociability, and human happiness.

The minister then repeats to each partaker the following words: Brother (or sister, as the case may be), take this and drink it all, and may it indeed be unto you the living sacrament, that shall give you health, and strength, and power, and life, in Vita, Amen."

The Vitapathic graduates then receive

THE SPIRIT BAPTISM,

As follows: The candidate sits with uncovered head near the sacramental table, and the minister puts his right hand on the top of candidate's head, on the organ of aspiration (as fully explained in the Vitapathic lessons), and concentrating spirit there by the double power, as known to Vitapathy, speaks as follows: "Brother (or sister as the case may be), you having learned the Vitapathic system, received its diploma and power, taken its living vital sacrament, and have become fully converted to the doctrine of Vita, are now ready to receive the higher endowment of spirit. Through the Vitapathic spiritual baptism, I now, therefore, baptize you with the full power of spirit, in love and harmony, and may you be filled with all the fullness of spirit, that shall preserve your soul and body unto everlasting life, Vita, Amen."

MINISTERIAL ORDINATION.

The candidate sits in an open space, while the brothers and sisters in Vitapathy, with joined hands, form a circle around the candidate and the officiating minister, forming a ring of love and

circle of power around them, all singing a suitable verse to harmonize and draw near higher aid. Then the minister places his right hand, with the double power, on the candidate's organ of devotion (between the organs of benevolence and aspiration), while the whole band of the Vitapathic Brotherhood help to concentrate the power on the candidate, as the minister says: "Brother, you having learned and graduated in the great Vitapathic System of health and life, for body and soul, received its living sacrament and its spirit baptism, and are willing to take on the whole armor of Vitapathy and become its full apostle, we now, therefore, by heaven's power and the nation's law, ordain you a Minister in Vitapathy, with full power and authority to Preach the Gospel of Life, as contained in the great Vitapathic system, to all people in all worlds, in all time and eternity; to comfort the distressed, heal the sick, convert humanity, control angels and men, cast out devils, restore the dying, and perform all the offices of a Minister, and do all that a Vitapathic Minister-Physician can do to perpetuate existence and make human life immortal. All power is yours, go and use it, *now and forever*, Vita, Amen."

Beautiful short speeches were made by the grateful graduates, who were nearly overwhelmed with the power of spirit that filled their souls full of rejoicing. Some preachers from the city churches, who were present, also became filled with the power of spirit, and spoke in highest admiration of the grand and sublime exercises of the day, and were delighted to know that a diplomated physician and an ordained minister could be one and the same person, as in the time of Jesus, who sent out his Apostles to heal the sick, and preach the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand; could relieve

the suffering and comfort the distressed, and point all to a higher life.

One distinguished minister present, who is in charge of a prominent church in Cincinnati, and who is himself a student in Vitapathy, and expects to graduate at the next session, spoke in the highest terms of the great and universal System of Vitapathy, that is destined to spread over the world, and bring all mankind into one universal brotherhood of health, peace, and religion. He hoped soon to graduate in his College, and catch up with this class, whom he had learned to love, and with them join the great Alumni who have gone out from this noble institution, founded and presided over by so able a teacher as Prof. John Bunyan Campbell.

These sublime ceremonies are grand and impressive, and impart a spirit power and solemnity unsurpassed, as all can *feel* and *know* who are present. "It is good to be there."

The Annual Vitapathic Reunion takes place at the American Health College, on the 9th of September (the Founder's birthday), and the regular Fall Session of lectures will commence in the college the next day, September the 10th.

INVOCATION OF VITA.

BY MRS. LAURA A. WATKIN.

Come in the morning softly,
Come like the flush of dawn,
Bearing within your coming
Thought's of the new thought born.

Come like the growth of spring-tide,
That winter has held from our view,
Breaking thro' old superstitions,
Old thoughts giving place to the new.

Come with the noontide's full glory
 Of power, of promise, of truth,
 Of all that is held in the keeping
 Of the golden scepter of youth.

Come as the hush of evening
 Over the battles' slain,
 After victorious strife,
 The ineffable rest from pain.

Come as the night of prayer,
 When the heart with sorrow is torn,
 And bring us the grace of acceptance,
 The flower of sorrow and thorn.

Come and abide with us ever,
 Clasp us in close embrace,
 Teach us that best endeavor
 Will errors and evils erase.

That *love* is the guiding spirit ;
 That *faith* is the helmsman true ;
 That *trust* is the sure foundation ;
 That in death we our life renew.

Come, and in coming bring us
 Knowledge of recompense sweet,
 The aftermath of existence
 That labor of life shall greet ;

When in the fullness of glory,
 The dawn of a sweeter morn
 Breaks on the rapt eyes, opening
 On the ranks of the newly born.

ESSAY READ BY W. H. FEURT, M. D., V. D., OF ZANES-
 VILLE, O., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS GRADUATION IN
 VITAPATHY.

In the commencement of life, the child as its
 organism develops, and as its abilities to compre-

hend the deversities of life; as the future before it dawns, the father and the mother, or those in charge of the child, should, little by little, step by step, teach it the true principles of life, and the truth concerning the great and boundless future, looming up more and more from month to month, and year to year, as this youth advances in age on to maturity, so that when it comes to be a full grown man or woman it will have a firm foundation, a rock bottom, to stand on, and thus be able to join the Grand Army of teachers so much needed to bring infantile life up on to the same safe and solid footing. To be able to give these great and important lessons correctly to the youth, the rising generations, and to those matured in years, but who have been incorrectly taught, (in many instances wholly in the dark,) and entirely in error, we, as the teachers, must of nesessity *know* principles of truth ourselves, and must not only know their laws, but must obey and master them, then we shall be competent to teach, and not until then. But the question arises, you will say, where will you get these absolute truths? Where is the fountain head? Every stream of water has its source, so also must there be a great source, a *fountain head*, to go to for these principles of truth. To all who would be teachers, and want to find this conveted source, this vital spring, this *all fountain of life*, of love, of power, and of wisdom, we direct you to *nature*, yes, nature is the *alma mater*, the greatest and truest teacher of all teachers. What does she teach, you say: Why, she teaches everything, absolutely *everything*. Thus you see the importance of having a systematized process of teaching nature's laws. And we can all exclaim *Eureka! it has been found*. Yes, we say it has been found, and is now being taught

to the world from year to year. Just where is this systematized form to be found you ask, I answer, at the American Health College, of Fairmount, Cincinnati, O. And the founder of this great system is JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL. And its name, tell us that please. Yes, with much pleasure we will do so, it is *Vitapathy*.

And what does it teach, why it is great? That with pleasure we will also tell you. It teaches us of creation, what and how it progressed from the lowest form of vegetable life, on and on, up and up, to the highest form of animal life, which is *dual man*.

Nature was not content to perfect the physical body alone, but in it she caused to grow and develop at the same time the *soul*, the immortal, spiritual part of man. Is it not reasonable to expect of old mother nature, after doing all these great works, to give us a perfect law of health as well; is it more than right to expect of her, the knowledge, the *wherewith*, the *ways and means* of keeping this wonderful production of hers (man) in health? Certainly not, this is the mission of Vitapathy. Vitapathy teaches us nature's grand, great, and wonderful secrets, in correcting both the errors of the body and the soul, as no other system teaches.

The demonstrations, the many practical tests of the efficacy of this *best of all systems*, given the public by the great and honored founder of it, and by his pupils, or disciples, proves beyond question its merit, its superiority over the best of all other systems combined. The cures made by our worthy father of Vitapathy have been second to none made by mortal man, and are similar to those made by Christ during his sojourn among mortals. This great founder of Vitapathy has

shown by his works, by his magnetic and potent touch, by the electro magnetic aura flashing from his eyes, and sent to the bodies of the afflicted from the tips of his fingers; he has shown, I say, his ability to *heal and to cure disease*. He is now teaching these principles to others, that they may go out among their fellow mortals and in like manner bless both physically and spiritually erring humanity. He has the deepest gratitude of this class, and has had that of all others who have gone out as his pupils before us. The world owes him all gratitude and honor ever given to man, for *his discoveries are among the greatest of all discoveries*. Happy mortal, may he live forever is our prayer.

To this little harmonious class of the spring term of 1889 I extend a brother's love for all the future; may you always be surrounded by good and harmonious conditions, may your labors bring forth the happiest and the best results, and may your cups be ever full of joy. In the words of our worthy teacher I add: may you always be "happy mortals, and *live forever*."

VALEDICTORY POEM, READ BEFORE THE STUDENTS AND
GRADUATES OF VITAPATHY, SPRING CLASS 1889,

BY MRS. LAURA A. WATKIN.

Here, where the Vital Power
Of life has been revealed,
Here, where our Master's hand
Health's fountain hath unsealed.

Here, where within a few short hours
Our paths lie wide apart,
How can we feel that we have place
Within each others heart?

How shall we win remembrance
 As we pass out of sight,
 Win for ourselves some treasured word
 For memory's beacon light.

How shall we bridge the chasm
 That separation makes,
 And carry in our heart the thought
 That he who gives may take

Of love, of life, of every good
 That spirit Vita gives;
 That tho' our paths lie separate
 Remembrance still lives.

How set the standard of our faith
 Floating that all may see;
 For we are students of the cross
 Disease has proved to be.

Vita, our watch-word, streaming
 From eye, from lip, from heart,
 Forever in this germ of truth
 United, tho' we part.

And to our Captain, standing there,
 Who fought and won the fight,
 Remembrance like a shield of love
 Shall 'compass him with light.

Then let us clasp our hands
 In loving bonds, and feel
 That we have won, each one of us,
 From Vita power to heal.

Comrades, unfurl our banner,
 Prepare for every call,
 And as we bless each other
 Pray God to bless us all.

UNIVERSAL GOOD.

Our object and purpose in publishing this book, is threefold in its nature and design—and each universal in its scope and effects.

FIRST.

Our first object and purpose is to teach mankind a Universal System of Health Practice. The easiest, safest, quickest, and best, and adapted to every country and clime for the prevention and cure of every disease and ailment of mankind, with the higher Vital Spiritual Remedies and Vital modes of Treatment. without the use of poison drugs or dangerous surgery—curing without poisoning or maiming, or making chronic invalids to suffer through life, or go to fill a premature grave. We aim to teach the people the laws of life and health, and how to obey them in their own person, and how to use their own and nature's vital forces to keep themselves well.

“KNOWLEDGE IS POWER,”

And the means by which we do everything. Nothing is too great or too difficult for him to do who has the knowledge and power. This we shall endeavor to teach to the best of our abilities—sparing neither time nor money to bring health and happiness to all.

SECOND.

Our second object and purpose is to advocate and teach.

A SYSTEM OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

Throughout the world, among all peoples, nations, and empires,—proclaiming peace and good will to

all mankind. When all animosities, and enmities, and quarrels, and strifes, and wars shall be at an end, when crimes shall cease and prisons be no more, when temperance, morality, and love shall harmonize and happify all, and the kingdom of heaven be established upon earth, as has been promised by higher authority than ours, and will surely come to pass if people will labor for it as they should, or else all prophesy is vain, and reformers and saviors have lived and died in vain, and the same are living and dying now in vain. But fear not, the "good time coming" will surely come to pass. The great creative process will never stop until the whole work is accomplished, and until universal health and peace and love and harmony is reached among those then living on the earth, and we who have lived before will join with them in the universal song of "Peace on earth and good will to men."

THIRD.

Our third object and purpose is to advocate and teach, and help to bring about a system of

UNIVERSAL RELIGION,

Suitable to all mankind, nations, and tongues, wherein wisdom shall guide, and wherein spirit shall triumph over matter, and soul over body, and love over all. A rational religion that rational human beings can understand and accept. A religion adapted to human wants and human capacity, by which all can improve and *help* to save themselves. A religion of harmony, and peace, and good works. A religion of doing good to all mankind. A religion that will not condemn a man for his belief any more than for the color of his hair or the shape of his features. A religion that will

mellow down all creeds and soften all hearts, and allow each person his own individual right of conscience to *believe* as he *can* best, so that he does right. A religion that will develop the higher faculties of the human soul and enable it to gain all power, and do all things as it WILL; and, at last, to reach the higher angel state, and triumph in the highest universal and eternal spiritual immortality, and join with all glorified human souls in one universal and ETERNAL HALLELUJAH.

Thus with our threefold labors we include the three great wants of mankind, viz.:

Health for the body;

Peace for the mind;

Religion for the soul;

All these are included in the great Vitapathic System of Health and Life, as fully taught in the American Health College, Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio.

JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL.

PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL SENSES,

AND POWERS OF THE HUMAN SOUL.

There are five senses or faculties of the human, generally called physical senses, and each have their location and faculty.

The first and lowest one is that of feeling sensation, a sense of being touched, or of touching something—conscious sensation. This belongs more or less to all animal life, from the worm up to the man; though in the worm it is the only sense, but in the human it is the lowest of the five senses, and may be realized on all parts of the body, but most and best on the lips, as the moist lips of the two persons (and especially of opposite sexes) come together in loving embrace, there is the most sensitive sensation and highest delight, especially where persons love each other. A mother's holy kiss on the infant lips of her babe calls forth sensations and the impulses of love in her darling child as nothing else can.

The human lips is the highest seat of this finest sensation. A proper kiss vitalizes and circulates the blood, increases health and vigor, cheers the despondent, and puts spirit and new life into soul and body both. A proper kiss always does good, and never does harm, it has cheered the despondent, relieved the broken-hearted, cured the sick, and raised the dead; and always does the most good on opposite temperaments and on opposite sexes. The kiss is the angel method of enjoying the love of the opposite sex. It is the heavenly method, and may be practiced on earth. A pure kiss has nothing sensual about it, and, to do the most good, should not be by a snatch and a run, but the lips should be put together slowly and lovingly, and

held there for a long time, to enjoy its full fruition and receive its best benefits, and the arms thrown around each other lovingly adds to the power, ecstasy and delight; this is the angel method, and is heaven on earth. Try it young men and maidens, and you "old folks at home," practice it and renew your health and strength, and vigor, and be young again. The angels who practice it never grow old. A kiss is the highest expression of love, is more spiritual than physical, and is soul meeting soul on the angel plane. Jesus of Nazareth, being himself a "love child," was loving and loveable. Jesus was a healer, and healed the sick through the power of spirit by love's methods, and he taught other healers to do likewise, and he held the love treatment too sacred and holy for vulgar eyes to behold, therefore he put spectators out of the room when he treated his patients, as instance the healing of Peter's wife's mother. He knew that people were so apt to misconstrue others intentions, and so apt to condemn in others what they secretly allow in themselves; and make bad out of good; and some mistrust good intentions, and are timid and *suspicious*, thinking wrong when there is none intended. I suppose, not being pure themselves, they accordingly judging others by themselves. This is a great hinderance to successful treatment. They are fools, and such fools don't get well and had ought to die, and leave room in the world for people of more sense. Some fool women will let the doctor feel their private parts, but won't let them touch their mouth. They are the worst of fools. They say the first is necessary, and the last not. But there is where they are fools again. I hate fools. Jesus compared fools, and envious, and hateful, and hating women to swine, which was considered among the Jews the

most despised of all animals, and warned his followers against them. He said in this connection, "Don't throw your pearls before swine," for fear they might turn and rend you. A woman may act the angel, or the swine, just as is her nature to do. I hate the latter, and so do all pure people. Jesus, knowing the power and use of love, and knowing that it had not in the past been sufficiently appreciated and employed and enjoyed, says, "Old things (customs, etc.) have, (or should be,) passed away." And to especially call their attention to the better way, he exclaims aloud and says, "Behold, a new Commandment I give unto you, that YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER." This is the highest and best command ever given to the world. It makes HEAVEN ON EARTH as Jesus' kingdom was intended to be. Love is heaven; hate is hell.

THE SECOND PHYSICAL SENSE

is of taste, and is a very useful sense, its principal location is on the surface of the tongue, just where it ought to be, to enable the person to ascertain the quality and nature of the drink and food he takes into his mouth. The gustatory nerves, situated on the tongue, carry to the brain and conscious soul impressions made on the nerves by the drink or food taken, thus the thinking soul likes or dislikes, receives or rejects, as it thinks best. Sometimes from disease or habit, or from a bilious coating of the tongue, or other cause, the taste may be destroyed or perverted so much, so that the sick can hardly know from taste what they are drinking or eating, and the appetite may become so perverted, that it craves unnatural things, and even poison drinks and foods, such as tobacco, ardent spirits, stimulants and narcotics, and do themselves much harm in their indulgence.

Such tastes and habits should be guarded against and prevented. Much injury is done to many through the taste. A perverted taste is a dangerous condition, unhappy the person who has it. All should be aware of its insidious approach and check it in time.

THE THIRD PHYSICAL SENSE

is located in the nostrils, with its nerves extending to the brain and soul, and is a very fine sense, which can at once detect all kinds of odors and perfumes. It detects the disgusting asafetida and the fragrant rose; it detects the sharp ammonia and the mild balm; the penetrating ether and the exhilarating aroma of the life-giving ozone; and the stinking odors of the cess-pool as well as the fragrant perfume of a thousand flowers. Some animals have a very acute sense of smell. The dog can track the unseen deer, and follow his master by all his winding ways, and through crowds of other people. The sense of smell, like that of feeling and taste, is a very useful faculty, and, like them, may be cultivated by practicing smelling with acuteness and power, which all can do. Practice makes perfect. The sense of smell is often impaired from catarrh, and other diseases and causes. Cure the disease and remove the cause, and thereby restore the sense of smell.

See full Vitapathic treatment in its proper place.

THE FOURTH PHYSICAL SENSE

is that of hearing, and is still more important and useful, as there is a great deal of enjoyment as well as use in hearing. We converse with our friends by hearing, and receive instructions mostly by the ear. What could we do without our hearing; all those kind words and love tones would go

unheeded and unknown; all melodious sounds, all chimes of bells, and all soul elevating music would be unheeded and unknown. What pleasure and delight there is in hearing pleasant words and pleasant sounds. How great is the faculty of hearing. How useful is the ear. Deafness can be cured.

See Vitapathic treatment elsewhere.

THE FIFTH PHYSICAL SENSE

is still higher, that of seeing, and vastly more important and useful and pleasurable than any of the other physical senses. We go by the sight of the eye. We see everything visible in the universe, the atoms in the air. We see the smoke and fog and mist and clouds in the atmosphere. We see the sun, moon, and stars in the sky, the lightning's flash and bright sunshine around us. We see all mineral, vegetable, animal and human life around us; and, more than all, we see our friends and those we love, and enjoy their smiles; and most of all we see ourselves, whom we always love most. How could we see to drink or eat or clothe ourselves, or how could we see to read or write, or do anything without eyes? Blessed be nature that produced eyes, and all the other organs and faculties. But above all give us our eyesight that we may see those we love.

While the five senses named are called Physical Senses, it is the soul that employs them to do their physical work.

SPIRITUAL SENSES.

In addition to the five well-known physical senses, we have discovered that there are three well defined spiritual senses, belonging to every being that has a soul, and thus more or less belonging to

all humanity. They are the spiritual senses through which the soul acts spiritually and intelligently and *directly*, without the use of any of the five physical senses, and *directly* from the brain, without the use of the nervous system. In the use of the physical senses the organs of those senses are connected with the brain by special nerves. But the spiritual senses need no nerves or conductors, because these spiritual organs of *spiritual* sense are located *in* the brain *itself*, and that too in the most active part of the human brain, just where needed and where the spiritual scientist should look to find them. And we have found them. They are *there*, "Eureka."

People talk and write about the five physical senses, and know no more; other more advanced thinkers have begun to think that there might be one or more physical senses. Yet none ever even dreamed that there were any spiritual senses, or if some had concluded there might be, did not think where they were, or what they were, or how many they were, or, if any, what were their use, power and faculty. But now these spiritual senses, with these organs, have been located and revealed, and having found them, and studied their nature and powers and uses, and also the methods of their cultivation and employment, thus establishing a system of

HIGHER EDUCATION,

we will commence these higher lessons at once by stating that the

FIRST SPIRITUAL SENSE

(or sixth human sense) is located above the physical eyes, and embraces first the *phrenological* organ of INDIVIDUALITY, just above the upper end of the nose. This gives individual consciousness to the

living being, a consciousness of existence, a feeling of being alive, and through this organ the soul individualizes itself into conscious life and individuality of personal being. This is a very important organ and faculty, and should be cultivated, and its powers enlarged: "know thyself."

Individuality is the organ of selfhood through which the soul *knows* itself to be the I AM, the one individual, the all-living all-knowing and all-doing PERSONALITY. Individuality is the organ of conscious sensation, a feeling of individuality, and the main faculty in conscious

PERCEPTION.

The next organ to assist is that of

FORM,

situated each side of individuality, and a little below, giving breadth to the top of the nose between the eyes. This enables us to *sense* the form of persons and things, and as such belongs to the faculty or spiritual sense of perception.

The next assistant organ of the spiritual sense of perception is known as size, and is located just outside of that of form, and a little above the eye-brows; this enables us to *sense* the size of persons and things.

The next assistant organ of this spiritual sense is located further out over the eye brows, and is called weight in phrenology, and is properly named, but improperly used. Phrenologist use it to represent activity, balancing power, etc., when it does nothing of the kind. Weight is to weigh, to ascertain the weight and solidity of any substance, and as such is valuable in the group of the perceptive organs.

The next assistant organ is known by the name

color, and is located still further out over the eye-brows, and is valuable in sensing colors, shades, light, darkness, etc.

The next organ in this row of organs is called order, and is still further out from individuality, towards the side of the head this gives us order, system and arrangement, a place for things, and things in their places.

The next organ of sense is called calculation, and is the furthest out in the row over the eye brows, and nearer the side of the face, and helps us to calculate anything and everything.

Just above this row of organs over the eye brow is another row, commencing in the centre of the forehead, just above individuality; here we find the organ of memory; memory of names, dates and events, and remembrance of what we have heard and read.

Next on either side of memory, or eventuality, as it is sometimes called, is located what is called local memory, which enables us to remember faces and cities, towns and fields, etc., that we have seen.

Then out further on either side is found the organ of time and tune, which enables us to discern and appreciate time and tune; also time what events occurred, and harmony of music to understand and perform music. These organs, as named and described, and situated as described with the organs of order and calculation, to assist with the others in making the complete arrangement, with individuality as the principal one constituting the organs and faculties and powers of

SPIRITUAL PERCEPTION,

and all constituting the first spiritual sense. If they or any of them are large, the human soul acts

largely through them accordingly. If they or any of them are small, then the action is small accordingly, that is, in a natural, uncultured way. But these organs can be developed, and the faculty of spiritual perception can be much increased and extended by proper

SPIRITUAL TRAINING.

But pupils need a personal teacher and proper soul training as well as their own spiritual *concentration*, and then, with proper direction and practice, persons can help themselves very much. Cultivation and use develops power and increases intellect, and

"PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT."

This spiritual sense of perception enables us, through the sense, spiritual **FEELING**, to *perceive* the quality and condition of persons and things, and everything in nature. It is a mental or spiritual *sense*, a fine **SOUL FEELING** of things and conditions as they are, or as they were at the time referred to; and is one method of diagnosing diseases of patients employed in the Vitapathic System, by the sense of feeling pains and aches, and disease of both body and mind.

All these faculties, and uses and powers are known by the rather ambiguous name of

PSYCHOMETRY.

Psycho or soul, and metre or measure—meaning soul measuring, and *includes* the soul's power to measure and be measured, and to know and be known through the soul's sense of *feeling*, and it is wonderful how this faculty can be cultivated with the assistance of a good teacher. But after all,

psychometry is not the best word to express the full meaning of this wonderful power of

SOUL FEELING,

through these spiritual organs and faculties. It might as well be called Psychology—*science* of soul power, as to call it Psychometry, or soul *measure*, and perhaps

SOUL SENSATION

would be a better name than either, and yet I think we must seek a still better name than either of the above, and what shall that be :

Perhaps the name

“ PERCEPTION,”

as I have used before, will do as well as any, and there we will leave it for the present.

THE SECOND SPIRITUAL SENSE,

(or seventh human sense, or sense of spiritual sight,) commences and operates through its principal organ in the center of the forehead, in a higher row of organs, and just above the organ of memory. This organ or faculty is called by phrenologists “ Comparison,” but this is not its proper name; according to its faculty and power it is not to compare, it is to see

SPIRITUAL SIGHT,

see without the use of the physical eyes or nervous system; see mentally, see spiritually. This organ, or rather its faculty, may be called Analogy, a spiritual sense to see analogous representations of physical things, giving a clear mental sight, with a clearness in proportion to the size of this organ and development of its faculty, and may be much

improved by concentrating spirit into it by our vital spiritual magnetic processes.

The next organ or organs in this row is located on each side of the central organ above described, and is named Causality by phrenologists, being the organs through which the soul recognizes and comprehends the cause of things, and this in proposition to the size and cultivation of the organ and its faculty, enabling its possessor to think, plan, arrange, and philosophise, and thus arrange scenery in a vision, making it discernable and palpable.

The next organ of use in this combined faculty of SEEING is called Constructiveness, as named and located by phrenologists. This enables its possessor to construct spiritual images and real visions, of real tangible things, both in the physical and spiritual spheres, and completes the means and faculty of what is known under the name of

CLAIRVOYANCE,

Clear seeing, clear spiritual sight, without the use of the physical eyes. All persons have this faculty to some extent. But those that have the organs the largest, most active, and best developed mesmerically, can do most and best.

Mesmerism develops clairvoyance and makes the brain as it were transparent, so the soul can see through it. Some are natural clairvoyants and seers from their youth up; all others need cultivation and development, some more and some less in proportion to the size and activity of the organs and harmonious *passivity*. Some will need much mesmeric developement, and control, and spirit assistance, before they can become good seers. It is difficult in some to fully develop their spiritual sense of SEEING.

But perseverance will win. Persons who want the faculty of spiritual sight developed should sit often in magnetic circles, and be entranced; or better still, be deeply mesmerized by some good mesmerist, often and repeatedly, until the power of vision comes.

EXPLANATION.

Clairvoyants do not, and need not, see plain and tangibly, as in physical sight, but only spiritual sight is needed, a mental or thought seeing. Pupils must not expect too much, but improve and employ what they do see or *seem* to see, and describe *that* as if they did see more than they really seem to see, and more sight and power will come step by step, as they advance in seeing. The organ of spiritual sense can also be improved by spirit vita, applied by the right hand of the operator, or even by the right hand of the person himself.

The next and highest organ of spiritual sense, making the third spiritual sense, and the eighth of the human senses, is a lone organ situated in the center top of the forehead, and is known in phrenology as the organ of "Human Nature," but should be called

INTUITION,

The sense of knowing intuitively, without reasoning or calculation. This faculty of *knowing* is governed by the size and activity of the organs, and the cultivation and development of its faculty. The organ of intuition, like the other organs of the spiritual senses, is not covered by hair like the rest of the head, but is left bare, so as to have full access to the spirit in the air, to be absorbed into the organ. Nature has left the whole forehead *uncovered*, just as it should be, to be benefitted by the ingress of spirit from the air.

Every person should observe and obey the laws of nature, in this as in all cases and conditions and circumstances. The hair should be combed back from the forehead, and not covered by hat or bangs. There should be covering for *this* part of the head *only*, when the person goes out in very cold weather, but at no other time. Gentlemen who want to develop and employ successfully the spiritual senses and powers should not use tobacco or intoxicating drinks; and ladies should not use paint or powder on their faces, or cover the top of the forehead with bangs or any thing else, and should not wear corsets or lace up tightly, but should leave their lungs free to take in abundance of air, and with it the spirit of life from the air.

The rule is to obey nature's laws and live, and inhale spirit and be healthy and strong and powerful in wonderful works, especially should the organ of intuition be uncovered, and ladies can do this beautifully, by parting their hair in the middle and combing it smoothly to each side.

THE THREE SPIRITUAL SENSES,

named respectively

FEELING, SEEING, KNOWING,

or preception, clairvoyance, and intuition, have now been revealed. Their location and cultivation, and uses fully made known, and this knowledge will be of the utmost benefit to mankind.

It enables us to use power never before known, and to do things never before done; it enables us to **FEEL** the qualities and conditions of all persons and things, and to **SEE** mentally and spiritually, both material and spiritual things as they *are*, as well as what they have been, and what they may be; and enables us to **KNOW** things and conditions

as they are, and this too without calculation or education. It is employing the higher power of the human soul through its own spiritual senses. It is unfolding the soul's capacities on the higher spiritual plane of life. It enables us to FEEL, and SEE, and KNOW the vastness of spirit, and the wonderful power of the human soul. It lets us feel, and see, and know, as it were, all things in earth and heaven. It opens wide the gates of life, and swings back the door of immortality, and opens to us heaven, and all that heaven is. Feeling, seeing and knowing, and enjoying throughout eternity. "We may now see, but through a glass darkly, but then, face to face, we will know as we are known." FEEL all, SEE all, and KNOW all, therefore be all powerful, and be able to maintain perfect existence forever, the final and complete immortality.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

Fellow citizens, ladies and gentlemen, and especially all friends of Vitapathy, and all of the household of *knowledge* as it is in Vita: I address you on this occasion on the highest and grandest and most important subject that could and should engage the attention of all humanity, and all thinking beings in all countries and climes, and all that live and desire to know the truth as it is in nature. The broad realms of universal nature extend everywhere. All living beings in all worlds, and in all time, and in all eternity, are interested in knowing the power and unlimited force and boundless sway of nature's omnipotent and unchanging law. It is said that "knowledge is power." But knowledge only enables us to use the power; and then again it is said, "man know thyself," and the chief study of mankind is man. For as man is the epitome of the universe, and the sum of all intelligence, and the ultimate of all creation; and as the developed and perfected human soul is the highest and wisest of all beings in the universe, and the only being that does possess *progressive* intelligence or inventive faculties, and life, and knowledge, and power, health, happiness and immortality, all of which depend upon man's own study and acquirements by his own energy and his own labor, and all his success depends on what he knows and does; and as nature's resources and supplies are boundless, and man's ability to acquire knowledge unlimited, what a field is opened up before intelligent, progressive man, in which to exert his highest powers,

and employ his utmost ambition, and realize his highest hopes. And to you, ladies and gentlemen, and to all mankind in all worlds, and in all homes and habitations of all intelligent beings, who are capable and willing to learn, and know, and do, and enjoy—for knowledge brings enjoyment—to you all is this appeal now made. With all the energies of my frame, with all the intelligence of my mind, and all the love of my soul for my fellow beings, and from the great importance of the subject and its great benefit to mankind, I implore you to lay aside all prejudice and bigotry, and get clear of all the myths and mythologies and superstitions of the past, and open your eyes to the new discoveries made, and the new truths now about to be unfolded to the world; the secrets of nature are about to be revealed, the dawn has come, the sun of power has arisen, the gates of life now swing open wide, and the doorway to true happiness has been found; health, happiness and immortality is near; the millennium comes on apace;

THE GREAT SEAL IS OPENED;

the curtain has been rolled up and the veil removed, and mankind now see as they never saw before. The kingdom of nature has been invaded with an all-conquering army, the victory has been won, light has triumphed over darkness, truth over error, health over disease, life over death.

THE REAL DISCOVERY

of the cause, source, methods and processes of life have been discovered, and now being more fully made known, and will be now more fully explained than at any previous time, and we will commence here with a sermon.

FIRST CAUSE.

It is now well ascertained that primarily there was and is an all-pervading essence of life and power, diffused through all space, and spreading everywhere into everything, and acting through all substance and forms. This primary element is known as

SPIRIT,

And spirit is known as a force, a power, an essence, a principle, but not a person, not even an intelligence, but simply an all-pervading power, a blind, unconscious, irresponsible power, though it may be operating by nature's unchanging law to do everything that is done.

SUNS.

It is also now well known that this spirit power, this primary, all-pervading essence of life, has condensed itself mostly into immense globes, of which our visible sun is a tangible manifestation. The sun then is condensed spirit. Primary spirit embodied in a visible sun, which is more fully explained in our *GUIDE TO LIFE*. The sun, our visible father, an embodiment of spirit

CREATING PROCESSES.

This condensed spirit, in and from the sun, acts on fine primary substance,

KNOWN AS MATTER,

Acts by attraction (love), collecting, uniting and holding particles of matter together, and shaping them into forms and beings, giving organization, motion, sensation, feeling, instinct, reason, intelligence and immortality, in proportion to the fineness of the matter, the completeness of the being, and the capacity to receive and hold and use vital

spirit. All these processes and results, and the action of spirit on and through matter, are fully explained in our *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATURE*, to which we refer the student. And we pass on to a higher and grander theme, and one that has never been fully explained to mankind before: The grand work of condensed spirit in the formation of the

SPIRITUAL HUMAN SOUL.

Spirit from the sun and from the whole universe acts on lowest form of inert matter, changing its dead inertia into living soil. This is first done in the atmosphere, and the air swarms with living things, many too small to be seen by the best vision of man. Then this same spirit acts on and in water, and behold rivers, lakes and seas swarm with living things. And so spirit acts upon and through more solid forms of matter, therefore forming and giving life to vegetables and all things that grow from the ground. Then, as matter becomes finer and more full of life, animals are produced by the same creative power of spirit, up through the different grades of refined, spiritualized matter, producing the different and ascending grades of animal life, until the human being is produced. Then spirit takes on its finer, higher, and more perfect work, and creates by condensing its own spirit power and love, making an

INTELLIGENT HUMAN SOUL.

See further explanations in my other books of which this book is but the grand sequel.

PROCREATION.

I have explained before, in other lessons, that in the reproduction of the human species spirit acts on the ovum of female, just as it does on all

seeds, spiritualizing and vitalizing the seed, and making it grow into a being of its kind. The body is made of matter and the soul of spirit by the same process of growth, and both are built up gradually at the same time, and therefore one is just as old as the other and just as large, and look exactly alike. The body being helpless, destructible matter, may not be able to maintain and perpetuate itself forever. But the soul, being active, ever living, indestructible spirit, and the soul body being spiritualized, vital, indestructible essence, may be able to maintain and preserve itself forever, and the soul may become so spiritually powerful, that it may so spiritualize its own finer material body, and thus maintain and preserve it forever, and thus the human become practically immortal and live forever, soul and vital body, complete in all its parts and powers. This is what we are striving for and believe in the further progress of the race: that the greater spiritualization and purification of the human body will certainly come to pass. But for the present we will explain further about the nature, intelligence, and power, and destiny of the soul. First the

SOUL IS SPIRIT,

that is, the soul is made of spirit. It is a spirit form, a spiritual being. But it is not proper to speak of it as a *spirit*, as most people do, no more than it would be proper to speak of the body as a *matter*. Spirit is not a being or person at all, no more than matter is a being or person: we should call things by their proper names. A material form is a body, and a spiritual form is a soul, and it is a soul whether in or out of its material body. And it is known that the developed soul can go out of its material body and still maintain its

individuality and personality, and can remain out some time, and then return again to its physical body; and while going out and in the soul may be conscious or unconscious, or what is about the same thing, it may not remember its visit or what is seen or said or done while out of the body. I, my soul has done this in hundreds of instances, and where the friends and patients recognized my presence and power. They stated that they saw, and heard, and felt me, and were much benefited by my presence and healing treatment. They know I was there, and sometimes I did know it myself when I returned back to my sleeping body. But more recently I have got to understand it better, and now often go and do and come in my conscious state, and others, especially my pupils, are learning to do the same.

BUT HOW IS IT DONE?

That is the important question. Of course a good deal depends on organization and spiritual development of the person, as well as on the intelligence and power of the human soul, and especially on the *solidity*, so to speak, of the soul, that is not only on its own density, but its continued form and individuality, as well as its *visibility* and power to act and to maintain its *personal bodily* existence, depends on its vital body, that is composed of Vita, which I have in my former lessons explained, is composed of highest spirit and finest matter, such as is found in pure vital human blood. The soul, while living in its *living* body, is building up from the best spiritualized blood a vital body for itself, to preserve its identity in, and thus maintain its own individual life forever, and in which it can act as a separate being forever. But there are processes to be gone through, and work to

be done, to build up and prepare this vital body for the soul, or rather the soul has to do it all itself, for the soul is the only intelligent actor. We all know that we have to *eat* suitable matter to build *up* the body, so we have to *breathe* suitable spirit to build up the soul, and we have to do both to build up the vital body for the soul to live in when it is out of its coarser material body. In eating to build up and maintain the body, it is not necessary to eat more than we commonly do, but it is best to eat more vital, nutritious food, and to digest and assimilate it better; so it is necessary to breathe *purser* air and to appropriate it better. It is very necessary to eat right, but it is more necessary to breathe right, for in the vital spirit breathed *in* depends the life of both soul and body, and their continued existence together. Much has been written on foods, and how to cook and eat them, but very little has yet been said or written on what to breathe and how to breathe; still the student will find pretty full directions throughout my books of lessons on Vitapathy, and especially in my *ENCYCLOPEDIA of NATURE*, which is furnished to all our students. As the spirit taken in by breathing is the main support of the spiritual soul, so the soul and all spiritual beings have to continue to breathe so as to live *continually*, and on the abundance of spirit breathed in depends the power of the soul, as well as of all spiritual beings. The secret of success is to breathe in spirit from the air as explained in my other books of lessons. The origin and nature of the human soul is pretty well explained, and it is hoped that all can understand all that can be now taught about the source and life of this

WONDERFUL BEING.

But the soul is an intellectual being, is ever learn-

ing, ever progressing, ever gaining knowledge, wisdom and power; there seems to be no limit to its ultimate wisdom and power. The human soul may go on progressing forever, and may attain to influence in the councils of the spirit land. Human souls being all the spiritual beings there there are in the universe, have to have all the intelligence and power to govern and control all things as ultimately they will, for there is no higher being than the developed and perfected HUMAN SOUL. All spiritual beings, ever so high or powerful, have begun life as a human soul in a human body. Many human souls, born like ourselves, have progressed and reached the highest stations in the intellectual government of the universe; many are high, holy and happy, and there is room for more, and room for you and I to do likewise. Oh! human soul, look and learn, and know thy own power and destiny; know you not that you are born an immortal intelligence, and that you can cultivate your own power and increase your own happiness to boundless extent—you have within yourself the power to save yourself, body and soul, immortal forever; no one else can save you, none need die for you, but you can and must LIVE FOR YOURSELF. All the powers of nature, all matter and all spirit, all earth and all heaven, and the whole universe is thine; sun, stars, worlds and moons are man's; and the boundless universe is ours, and we are rulers of nature's powers. The powers of the cultivated and developed human soul are boundless, and already has and does many things. Education, music, mechanism, discovery, inventions, arts, sciences, psychology, psychometry, physiology, phrenology, clairvoyance, mind reading, mental conception, nerve feeling, intuition, wisdom, philosophy, religion;

and finally VITAPATHY—life over death—the last and the best, have all come from cultivation and development of the powers of the human soul, and yet the knowledge and powers of this wonderful being have not near reached their climax, no indeed, may have only begun; and when we consider what the soul has done, should we have any doubt of its

ULTIMATE SUCCESS,

When we consider that the human soul, the REAL MAN, is the last and highest 'product of spirit and matter, in their highest union and grandest results, producing the highest and *only* intellectual being in all the earth and heaven, and in the whole universe of spirit and matter. Souls in the body or out of the body still progress on and ever on; the human soul out of the body is called a ghost, or gost, as it was originally called, and is called that way yet in some languages; its true name is still gost, and this gost helps humans by controlling them. All trance mediums are more or less controlled through the gost spell—the ghostspell or gos-spell—ever since it has been believed that the human soul is a living entity or being, separate and distinct from the physical body, and could maintain its individuality and identity, either in or out of its physical body, and especially that it could continue to live out of its physical body, even after the dissolution of that body; and that under some circumstance this generally invisible, seemingly intangible, soul could be *seen*, and *heard*, and *felt*, and that it had power to put *spells* on certain persons, and entrance and control them to say and do *pretty nearly* as the control requires. This condition was called gost spell, and from it originated the word gospel of communications, and its frequency and correctness

began to convince the people that the human soul was immortal, and would live on perhaps forever after the death of the physical body. This was

A GREAT DISCOVERY,

Many doubted it, and many believed, and to them it opened up a new world of future existence, and gladdened the hearts of its recipients, the thought, the belief, the proof that they themselves would live on and ever on forever, through the endless cycles of eternity, and the prospect that they would be happy in that

LIFE EVERLASTING,

Was indeed a source of great joy to them, and that they should not only live and be happy, but should meet their loved ones in that life to come, and there should be happy greetings and joyful reunions, and loved matings in that better land. This was indeed joyful news, and

GLAD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY,

And this information and the proofs of continued happiness in a life to come was all brought about by the return and communication of

HUMAN GHOSTS OR GOSTS,

And their entrancing and putting ghost spells on suitable persons, whom they could entrance and thus communicate through, and demonstrate a future life and immortality for the human soul in

A WORLD OF JOY

And happiness forever; this indeed was a glorious

GHOST-SPELL,

And a contraction of this word is used in the memorable sentence and cheering proclamation

"Life and immortality is brought to light by teaching through the gospel,"

GHOS-SPELL,

Proclaiming to the world that man is immortal and shall live forever. Glad tidings of great joy *indeed*, well worthy of being proclaimed by

ANGELS AND MEN,

By all ghosts, yes, even by the Gods themselves, and no doubt they were the first to discover and proclaim it, for they themselves had experienced it in their progress from

MEN TO GODS.

All men and women who are sufficiently instructed and developed, and have experienced the power of the ghost spell, should preach the glad tidings of great joy to all people, telling how the bodies and souls of humans can be benefited for here and hereafter, and made intelligent and healthy and happy, by proper instruction through the power of the ghostspell, teaching all mankind how to use these advantages

TO SAVE THEMSELVES,

And to better humans in their birth, growth, development, and higher immortality, and to assist them in their progress from bodies and souls up to angels, and to

LORDS AND GODS.

And now on these higher grades of beings, let us seek further information. The human body and human soul is now pretty well understood, but of the Angels, Lords, and Gods we know but little outside of what the Bible teaches, and to that old historical book of human progress we will

turn our attention for the best explanations of these *seemingly* occult subjects.

When this world first began to *grow* and produce vegetable, animal and human life, we have no history, because previous to the intelligent human soul there were no one to record history. There were no intelligent beings before human souls, and as human souls are the last product of nature, the history made by them must necessarily be of recent date, no matter what the age of the world may be, and as mankind, including human souls, began low down in the scale of intellect and knowledge, and having very limited and imperfect conceptions of things and occurrences as they transpired, it is not expected that they could record a correct history of any event; and as for attempting to formulate history of times and dates and occurrences taking place previous to their time of living, might be expected to be an utter failure, and so astronomy, geology and chemistry have all proved such to be. Moses, according to Bible account, is claimed to be the

FIRST HISTORIAN,

Though it has been ascertained that the books that bear his name were not written by him at all, but by others long after his time; and it is stated that these books of the law being lost in the invasion and captivity in Babylon, were afterwards rewritten from memory by scribes at the command of Ezra the prophet, so of course they could not be expected to be reliable; but such as they were we have them to-day after many translations, interpolations and changes to suit the beliefs of the people at the time of the different translations and revisions. And we now have different Bibles, we have the Duay Bible, the King James Bible,

the Greek and Russian Bibles, and others, all differing from each other; and then the accounts given of certain prophets and apostles in the *same* Bible differ from each other on many essential points. So, as it is, each book may be considered to be only a weak, incorrect and imperfect human history, such as illiterate, prejudiced and superstitious, bigoted humans could get up, influenced as they often were by unscrupulous and deceiving priests and leaders. But such as it is, we will take the Bible as it *is* for our historical guide in reference to what is taught about men, souls, ghosts, angels, lords and gods.

Men of different races were living in the world from earliest history, without knowing when or how or whence they came; they had absolutely no history on that subject, because undoubtedly they commence so low down in the scale of human life that they were incapable of knowing or giving any account of themselves; and as there were no higher or other intelligence to teach them, mankind had to study out all for themselves, and this required a long time before they could know or record history; and thus *man* lived upon the earth. But the word soul, or its meaning, was entirely unknown in all those earlier years, and is even *now* imperfectly understood by most people. First, the term soul was applied to living human beings without regard to an after life, because the people then did not know of any after life. The word soul then meant human beings, people, population, as for instance, they would say a city of so many souls; and armies were often counted in that way; and the Bible account of the Jews in their journey from Egypt to Canaan called them souls or persons. It was not then known or even supposed that there was a vital spiritual being inside of the

body that was the real intelligence, the real person that alone was entitled to the name soul, and that it could live without the body and after the death of the body.

IMMORTALITY

Had not yet began to dawn upon an ignorant people. And although souls that had left their dead bodies were living somewhere, but they themselves were undeveloped and uneducated, and so low in the scale of being, they did not really know what or who they were, nor had they discovered any methods of communication with other souls yet in the physical body. But as time rolled on, and mankind became more intelligent, they studied out many inventions, and when the most intelligent souls, who had learned here, went over to the spirit land, they began to employ the knowledge learned by experience and discovery here to communicate or show themselves in some way to their friends still here in the body, and prove to them that they still lived, and that they also and all souls would continue to live "over there." Thus immortality began to dawn. Still when these communications and appearances did take place, mankind was slow to believe them to be departed human souls, but supposed them to be superior beings, not of this earth, but from heaven or some other place. True the heaven of SPACE is everywhere, and the heaven of JOY is in glad hearts and happy souls, yet the people supposed heaven to be a distant country or locality in some higher and better clime, and supposed their visitants to be what they then called them angels, lords and gods, according to their seeming quality and power, and worshipped them accordingly; as the earth's inhabitants then were prone to worship

nearly everything visible or invisible, real or imaginary things, and people are even too much so now. It is a kind of blind servitude, stimulated by fear, and employed by priests and leaders to control the people. But finally these returning disembodied souls became better understood, and became better able to express themselves, and to convince the people who they really were; and the people beginning to discover a human likeness in these spiritual beings, and seemed to look so much like their *dead* friends, conversed with them about circumstances and things that only their supposed departed friends knew about, but still they were uncertain where or how to class them, and therefore called them

SPOOKS

Or undefined beings. And when mankind learned further, and became more certain of their human identity, they called them

GOSTS,

And this was the name they went by among all nations that knew anything about them; and finally in more modern times the word was translated

GHOST.

And these were the beings who entranced and control people by their gostspell or ghostspell, now called

GOSPEL.

Many people are controlled even at this day by this lower order of human souls, many of whom are unhappy and wish to come back and live a human life over again, and in their eagerness often annoy human beings very much, and do so much harm that they are looked upon as evil

spirits, devils, etc. But there are higher and better developed human gots or ghosts that come to do good, therefore are called angels.

And now for a fuller and clearer account of them we will appeal to Bible history ; but we need not go further back than the time of Abraham, as there is no *real* history beyond that time, and even at that time, or since, history may not be altogether reliable, but, as it is the best we have, we will use it as best we can. From Bible history we gather that some intelligence, either Abraham's own soul within him, or some other soul, impressed him to travel and to leave his own country and go to another, and build up for himself a home ; and as Abraham was a young man, fond of travel, and somewhat mediumistic, and full of hope, he, like thousands of other young men, struck out to find a better country and seek his fortune there. Well, as Abraham was a medium, one whom disembodied souls could control and communicate through and to, he soon began to see these bright but mostly invisible beings, and he called them

ANGELS,

Good souls. It seems that at times Abraham could see them and hear them speak, they looked like men and spoke like men, and, being human souls, they could and would do so. Abraham used to beseech them, that is,

PRAY TO THEM,

And thus prayer to spiritual beings began, and he had a right and perhaps needed to pray to them or to any person that could help him. There appeared to be different grades of these human souls, who have reached the state of angelhood ; some of them had advanced in intelligence and power, and in

brightness of person, that they were by Abraham called

LORDS.

We frequently addressed them as lords or my lords, for sometimes there were many of these bright beings came to visit Abraham, and thus commenced the use of the word lord—meaning a higher developed human soul. And sometimes more advanced and still brighter human souls came to Abraham, and to give them a higher name, and, to give expression to his greater estimation of these brightest of beings, he called them

GODS,

And thus began the use of the word god, as applied to highest developed human souls, the highest intelligences in the universe. If human souls should be developed higher, they would still have to be called gods, or find a higher name, as representing a higher intelligence and greater power; but we are mostly satisfied with the lords and gods as they are, and no doubt they themselves will progress higher and know more in the future than in the past, as all intelligent beings progress forever. All human souls, whether gots or angels, lords or gods, are PERSONS, and must be forever personal and finite, no *person* can be infinite—he must have a locality, and can only be in one place in the *same instant* of time, therefore there are no infinite personalities or supreme beings. Any person, not even the

HIGHEST GOD,

Can be infinite or omnipresent, omniscient or omnipotent, cannot be present everywhere, or know or do everything; but they can do a great deal and help us very much if we will call upon them,

and passively and willingly receive them when they in love come to us. Yes, they

LOVE US,

They are our elder brothers, that have gone up higher, and gained more knowledge and power, and can help us very much; and they, being human, have felt and know all our infirmities. Such lords and such gods having reached the higher state of knowledge and power, and for their loving kindness to us are worthy to be praised, and loved, and adored, and prayed to for what we need in what they can help us. And now, as there are many lords and gods, each human person, or nearly each one, can have a god or guide for himself. It was common for each nation to have its own god, and some nations had many of them; the Greeks are credited with having more than thirty thousand gods, and built temples to each of them, and for fear that they should miss some god, whom they did not know, they built an extra temple and inscribed on its doorway,

“TO THE UNKNOWN GODS.”

Paul took advantage of this and told them about the Jewish God.

And now for the history of this god, let us go back to Jewish bible history, which commenced with Moses, who had been schooled in all the learning and wisdom of the Egyptian high priests, for he was considered the son of Pharaoh's daughter, and must be educated in all the learning of the Egyptian priests. Moses having mastered the occult science so successful in that day and nation, he become a medium, and could converse with departed souls, angels, lords, and gods, and soon selected a particular one, or rather being selected

as a medium by some one, a particular god or advanced human soul who selected him, so Moses began to act as a medium for that control, or guide, or god. The thing uppermost in the heart of Moses was to deliver his Jewish brethren from their Egyptian bondage, and he went to Pharaoh for that purpose, and demanded their release, but Pharaoh did not want to let them go; so Moses began to perform his tricks that he had learned in the high and select school of the Egyptian priests. But the priests could do the same things before the king, therefore the king was not convinced of a higher power, and it is said that God hardened the king's heart so he would not let the Jews go.

What God it was that hardened Pharaoh's heart we are not told, but it must have been the Egyptians' god, for certainly the God of Moses would not do that, work against Moses; and besides perhaps the God of Moses did help him some, as he excelled the priests in some of the tricks performed, but perhaps not more than one man can excel another.

But from this same bible history we learn that this god of Moses, whoever he might be, whether a former Egyptian priest, of the name of Jehovah, who lived in Egypt in the time of Joseph the Jewish medium, or some other human soul who assumed the rank of a god, and who wanted to control Moses, to help him to collect a people, and organize a nation that he might be god over, as other nations had gods to rule over them. But whoever he was, if the Bible account is correct, he was an untruthful and dishonest god, for it is said he directed Moses to tell falsehoods to the king, saying that they only wanted to go into the woods for a few days to hold a grove meeting, or in words to that effect. And this same god of Moses di-

rected the Jews to borrow cooking utensils, jewels, and other property, and in the language of that god, who said, "Spoil the Egyptians of their goods." At this command the property was taken and never returned.

It is right to judge the character of man or god by what he says and does. People in distress need not apply to him, for he cannot and will not help them. This has been tried in millions of instances without even one success, no matter how distressing or urgent the case. For instance, take a wrecked ship at sea, hundreds of innocent men, women, and children cry to him in vain, and down they go to the bottom of the sea.

But we will not follow this untruthful and dishonest god through invading wars, and robberies, and murder of the peaceful nations, through which he urged the Jews, his peculiar people, to pass; nor will we mention the horrible immoralities that he ordered on defenseless women, at which even the hard heart of Moses shuddered, and he himself was so cruel that his wife called him a "bloody man;" and the Jews themselves revolted, at which their god got so angry that he commanded and *compelled* each man to draw his sword and slay his brother. But time would fail to tell of all the horrors of this terrible god; but he says he is a jealous god, and he would get very angry when the Jews, abhorring such a god, wanted to obey some more peaceful and good god of the surrounding nations. Then he pleads with them and tells them to be his people, and he will be their god, and do wonderful things for them, if they would own him, and not follow after the gods of the other nations, thus admitting that there were other gods. And then, when he thought he had coaxed the Jews back to him, he got up his

commandments, and the first one was, "Thou shalt have no gods before me;" thus admitting again that there were other gods, and no doubt many of them better than him. From Bible history we learn that this god was not only untruthful, dishonest, immoral, and revengeful, and having all bad human attributes, but also was powerless to fulfill his promises; and did not and could not drive the Canaanites out of the cities and valleys of that land, and give it to the Jews, as he had promised them. And now the Jews, whom he promised to do so much for, are long since driven from their homes and property, and are outcasts in other lands, with no god to help them, only the god of money. Talk about praying to this god of Moses, or to any other god, the act is an entire failure. It is on Bible record that Abraham, his chosen friend, implored him to do so kind an act as to spare, *if he could*, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, but he refused to answer or grant so reasonable a prayer, but let the fire burn the cities, and put to a horrible death innocent women and children. Also Moses, the servant and medium of this god, desired to *enter* the promised land, that he had been striving to lead the children of Israel to for forty of the best years of his life. But for all that his prayer was not granted, and he was left to die alone in the wilderness. And then again it is recorded, in the same so-called holy writ, that Jesus, the holiest and best of men, prayed to this or some other god, until drops of blood like sweat flowed out from the pores of his skin, in the deep distress of body and agony of soul, but all to no purpose, his prayer was not answered. Neither Jesus nor all the gods were able to withstand the Roman government; neither of them being able to withstand artificial human

law; neither are they able to withstand or control the natural law of the universe; they cannot do more than other advanced humans can do, and all have to submit to greater law than themselves.

Many human souls may become gods, until there are no doubt millions of them now, of different grades of intellect and power. The apostle tells us there are many lords and gods. And the inducement is held out in the New Testament, that progressed souls may become kings, and priests, and gods in the kingdom of heaven—spirit world. Then why do people doubt it? It was believed in prophetic times, and the prophet says to the Jews, "Whom will you serve?" The prophet named some of the gods, and the Jehovah god among the rest, and told the people to *choose* whom they would serve.

And that was *right*, every person as well as every nation have a right to choose what god they please. And so with individuals, all have a free and inalienable right to choose any god or no god as they please, and no man or nation has any right to interfere. There are many gods; we know of some; there is PERON, the god of Persia; MELCHIZEDEK, the god of Salem; and LAMA, the god of Eleasa, and others.

The Bible gods themselves say they are jealous gods, and that seems to be a fact, and quarrelsome too, for we are informed there was war in heaven. They are jealous of one another and of their subordinates, they want no god to be higher and more powerful than themselves. People should live shy of such gods; they all are after their own aggrandizement, and their followers are tyrants like themselves.

SONS OF GODS.

The Bible tells us that the sons of god, whoever

they were, met together, I suppose in meeting or convention, or school, for the purpose of further instruction and development, and it is said that a god, I suppose it was some principal god, it might have been Jehovah or some other god who came to teach them. They being soul pupils, students of a god, were called sons of god, who wanted to advance and become gods. We get this meaning from another passage of Scripture, where we are informed that Elijah the prophet kept a school of prophets at Jericho, and that his students were called sons of the prophet. These sons of the prophet were learning to be full fledged prophets in this life, and no doubt gods in the next life. The sons of god being disembodied human souls, had to have schools over there to educate them to be gods, as they had not the learning here, and probably Jehovah god was their teacher there, and Satan god came also, and no doubt helped, as the two gods were friends and had friendly talks together, and as we learn from the Bible their friendship was kept up, and that god accommodated Satan often and very much, even to giving Job the small-pox.

Some persons ignore personal gods altogether, and some of the religious catechisms describe their god as being without parts or passions, not a person at all, but a kind of a nondescript, that no one knows anything about or can know, and yet they talk very fluently about God, as if they thought he was an every day companion, but still invisible and undefined. But it is plain that all gods, like other human souls, are persons and personal, *having parts and passions* like other souls, and at times can be seen and heard and felt same as other spiritual beings. It is said Moses saw his god and talked to him face to face, as a man would

talk to his friend. And the books of Moses fully describe the ark or cabinet for his god to materialize in, as other spirit mediums have now days for their gods or guides to materialize in; the same things were then as now. But all these gods and all gods are finite, as all humans souls are, and can only be in one place at a time, though they can move about very swiftly, and travel almost with the rapidity of thought.

NUMBER OF GODS.

The Jews being a poor people and small nation, did not have but one god, and he was a selfish god, and did not want the Jews to have any other god but him; but he was so cruel and tyrannical that the Jews often desired to follow the other and milder gods of the other and more advanced nations around them, and thus there was trouble in the household of Israel; but still the better prophets and rulers of Israel were willing to let the people choose for themselves, thus the prophets instructed the people to "choose whom they will."

EGYPTIAN GODS

Were at least three in number, and how many more they had is not recorded. Each nation had its god; and the Greeks had thousands of them; and as gods became more plenty with each tribe and family, finally each person could have their own god. King David had his own god, and spoke of him as "my god." This god (or guide or control) of David controlled him to do some very foolish things sometimes, such as stripping naked and dancing and rolling in the mud in the streets, and other shameful things, as gods or guides of mediums make them do nowadays. All gods are poor human creatures with common faculties,

ORIGIN OF GODS.

As the commencement of all living beings is here upon earth, so all gods had their beginning here; and, as they are a product of nature, are subject to the laws of nature. It has been claimed that god, or the gods, produced nature and all natural things; but not so, as it is plain that nature produced the gods, and did everything else *by the power of spirit acting through matter*—spirit power is greater than all the gods.

AGE OF GODS.

As all gods are but advanced human souls, there had to be souls first, and there had to be physical bodies before, or as soon, as spiritual souls, so gods had to have their development and advancement still later, so none of the gods are very old, perhaps the oldest one controlled his medium Jesus. He gave his age as being older than Abraham, but this god was not Jehovah of the Jews, but a much milder and more merciful and loving god, and his name was Lama, and lived some two hundred years before Jehovah, the cruel Egyptian priest, god of the Jews; but even Lama (peaceful god) could not save his medium, Jesus, from the Roman power.

ROMAN GODS.

The Roman pagans at *first* had but one god, his name or age is not given, but we have a history, said to be *infallible*, describing the Christian's god, Jesus, giving an account of his conception, birth, growth and development.

SEE HISTORY OF JESUS OF NAZARETH.

His conception will be explained further along; his life, good works and ignominious death, the

fate of nearly all reformers, has been recorded by his disciples, and handed down through many imperfections, so we need not rehearse that now. He was a good man, and, as he says himself, the "son of man." And the apostle Peter, on the day of Pentecost, in the hearing of assembled thousands, described him as a good man, approved of good works. But some three hundred years after that, when the pagan Romans got control of christianity, they thought best to deify Jesus and make a god of him, so this made their god number two. Then as human souls in the body learned to use more vital spirit in their meetings as a converting power, they gave it a personality, claiming it to be a holy ghost, finally making it a god, a third god, thus completing their trinity after the manner of the Egyptian trinity. But after all they had but one real *personal* god, the man Jesus, whom Swedenborgians and other people worship as their only god, and he was certainly good material for a god, and has gone up through suffering and triumph, and we ought to love and honor him as our elder brother god; yes, love Jesus, he has gone up through all degrees of advancement and become a

GOD INDEED,

And being a human god, knows all our frailties and sufferings, and knows how to pity us, and is able and willing to help us all he can if we will let him control and guide us to a better life.

HOW GODS ARE MADE.

As all intelligence, and all soul life, and all intellectual beings commence with the human being, so all gods have to commence there; and as among the human beings some men are more ambitious and aspiring than others, and by energy

and force of character and circumstances become leaders in society; and in the church they become preachers, priests, bishops and popes, they are the

CHURCH GODS.

In civil life some men become officers of the Government and thus rule the people, and we have different grades of human gods, such as constables, sheriffs, judges, senators, governors, presidents, kings and emperors, these are the

CIVIL GODS,

And rule the people. Then in armies we have captains, majors, colonels, generals, and generalissimos, etc., these are different grades of

WAR GODS.

Then we have the kind, benevolent philanthropist, who goes about helping the poor and needy, the oppressed and enslaved, whether by need, or law, or custom, or monopoly; there are many grades of these, of both men and women, they are the

LOVE GODS,

And are the best of all gods and goddesses, and of the greatest benefit to mankind. It would be well if there were more of them, give room for more of these best of gods.

MORE GODS.

Churches and nations and people are in the habit of honoring their living and dead heroes, and finally making saints and gods of them. They build monuments and erect statues to their praise, and in this way worship them as superior beings. These same heroes and saints find in the spirit world (heaven as it is called) society much as

here; souls there need teachers and governments and rulers. And these heroes and saints and ambitious aspirants, when they get into the higher society of heaven, seek to be leaders and rulers and gods there, and some of them get it, and this is the way gods are made, and the kind of stuff they are made of. Each nation, and people, and church, and individual think their god the only real and

TRUE GOD,

But that is only their own selfish opinion, as people generally think their's is the best, whatever that may be. The English sing, "God save the Queen," and the Germans praise their "Fatherland." and the Yankee sings

America, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty.

AND

The star spangled banner,
May it forever wave
Over the land of the free
And home of the brave.

LORDS

Are still more common, and belong to this world as well as the next. A husband is considered lord of his family. The house and land owner is called landlord. Peers of the realm are lords of the kingdom, and legislate in the house of lords. Priests and others call their superiors, lords, and thus there are many lords, and they are quite

COMMON LORDS.

Lord generally means leader or superior officer, and is more of an adjective than a noun, as it is generally expressive of quality or distinction, as

for instance, lord mayor, lord chief justice, etc., and so the Christians speak of their leader or superior as

LORD JESUS CHRIST,

That is, he is not only a common christ or medium, but a superior one. And so with the god of the Jews, they considered him better than the other gods, therefore they designated him as

LORD GOD,

And they credited him with CREATING and doing more than the other gods, thus give him the praise for what he did not do. And the Christians are doing the same thing now for their god, and other nations do the same for their god whoever he may be. Thus there are many gods, and all kinds of gods; they are so plenty now in these modern times that no person, either man or angel, need be without

A GOD.

Persons who say there is no god, and have none of their own, they are to be pitied. But most all people have such scanty and erroneous ideas of any god, and of the laws of life, health, happiness, and immortality, that they are not benefited by their knowledge, indeed they have no knowledge on the subject. Their ignorance is so dense and their darkness so thick that it could almost be cut with a knife, yet they will rail out against and oppose persons who know more. Most people choose darkness rather than light, and they oppose all that is new because it is new, and cling to the old because it is old. Thus they rejected Jesus and all reformers for introducing new and greater knowledge, and better ways of living; but though

they may crucify and martyr the best of men, the truth and right will prevail. In the revolving years the right ever comes uppermost, and mankind is advanced nearer the godhood. Some people are constantly urging others to become more godlike, and that is right, and it is possible too, for as even the highest and all gods were men once in the flesh like ourselves, therefore we may become like them, as they were once like us, what we are now they have been, and what they are we may *be*. Grand thought, highest promise to stimulate us to energy and perseverance. But if the gods were infinite, as some suppose who do not know better, then we need not strive to be like them, for the finite can never reach or comprehend the infinite, and retain their personality or identity or intellectuality. To be infinite, and thus spread and reach everywhere, would require complete and eternal dissolution of all our parts and powers, and be no more a personal, *conscious* being. But we are finite *personalities*, and so are all the gods; to be anything else would destroy all personality, all conscious being. The gods, being human like ourselves, only advanced in years and in knowledge and power, can help us some within the powers of nature, and we may call upon them for that purpose to help us what they can; but we need not require of them what they cannot do: Yes, there are many gods, and many lords, and many christs, and many holy ghosts, and it is well there is, mankind needs them all. The gods and lords have been pretty fully explained, but the christs and holy ghosts will be more fully explained in a subsequent chapter, and we only add now what is already understood, that the word christ means medium or mediumship, through which disembodied souls, and lords, and gods,

communicate to people on earth, and demonstrate the communion of saints and

LIFE EVERLASTING.

Jesus was a medium, and seer, and prophet, and demonstrated this on many occasions, as recorded in the New Testament. We will mention but one instance, when at the well in Samaria, Jesus read the life of the strange woman, told her of her five husbands, and that she was *now* living with a man who was not her husband, and many other things he told her by his clairvoyant or psychometric or spirit medium powers, so that she believed he was a christ, a medium, and she went and called her friends to come and see the man that had told her all she had ever done or knew; she asked them to come and see if this man be a christ, *come and see that he is a medium.**

The meaning of the words soul, ghost, angel, lord and god, has now been well explained according to scripture account, and according to common sense and experience, and the very nature of things, and no person need be in doubt or darkness anymore. The seventh seal has been opened and nature unveiled, and the mystery cleared up; and all persons can now see their way clear to the higher attainments of human beings, from man up to gods, all preferment and all success is in the reach of progressed, purified and elevated man. Do you, friends and brothers and sisters in Vitapathy, *do you* want to climb the golden stairs of progress and perfection, and reach the highest planes of knowledge, power, happiness and immortality? if you do

* The translators inserted the article *the* instead of the article *a*, and thus made the scriptures to read *the* god or *the* christ, etc., when it should read *a* god, *a* christ, one of many.

you can commence now. Commence by learning to control yourself first, control your bodily pride and love of fashion, control your animal desires and propensities, and keep them within bounds and under the control of the better desires of the elevated and cultivated soul. Learn to breathe right, and to sleep right, and to drink, eat and dress right, and in all things obey the laws of nature, as you need to. And above all breathe in vital spirit from the air, to build up a strong and healthy and pure soul, full of life and power to do whatsoever you will. Persevere in getting knowledge and power and advancement, and you finally may reach the highest

GODHOOD,

Going up and up as it were to greater heights, ascending higher in the scale of being, on and on forever on in the soul's eternal progress, forever gaining in knowledge and power and happiness, forever learning something new and grander in the

REALM OF SPIRIT.

What happiness, what joy unspeakable and full of glory, still finding out something new in the ceaseless rounds

OF ETERNITY.

All this and much more is within the reach of the human soul. Look up immortal soul, know you not that you are already a god in embryo, yes, you were born an infant god, grow to manhood and to the highest godhood, use all the better powers of your nature, help yourself, and all else will help you too, other human souls, ghosts, angels, lords and gods will help you what they can, but you can help yourself most. Go up, brother, go

up, sister, go up, child immortal, the race is yours, and successive

VICTORIES

Will crown your continued endeavors. Man is his own savior, and nature's resources are boundless, from which each can help himself, and others may help you too if you will ask them.

PRAY TO THEM

If you will, everything in nature prays; the cold earth prays for sunshine, the dry and parched ground prays for rain, all vegetation prays for both sun and rain, the moaning worm, the chirping bird, the mewling cat, the bleating lamb, the bawling beast, the whining dog, the crying infant, the begging child, the weeping woman, the entreating man, the seeking angel, the aspiring lord and

LOVING GOD,

All pray to something higher than themselves; so pray, brother, pray, and sister, pray, and above all strive to get what you want yourself, pray to YOURSELF, take courage and progress on forever. But now brothers and sisters and friends of earth, after I have introduced you to yourselves, and to the angels, and lords and gods of progressed humanity, and directed you to the higher life, and to the processes of its attainment, and carried you on in improvement and advancement to a knowledge of the highest BEINGS in the universe, in earth or heaven, and lighted the way for you to accomplish all that others have done, until you may be equal to the gods. Ah, verily, may be a god and reach the highest finite perfection.

And now I would break another seal, and unlock the heretofore hidden doors and lead you to an unknown universe of power, the universe of

spirit that is everywhere within the universe of matter; none have known or seen it in its primary and eternal state, but all have felt its power. It has neither form nor shape nor being, but is infinite and forever above all beings; infinite in space, in power, and eternity, omnipresent and omnipotent, eternal and everlasting, infinitely and forever above all angels, lords and gods. Having all power, the sustainer of all life, the one omnipotent and eternal parent. And now brothers and sisters of these earthly homes, you all have had human parents, and have had lords and gods, but these are not your spiritual fathers, they are but your elder brothers in the great family of humanity. Besides your human parents, there is but one universal parent, a PARENT alike to all humans, and to all angels, and to all lords, and to all gods, and to all living beings. And now friends of earth having lead you thus far, allow me now to break the

HIGHER SEAL,

To open the eternal gates of light, and lead you beyond the realms of matter to infinite spirit, to cultivate your intellects, expand your minds, enlarge your souls to fullest comprehension and to highest powers, and introduce you to

THE ALL FATHER.

The all pervading and prevailing, eternal and everlasting INFINITE SPIRIT. The ALL FATHER, the source of all power, life and immortality. The first cause and only preserver of all things, and in which we have our life and continued being. I say once again, dear friends, let me introduce you to the ALL FATHER, the great universal infinite spirit, that is above all personality, who works not

with hands, or feet, or eyes, or ears, but by his own limitless spirit through the manifestation of love. In the material world it is called attraction, but in the spiritual world it is pure love; love of spirit to all living things. Some people, mostly all souls,

WORSHIP

Something. Some worship stocks and stones, insects, reptiles, animals and men; some worship priests, popes and kings; some worship heroes, saints, angels, lords and gods, all of which does them no good, still all have a right to worship whom they please, and it is better to worship something higher and better than any

PERSONAL BEING,

Who, being helpless themselves, cannot help you. The only true worshipful prayer is to take spirit in by *attraction*, draw it in through eyes, and ears, and mouth, and heart, and soul, and especially through the nostrils by inhaling it in strong desire, by the silent, continuous all prevailing

BREATHING PRAYER,

As employed in the Vitapathic System; friends, and all who wish to pray aright and be successful, stretch forth your hands, raise your heads, open your hearts, expand your souls to let the

GREAT SPIRIT

In, and be filled with all the fullness of spirit, as the apostle desired his hearers to be. The only true worship *is* to receive the all father spirit in submission and devotion and love, and with joy and happiness; remember the great spirit only comes by attraction and love, and a *feeling of need*

on our part, which makes us submissive and receptive to the spirit influx, and spirit, being endless and round like a circle, *concentrates* in a harmonious circle of earnest people. Thus the *spiritual* circles and religious meetings *attract* and concentrate the most spirit power, and produce the most conversions and greatest joy and happiness. The knowledge of this fact points the way to greatest success, attracts, contracts and concentrates spirit in a small space and focus, like contracting the sun's rays through a lens, and you will get up wonderful power, managed with skill, to complete success.

Friends of earth, I now leave this great subject with you, for your own study, understanding and use, and may you know all and do all, and become better gods than any of the past, for I would lead you to HIGHER LIFE. here and hereafter; brothers and sisters of earth, go up higher. And now I proceed to break the

GREAT SEAL,

To open the inner chambers of universal nature, to unlock the last door, to dispel the last cloud of darkness, to break the tyrant's chain, to liberate your minds and set the captive free, to remove all superstition, bigotry and selfish rule, to let mankind see and know nature *as it is*. I now have the pleasure of introducing to you the real Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The ALL FATHER of the universe, the all pervading infinite and eternal impersonal spirit of ALMIGHTY POWER, that creates and preserves all things. I have already introduced to you this spirit power, working through matter, which has finally produced material living beings, and these all from the lowest worm to the mightiest man, these, including all humanity, are

the SON; (not son of God or of any god, for these themselves are sons of the spirit—all father,) the whole human family is the SON. And Jesus and other sons, who have been well born and advanced high in the development of being, constitute the highest SONSHIP, and are *representatives* of the universal sonship of all humanity. Then you understand now that the infinite, *impersonal*, eternal spirit of the universe is the ALL FATHER, and that all humanity is the ALL SON, but what is the HOLY GHOST? It is clear that disembodied souls (sons) were called ghosts, and if they had been good sons, their freed souls were called holy ghosts. Thus a holy ghost is a good and highly advanced disembodied human soul, so of course there are many of them of different degrees of holiness. When Jesus died it is said he gave up the ghost, that is, his physical body gave up his spiritual soul, in the shape of a ghost or gost, and it being a good soul in the body became a good or holy ghost out of the body. This good soul is said to be *the* Holy Ghost; but remember the article *the* should be *a*, holy ghost, *a* one of many. For it is known that there are many of everything in nature, and it is known that the great spirit of universal nature never stops at the production of one only of a kind, but always duplicates and produces many of a kind. Thus there are many suns, and stars, and planets, many trees, many animals, and many human beings of a kind, and so of souls, ghosts, angels, lords and gods. There are many of each kind; every creature in nature is multiplied many times, and keeps on multiplying, so we have many ghosts and many holy ghosts. When human mediums were controlled by a good spirit being, *producing* good results, it is laid, in scripture, to the power or influence of *a* holy ghost. I hope

now the whole grand and sublime and heretofore mysterious subject of

FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST,

Is fully explained to the full comprehension of all intelligent beings in earth and heaven, and this most interesting of all subjects be forever settled. *Great spirit* is the ALL FATHER; *humanity* is the SON; *souls* are the HOLY GHOST,

Everything in nature is plural; thus when we say parent,

FIRST CAUSE,

We mean all *impersonal* infinite *spirit*, and all primary invisible matter, the great FATHER SPIRIT, and the great MOTHER MATTER—the great plural or positive and negative forces. And when we say SON we mean all beings that have form and intelligence, and have been produced by spirit and matter. And when we say GHOST we mean all souls that can live without their material bodies. The universal spirit FATHER is the supreme power, and is *continually* using it through material forms. All humanity is the begotten son. All progressed souls are the HOLY GHOST. Thus I hope the real FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST is

FULLY EXPLAINED.

And now we have only one more difficult task to perform, and to do that fully we may have to break another seal, and open another door, and let the light shine on the mystery of the ages,

WHO WAS THE FATHER OF JESUS?

This is an important question which has never yet been correctly answered. The mystery has never heretofore been solved. I have told you of the spirit father of ALL (*and not SPECIAL to any*), for

the Great Spirit never has any special-ties, and *spirit* is impersonal. And it is supposed that every person must have a personal father as well as a personal mother. But who was the personal father of Jesus? Was it man or god? That mystery solved will unfold the last link in creation. Can it be done? We will see. It can.

The scriptures, to which we always refer, and especially in the case of Jesus of Nazareth, for there is no other known history of him, in tracing his geneology, carry it back to David and to the tribe of Judah. Was the soul god Judah his father? Or was it Adam, or some other soul god? Other parts of the scriptures, or rather subsequent history and revisions of his history, call him the

SON OF GOD,

Still mystifying the people more and more; but from the same history it is quite evident that he had no human, earthly father *yet* in the flesh. To be sure there are many young, single women who become pregnant, and deny that they had *ever known* man, and every physician and midwife have had such cases; and in my many years of practice I have had quite a number of them, but on examination they were found to have lost their virginity. But it appears from scripture, Mary, the mother of Jesus, remained a virgin after conception having taken place. No material man then could have been the father of her child; so we must look somewhere else for its father.

We are told in scripture that the sons of gods (human souls advancing to the goodhood, as previously explained) made love to the daughters of men—women of earth—and the world's history repeats the story, that sons were born of virgin mothers, by the power of the gods, disembodied

human souls, and became great men and supposed saviors of mankind—lived and died for the sins of the world. This occurred frequently before the days of Jesus; some of these earthly sons of gods were crucified, as Jesus is since said to have been. So it seems from history that such children have been born, and it is then a possibility for disembodied male souls, ghosts or angels, or lords or gods, or whatever they may be called, to impregnate the female human ovum with their spirit vitality, and make it grow into a human being according to the laws of nature. We read in the scriptures that a very estimable lady, by the name of Hannah, who was barren to her husband, had a child to the lord. She herself says her child was from (the) a lord.

Samuel was fathered by a lord, and was claimed by the (a) lord, and given over to Eli, the prophet, to be educated and prepared for the service of his father, the lord. But we pass on and come immediately to the birth of Jesus, which was in this wise, says the scriptures: "Lo, a virgin is found to be with child." And her account is that she had not known man, but that a holy ghost, a lord, a god, had *overshadowed* her, had connection with her, and by which she had conceived and was like with child. She thought it strange, but as the scriptures say: "She pondered it over in her own mind." This is but a repetition of former like occurrences, and equally true; Mary being very mediumistic and spiritual, and sensitive and easily influenced, made success certain. As it is male vital spirit that fecundates the female ovum, at any rate, in the human way, as I have explained in my *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATURE*, so the ghost, or angel, or lord, or god could succeed as well as material man, especially with the *materializing* female

medium. No doubt Mary was what is called a materializing medium, and the ghost or lords had materialized to her often, she learned to know them, and she knew what they did and *when*; thus she could clearly say that the child was from a holy ghost, or lord, or god, therefore the child was a son of god, and when he was born, the ghost said his name shall be Emanuel—a god with us—a son of a god with us.

I have been investigating and studying out this secret for many years, and every year additional proof has been produced. Lately I received a letter from a prominent man in a near by city, who knew nothing about my investigation, or of me or belief. He simply wrote to me about his wife's condition, and wished advice, stating that she claimed that materialized or etherealized human souls, whom she knew to be *dead* (in body), came to her at night and had sexual connection with her, this being repeated very frequently and often, many in one night. I afterwards obtained a correspondence with her, and found her to be a very intelligent woman, and very mediumistic, and that disembodied souls could materialize to some extent in her presence, and do all that was stated to me by her husband. Through my positive spirit treatment this lady has been relieved without me seeing her at all. She is now happy and free.

Since that time I have had a lady patient brought here to my Sanitarium by her husband for treatment for obsession, her clear positive statement of her case was similar to that of the lady before referred to. I treated her with complete success. Sometimes undeveloped disembodied souls will obsess sensitive, mediumistic, easily influenced females for this very purpose, to gratify their carnal desires, sometimes many will attack

the same woman. Mary Magdalene, of scripture account, had seven of these ghostly husbands. One lady whom I cured wrote to me that she had had fifteen of those lustful ghosts; she said she knew and counted them. One of my lady patients counted eight of her ghostly lovers, to whom if she yielded passively all was peace, if not, there was terrible torture. I had one young lady patient in this city who was tortured in this way; I used strong positive spirit power and drove them out of her house, and **COMMANDED** them to never return, and they did not return. As they went out of the house I saw and counted them, there were thirty dark-visaged, robust looking ghost men. Enough is known to prove that disembodied humans are still human in their instincts and desires, and this too though the ghost may be never so enlightened and exalted. A king will have the same desires as a beggar, and a god may have the same as either. For substantiation read Moses' account of his captive women, and Jehovah god's command concerning them, and how he selected the best of them for certain purposes. These faculties belong to the soul, and all souls in all worlds and in all heavens retain their faculties.

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SPIRIT MATERIALIZATION.

A case for which only one precedent can be found in history is at the present time the theme of much comment at Nantes. A widow named Lasalle, who has now for upward of two years worn the weeds for her departed spouse, and has during that time led ostensibly the most ascetic of lives, has recently, to the surprise of her neighbors and seemingly of herself, become a mother.

Whether this child is the first of a new order of beings, destined to supercede the present inhabitants of this planet, as some seem to believe, remains yet to be proved. That there is a strong probability of this being the case is asserted by many who are intimately associated with the lady. She herself tells a well nigh incredible story with regard to the matter, and instead of appearing, dismayed at the advent of the little stranger, as some ladies undoubtedly would be under the circumstances, she boldly proclaims a theory which accounts for its existence creditably to herself, and even seems to court investigation of the matter. Since the death of her husband, Mme. Lasalle asserts he has not been absent from her thoughts even for a second.

SHE HAS VISITED HIS GRAVE DAILY

Since his demise, and, as the attendants in the cemetery are aware, has always left some floral token to show the unfading character of her affection for the dust reposing so peacefully below. In return for this unwavering constancy, Mme. Lasalle claims that on several occasions, when she has been alone in her room at night, her husband has appeared to her.

His appearance in the chamber has always, she claims, been the cause of her sinking into a kind of dreamy torpor. Mme. Lasalle had never previously been a mother, and it was an entirely natural course for her thoughts to take when enjoying the presence of her spirit husband, that she would like some material token of those visits, to prove to her that she had not been the victim of a mere mental illusion. So strong did this desire finally become, asserts Mme. Lasalle, that she finally communicated the idea to her etherealized spouse,

and was only too delighted to discover that he entirely shared

HER VIEWS IN THE MATTER.

The thoughtless couple do not appear to have considered at all what an embarrassing position it would place the lady in' to become a mother, under the circumstances, so long after the husband had been, according to the calculations of other mortals, dead. Accordingly some three weeks ago, and, as Mme. Lassalle observed, at precisely the proper time for its appearance, a healthy and to all appearances an ordinary mortal child was born to her. As Mme. Lasalle is an exceedingly devout woman, a regular attendant at church, and has an absolutely immaculate reputation, even with the gossips of the locality in which she lives, there seems to be no disposition to doubt her statements with regard to the matter. Sheathed in the faith of her own convictions, there is not the slightest doubt that the woman is thoroughly convinced that her explanation is a perfectly correct one, and that she considers herself a woman of wonderful powers in consequence. Of course the skeptical regard Mme. Lasalle as a very clever actress and fraud, or else insist that she is insane upon the subject, but one medical expert, who has examined and questioned the woman closely, asserts that he is ready to accept her statement that the man who was married to her is

REALLY THE FATHER OF THE CHILD.

Mme. Lasalle has never affiliated herself with the Spiritualists, but since the birth of her child has been visited by several people interested in such doctrines.

It is expected by these people that the child, if

it lives, may develop some very remarkable powers of a mediumistic character, if indeed it does not inaugurate the beginning of a new species, destined to form a link between the astral and material existences. The traditions of the human race are cited by these credulous enthusiasts as justifying such a far-fetched conclusion, as it is hinted both in Biblical and mythological lore that beings of a semi-supernatural character were once common on this sublunary sphere. Meanwhile the baby thrives upon the ordinary infant diet, and seems to be particularly oblivious to the speculations of both philosophers and scientists. This may, however, be only a ruse of his to baffle any impertinent curiosity on the part of the public.

OUR CONCLUSION.

Enough has been said and explained, and *proved* to establish the fact of Jesus' parentage, and that he was indeed a son of *a* god, but probably not the son of Jehovah, the god of cruelty and war, and remorseless vengeance, but the SON OF A GOD OF PEACE AND LOVE. And now all has been explained and can be easily understood. Yours for the highest godhood in earth or heaven,

JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL.

INFINITE POWER.

FINITE INTELLIGENCE.

The power of the spirit all father is both infinite and supreme, and is not only the *first* cause, but the *continued* cause of all things. But this power, as great and as infinite and supreme as it is, is *only* power—the power of filling all space and of being everywhere, and of doing everything, and giving and maintaining life in everything, and of creating all forms and all beings, and of producing INTELLIGENCE in forms and beings in proportion to the fineness and perfectness of the form, and development of the being, but is not of itself intelligent. Intelligence is finite, progressive, and accumulative, and is of itself imperfect and belongs to imperfect beings. But power, ever so infinite and supreme, is not being or personality, therefore cannot have intelligence. People think because there is power there must be intelligence; but all nature, and all science, and all observation, and all experience are against it. There are many manifestations of power, and all come from the one supreme power; but none of these manifestations of power, like the source, manifest or possess a particle of intelligence, and have to be managed, or employed or *avoided*, by intelligent human beings. Intelligence is the last, and not the first. Intelligence comes by degrees, through proper formation, education, and development, and has not advanced very far yet; but, as intelligent beings have an eternity to progress in, there is hope for them yet. People think because there is intelligence *now*, that there always was, but they might as well say man always was, because he is now, or that the earth always was. No, there has

to be a beginning to everything, every form and personal being. Some people suppose there had to be intelligence to produce intelligence; on the same reasoning there would have to be a world to produce a world, or a sun to produce a sun, or a man to produce a man. That being so there never could have been a beginning, and never would have been anything, all nature would be an eternal blank.

We see all the operations of nature and growth of everything go on without intelligence; we see the sun and stars, and revolving worlds go on continually without intelligence, and move too on their ceaseless and unwavering rounds by a power superior to all intelligence. Intelligence implies learning, improvement, and *change*, which nature never knows or does. Beings, souls, ghosts, angels, lords and gods all learn, because they are finite, imperfect and progressive, and ever changeable. But nature and nature's POWER never changes, it is always the same forever. People must learn to distinguish between power and intelligence, power is *first*, and intelligence comes *last*. Power being *impersonal* and infinite, spreads everywhere; intelligence being personal, finite and local, can only be in local personalities, and each person has his own local *finite* intelligence, according to his organization and cultivation. Power always was, intelligence always is to be. Power is always the same, intelligence is always changing and progressing. Let intelligent man learn to use the power and become healthy, happy and immortal.

MANIFESTATIONS OF POWER.

Power as manifested through organized beings, is or can be guided by instinct or intelligence, accord-

ing to the capacity of the being. Thus we have power through the nerves and muscles, and the more power generally the less intelligence, showing again that power is not and has not intelligence. Animals that have but little intelligence exert more power than do intelligent man. But it is wonderful how intelligent man can cultivate the use of power through skill and practice. Thus some men can learn to lift three or four times as much as a common uncultivated man can.

HIGHER METHODS OF USING POWER.

Man being in his soul a spiritual being working through his physical organization, produces great results and a mighty use of power without much nerve or muscular action. Man, like a galvanic battery or electric machine, is constantly throwing out his power like a fire throws out its heat, and affects, unconsciously as it were, sensitive persons that are near. Thus persons often psychologize others to some extent, unconscious to either. Then when a good operator *desires* to use the power he may do much more and better. But as psychology and mesmerism and vita have been pretty well explained in former lessons, we will pass on to newer names of the same power.

And here we have to almost laugh at the old doctors, they always oppose everything new, especially if it does not begin inside of their profession, just like the Jewish priests, because Jesus was not of the priesthood, they opposed him. I remember some fifty years ago when *irregulars* began the use of water in the treatment of disease, the old doctors laughed it to scorn, and said there was nothing in it, and let their own patients die for want of water. But when people used it, and did the sick good, the old M. D.'s raised the cry

that water was dangerous, and only must be prescribed by *skillful* physicians, *meaning themselves*. Then, when irregulars came to use electricity, the old doctors laughed again and ridiculed those who used it. But finally, as wonderful cures were being made by the use of electricity, and the old fogies could not deny it any more, then they said electricity was a wonderful power, but only they, the regulars, must use it. They strove to take electricity out of the hands of safe and experienced electricians, and confine its use to their own inexperienced and careless hands, always fighting against the people, and opposing all progress as long as they could. Then, when they could not effectually oppose a good discovery, they turned around and stole it from its discoverers, and claimed it as their own, and thus they try to monopolize everything for themselves. And after ridiculing mesmerism and its advocates, and saying that there was nothing in it but delusion and fraud, and had a committee of their learned men to say so, but finally, when the truth would not down at their bidding, but appeared in many forms and under many names, and the old apostolic healing was revived under different and newer names, such as

MAGNETIC HEALING,

Mental healing, mental cure, metaphysical treatment, will power, christian science, faith cure, prayer cure, priestly blessing cure, holy ghost cure, and other names for using the same power, yes, the *same power*, for there is but only one power in all the universe, and after the old fogy M. D.'s had done all they could to oppose these manifestations of power and use, and had called to their aid the material scientists and the

religious bigots, with the help of all the churches to crush out all methods of using the power, and all people who used it, and now, having signally failed, they turn round again and ignorantly and blindly commence to use the power under the name of

HYPNOTISM,

And then they commence to tell what a wonderful thing it is; but they can't tell what it is, nor how to use it, for they don't know. Some contend that it is the direct power of the operator applied by touch, like as in mesmerism on the subject; some contend that it is through persuasion and suggestive remarks made by the operator to the subject; some contend that the operator's will controls the will of the subject, and through that his body also; some contend that the power, whatever it is, is put on by the subject himself, and the subject controls himself as in statuvolence. None of these ideas are exactly correct, neither are they new. The real power, by better methods and processes, and with better success, was taught and practiced and demonstrated by me in public halls and churches, before assembled thousands, more than fifty years ago. More and better was done with the proper use of power then than is even claimed for it now by my would be imitators. See committees reports and other proofs of my success. The fogies will not succeed until they learn what the power is, and how to employ it. But now the old doctors are at their old tricks, and trying to make the people believe *their* hypnotism might be dangerous in unskillful and dishonest hands, (like their own). Yes, the drugs they use for medicine are dangerous, and kill more than they cure. See honest statements of members of their own profession. And their ignorantly employed hypnot-

ism cannot be more dangerous. But let us look a little to its supposed danger. One of their arguments for its danger is that in a class of one hundred and twenty subjects, two young ladies were suffering with nervous prostration; now this really would be a very low percentage in any school, where young ladies were studying hard, in many branches of learning at the same time, as they were in that school. I have known a much larger percentage of debilitated overworked young ladies in other schools where there were no hypnotism practiced at all. I have doctored many young ladies for nervous exhaustion from study, and from other causes. But the old doctors want to make the people believe that hypnotism would only be safe in their hands: here again they want to monopolize all the business, or they would have it prohibited altogether. They fear it will supplant their use of drugs in the treatment of disease, then their occupation would be gone. It is here where the shoe pinches, their bread and butter is in danger, so they must ask the law makers to protect them. Wind and water, and steam, and electricity are good things, yet they are dangerous sometimes, but no one thinks of prohibiting them altogether on that account. Every once and awhile we read and hear and know of persons going crazy from the effects of religion and religious meetings, and some killing others, and some killing themselves, and many going so crazy from attending religious meetings, that they become furious and dangerous, and have to be confined in lunatic asylums. See sample below from Cincinnati, Ohio, *Enquirer* of June 14, 1890.

CRAZED BY RELIGION.

John Mayser, aged 24, living at No. 11 Liberty

street, is locked up at Bremen street station, charged with lunacy. Mayser is insane upon the subject of religion. He was sent to Longview Asylum several months ago, but was sent home a week ago presumably cured.

Last Thursday night he attended prayer meeting, and the next morning his mind became unbalanced, and it was found necessary to lock him up. He fought furiously for freedom, and several times nearly escaped from Sergeant King and the crew of the patrol wagon.

And these results take place so frequently, yet who would think of prohibiting religious meetings on that account. Better learn the real nature and use of the power, and employ it with safety and success, and be of much benefit to mankind, as it is taught and practiced in the great Vitapathic System. And now as this

ALL POWER,

This one only power, is clearly understood, fully taught and successfully practiced in the great Vitapathic System. embraced in its full and complete copyrighted Vitapathic library of full printed lessons, and its ample oral instructions, illustrations, and practical demonstrations in the American Health College, suitable persons can learn and practice, and be a great benefit to themselves and to everybody else.

CHRIST AND ANTI-CHRIST.

It is well understood now that Christ means medium, a person controlled or assisted by a disembodied soul or ghost, or angel, or lord, or god. Thus Jesus was called the (a) Christ, and he admitted that he was so controlled, and sometimes by one who had lived previous to the time of

Abraham. Christ was a common name among the Jews and Samaritans for any person thus assisted, whereby he was made a great healer, seer and prophet. The Samaritan woman perceiving these powers in Jesus of Nazareth, proclaimed him to her neighbors as a

CHRIST.

Jesus becoming known as a medium was called Jesus the christ, or, in other words, Jesus the medium. He was a christ because he was a medium, and did just what other mediums have done and are doing every day in this enlightened and progressive age. Jesus healed. Witness his cures in Judia; and he clairvoyanted and psychometrized, and read character and condition, and described circumstances many times, as he did at the well of Samaria, and did just as other human mediums do now. Proving that all use the same power and methods, therefore he was called a christ. Church people now adays call themselves christians; that wrong name may do for them, as they have ignored christs and mediums, and denied the faith once delivered to mankind by the saints, disembodied souls and holy ghosts. The wicked church does now like it did in Bible times, killed the prophets, put to death them that had familiar spirits, and crucified the best of mediums. They are against the christs, and are therefore themselves the real

ANTI-CHRISTS,

And you will always know them by what they say and do; first. they call themselves christians, *anti-christs*, and they oppose everybody else; they fight and quarrel and wage long relentless wars; witness the thirty years CRUSADE WAR, and nearly every other war has been prompted by their anti-

christ proclivities. They oppose everything that is new and good, they have none of the christ principles, which are peace, love and good will to all. Judge the tree by its fruit.

Some mediums and their followers call themselves *christian spiritualists*, but neither word nor name is right. They might call themselves

CHRISTIANS,

Which all mediums and their adherents really are, and do away with the contradictory names of christian spiritualists. The name of anything should express its true meaning, and have reference to its true derivation. When the truth is made plain, and all false names and false creeds, and falsehoods, and false ministers, and false and pretended mediums, are converted to truth and honesty, this will be a better world, and in the hearts of the people there will be a better heaven.

SIN.

What is sin? Sin is said to be the transgressions of *the* law; but what is law, and who or what made it? There seems to be but one law as the statement is made—*the* law, the definite article *the* as used meaning but one. And as there is but one natural law, of course reference is had to *that*, and that is the *only* law. There are enactments made by different governments as law that have no stability, and are made and unmade and changed to suit the caprices of the people making them, but none of these are the unchangeable law, the law referred to in Scripture. Artificial law made by humans to suit their ideas of control, and differing in each nation and state, and changeable at will, is no general law, and does not belong to the universe, and is not the law that all mankind trans-

gress. There is but one universal law that all in heaven and earth have to obey, and this is the law of nature, which if we disobey we have to suffer the consequences. The wages of sin is death, and from the violation of this law there is no forgiveness. The penalty is death, or disease in proportion to the extent of violated natural law, therefore the greatest necessity is for mankind to study and learn and obey this natural law, this law of nature, which is unchangeable. To learn and obey this natural law is of the greatest benefit to humanity, and is the highest

RELIGION.

True religion is to learn and obey natural law, and improve ourselves in harmony with this law, and thus be healthy, happy and immortal. Death has come into the world from disobedience to natural law. Disobey and die, or obey and live, is the eternal and unchangeable fiat that all must submit to; then all must learn to obey natural law and live, and this all can do through the teachings and practice of the great Vitapathic System of health and life for body and soul, for all mankind, and as now fully taught in the Vitapathic Library, and illustrated and explained and demonstrated in the American Health College, Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio.

NATURAL LAW

Is the law of nature, is the only law, and to obey it we must first learn its requirements and powers, and their effects upon us. And first we will study nature in its physical manifestations in the realm of matter, and to do that we will commence with the lightest known form of matter, the almost imponderable ethers, that are so light that they

weigh almost nothing, and seem to be the next thing to nothing of all forms or grades of matter, and being so fine (perhaps the finest form of matter) is indestructable, and therefore must be eternal—always was and always will be. But as light as it is it weighs something, and is therefore matter and not spirit. Spirit, as I have demonstrated, weighs *nothing*; but this ether or lightest form of matter is like all matter, inert, lifeless, and cannot move itself, therefore clearly proving that it is substance or matter, and not spirit, which latter can move itself, and has life in itself, and can move all matter according to the law of spirit. Matter and spirit are eternally separate and distinct from each other in their primary natures and conditions, and can be clearly understood and forever known as two separate things, but may be united to produce forms and all grades of beings from the lowest atom to the highest human, as I have taught and explained in former lessons. And now we only need to study the effect of

ETHER

On us, and how to make its effects always beneficial to us. And so with the gases, still heavier grades of matter, and their effects on us; some gases are healthful to breathe, and carry life to us; we must learn them and obey their law, and use them properly so that we can live and be healthy. There are poison gases that we must learn to avoid. And so with air, which is but a heavier compound of gases; we must study its composition and effects on us, and how to get the purest and best air, and how to breathe it best, for on this depends our very life; here we must study and obey law, for its transgression is death. And so with water, we must study what kind and how

much is best for us, and when and how to use it, much or little as we need. These are nature's laws which must be learned and obeyed. And so with all kinds of food that we need, we must learn the best kinds, and how and when to use them; and here is an extensive field of study, of great importance to mankind, to learn, to know, and use the kind of food suitable to each person in health to keep them well, and in sickness to cure them. For remember life depends on what we breathe, and drink, and eat, and how we do these things, all of which is fully taught and practiced in the Vitapathic System. We should study the effects of wind—air in rapid motion; then we should study the laws of heat and cold, and their effects on us. And fully study and understand the higher and finer

VITAL FORCES,

Such as electricity, magnetism and vita, and their nature and effects and uses in preserving health, curing disease, and preventing death, as fully taught in the Vitapathic System. Then with proper shelter, and sleep, and rest, and care in avoiding accidents and pestilence, and obeying *all* the laws of nature, human life may be extended almost indefinitely.

STILL A HIGHER LAW

In nature, and one to be more fully studied and better obeyed, and that is the law of all-pervading, universal, infinite and eternal spirit, that works through matter to produce all forms, beings, life, intelligence and immortality. Study spirit and its law of operation, and understand and obey and use all-living vital spirit. With its power intelligent, educated and developed immortal man can

do what he will. All this is fully explained and taught and practiced in the great Vitapathic System of health and life, for body and soul, for all time and eternity, so I need not add anything more here on natural law, but leave it all to the wise and good.

Human enactments that differ in different governments, and are constantly changing, are not worthy the name of law. And there is too much of this kind of law, so-called, too many such laws are passed, and honest conduct made crimes by such meddlesome and oppressive human laws. The law of right and wrong is to do best for yourself, injuring no one else.

SUMMING UP.

And now my dear hearers and readers, and especially you my beloved brothers and sisters in the knowledge and power and love of Vitapathy, do I direct you earnestly and fully to the lessons and use of the great Vitapathic System, that I have labored all my life time to originate, build up and establish for you; and as an evidence that my labors have been appreciated, I add some extracts from speeches and poems, made by my pupils and graduates of Vitapathy:

EXTRACT FROM A SPEECH BY A MEMBER OF THE LAST GRADUATING CLASS.

HONORED PROFESSOR;

Language fails to express the deep emotion of my heart and thankfulness of my soul, for the great System of Health that you have originated, and so fully and clearly and ably taught us in your Priceless Books, and grand College Lectures. You have led us on, from ignorance to knowledge,

and from weakness to power, up through the golden gates of wisdom, where we can see and feel and breathe Vita's living power, and become great by doing good.

My fellow graduates, who with me have just received from your honored hands the higher Diploma of the American Health College, join with me in according all praise to you for this true System of Health Practice, so thorough and complete in all its parts, and so full in power that it enables us to cure disease, prolong life, prevent death, and make all happy. *We have tested and know its power*, and consider it in value many times above its cost.

And in addition you have taught us the fuller science of Mental Cure and Soul Power, with the higher doctrines of Immortality, and a perfected manhood, and authorized us to preach this true Gospel of Life, to comfort the distressed, bind up the broken hearted, instruct the ignorant, set the captive free, bring health and happiness to all, and help each to save themselves through the intelligence and power of the great Vitapathic System, for which glorious System of Health and Life we will ever thank you, and help by word and deed to extend to all people this Priceless Boon, for which millions will rise up and call you blessed, and the name of Prof. J. B. Campbell, M. D., V. D., the Founder of the Vitapathic System, be inscribed in letters of gold high on the scroll of fame, as the great Health Teacher and the World's Benefactor.

Yours, in Vita,

J. W. ARTHUR, M. D., V. D.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 27, 1886 ; now of Findlay, Ohio.

VALEDICTORY POEM,

*Read before the Students and Graduates of Vilapathy,
Spring Class of 1889.*

BY MRS. LAURA A. WATKIN.

Here, where the Vital Power
Of life hath been revealed ;
Here, where our Master's hand
Health's fountain hath unsealed ;

Here, where within a few short hours
Our paths lie wide apart,
How can we feel that we have place
Within each others heart ;

How shall we win remembrance
As we pass out of sight,
Win for ourselves some treasured word
For memory's beacon light.

How shall we bridge the chasm
That separations make,
And carry in our hearts the thought
That he who gives may take

Of love, of life, of every good
That spirit Vita gives ;
That tho' our paths lie separate
Remembrance still lives.

How set the standard of our faith
Floating that all may see ;
For we are students of the cross
Disease has proved to be.

Vita, our watch-word, streaming
From eye, from lip, from heart,
Forever in this germ of truth
United, though we part.

And to our Captain, standing there,
Who fought and won the fight,•

Remembrance like a shield of love
 Shall 'compass him with light.

Then let us clasp our hands
 In loving bonds, and feel
 That we have won, each one of us,
 From Vita power to heal.

Comrades, unfurl our banner,
 Prepare for every call,
 And as we bless each other
 May angels bless us all. .

LETTER FROM A FORMER GRADUATE.

Fredonia, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1890.

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D.

Reverend Father in Vitapathy:—I have just received from the Vitapathic Society of Cincinnati, a very kind invitation to meet at your American Health College, on the 9th day of September, to celebrate your Seventieth Birthday, and I hope it will be a grand re-union and a fitting tribute to the great worth, high honor, and wide-spread usefulness of the great head and founder of the science and philosophy of Vitapathy.

For myself I must say that I am now extensively engaged in the development of a new and prolific oil field in the State of Kentucky. The discovery of which has been brought about through the instrumentality of those occult powers of my soul, that were quickened into active life and largely developed into usefulness by the grand lessons received at your place, and the further outgrowth of the power of the ever-living and infinite science of Vitapathy. These discoveries, from your teachings, we believe, will redound to the honor of our illustrious Father in Vitapathy, by giving to the

world such elements of wealth, health, and happiness and wide-spread usefulness, as will cause thousands of needy ones to rejoice with exceeding joy and thankfulness. So broad, so deep, so very extensive are the teachings of the great Vitapathic system of philosophy, it stops not at the healing and developing of the human body and elevation of the soul, but dives down into the depths of mother earth, searching out, reading and revealing the hidden histories of the rocky strata, and opening wide their great volumes of nature's mysteries, to be read by clairvoyant and psychometric powers of the human soul, as they have been unfolded and developed by the teachings and manipulations of you, our beloved and honored Father in Vitapathy.

I know not now whether I can be with you on this memorable day, to join the happy band that will meet at your place in person, however it may be, you may be assured that I shall be there in spirit at all events.

I am kindly and fraternally, ever yours,
ABRAHAM JAMES, V. D.

PROF. CAMPBELL'S ANSWER TO DR. JAMES' LETTER.

Fairmount, Cin'ti, Aug. 8, 1890; V. D. 20.

DR. ABRAHAM JAMES, V. D.

Dear Brother in Vitapathy:—Your kind and welcome letter is received, and I am very glad to hear from you, and that you got the invitation. Yes, it will be my Seventieth Birthday and the Twentieth of Vitapathy, and it is hoped that it will be pleasant and profitable to all the Brothers and Sisters in Vitapathy who attend, and I do hope you will come. I would like to see you once more in the flesh; do come, and also stop awhile and

rest, and attend the first of the Fall Session of our College, which commences on the next day, September 10th.

Vitapathy has very much enlarged since you were here, and is spreading its wings far and wide, and has now become a power in the land, and is believed, and admired, and loved by all intelligent people who have learned the new system. VITAPATHY takes in all things and reaches everywhere. Vitapathy is both a science and a religion, both physical and spiritual, and meets all the wants of mankind. It not only cures disease and makes the body healthy, but it cultivates, and develops, and expands the powers of the soul, and enables us to do what human souls never have done before. Vitapathy extends to lowest depths and to greatest heights; it enables us to explore earth to its lowest foundation and to reveal its hidden mystery and bring up its richest treasures for the good of mankind, and enables us to understand all matter and its uses, and to know spirit and its power. And more, it also enables us to explore the heaven of heavens and all that the universe contains, and reveals to us the origin and nature and powers of even the highest beings, and teaches us that they are our brothers, and what they are we may be. It makes us *known* to OURSELVES and to all else besides, and enables us to SAVE OURSELVES, so that finally we may overcome death and become immortal and live forever, soul and vital body complete in all our parts and powers, ushering in a new and grander era for mankind than ever known before. But enough now until I see you.

I ever remain your brother in the knowledge, and power, and love of Vitapathy.

JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL.

FROM THE EDITOR OF THE "UNION TRIANGLE."

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 7, 1890.

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D.

Dear Sir and Brother:—I hope I will be able to attend your Seventieth Birthday, and hope that you may be as vigorous in body and mind at the celebration of your Centennial as you were when I was at your great American Health College, where so many of the best minds of the age have been educated in the higher doctrines of health and life.

Fraternally, yours,

A. HITZFELD.

Ruby, Neb., Aug. 8, 1890.

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D.

Kind Friend:—I am sorry I cannot attend your Seventieth Birthday, and also the Fall Session of Lectures in your College, but hope to be ready by another year. You have done so much for the health of my wife and myself that our hearts swell with gratitude to you. We feel that the people of this age are not capable of appreciating your grand discoveries and useful labors, but when mankind learn the truth, they will want to deify you as they did Jesus, the ancient reformer and physician.

Forever your admiring friends,

MR. & MRS. L. G. SOVEREIGN.

And now having opened the "SEALS," unlocked the doors of nature, swung open wide the gates of light and life, and led you on from darkness to light, from ignorance to knowledge, from weakness to power, from death to life, from matter to spirit, from mortal to immortal, and from doubt and fear and misery to wisdom, and safety, and joy un-

speokable and full of glory; and made all things known unto you, and, most of all, enabled you to *know yourselves* in all your origin, being, power, and destiny; I have introduced you to yourselves, and as immortal man is the ultimate and epitome of universal nature, therefore in and through yourselves you can *know* all and *do* ALL. I have also introduced you to ghosts and to angels, and to lords and to gods, and have finally introduced you to the All-Father and All-Mother of universal nature, that is higher than all, in whom and by whom we live and have our being; and this is all, there is nothing higher, or more to learn or know.

PRACTICE.

And now, having learned, it is yours to practice and enjoy. You know that there is an invincible, infinite and eternal power in nature which is known as universal, all-living spirit, the All-Father of all things; that this power can be employed by us to maintain life, cure disease, prevent death, and finally, in the perfection of humanity and fineness of its vital body, make human life immortal, vital body and spiritual soul complete in all its parts and power, and thus complete the great works of nature. This power being all-sufficient we are to employ it, and we *do* employ it in the Vitapathic System in all ways in which we can employ it, as we do now through air, water, food, heat, light, electricity, vital magnetism, and *VITA*, as already fully taught and practiced in the Vitapathic System, which I have originated and founded for your benefit, and through you for all humanity.

SYNOPSIS.

You already know that vital spirit is the all-power which cures every disease; and you know

that all persons are either positive or negative in some proportion, and that they have positive and negative diseases in same proportion accordingly; and that the treatment and remedies must be positive for negative diseases, and negative for positive diseases, in proportion to the extent of that condition; and you know that water and air, and cooling fruits and vegetable foods, *magnetized Vitapathically*, being good attractors of vitiated vita, and therefore are good negative remedies for positive diseases, inflammations, pains, fevers, etc. And you have learned that spices, carbons, etc., are good food curatives for negative diseases, when positively spirit-vitalized. And you have learned, too, that what sick and well need most is vital air, oxygen drinks, and nutritious food; and that while sick they should not take any drink or food that would not be healthy for the well person of the same temperament; and that it is necessary to select the proper drink and food for the sick person to cure his disease, according to his condition. And you have learned how to vitalize healthy drinks and foods, and make them very curative, as is done by the Vitapathic process. And you know that no poison drinks or other poison substance should be taken as medicine, and no poisonous, or indigestible, or unnutritious substance should be taken into the stomach; they are all injurious, and often kill, but never cure. You have learned, too, the valuable uses of spirit power through heat—fire heat and sun heat—in the cure of disease, and in restoring life by Vitapathic methods; and you have learned the many valuable uses of spirit, through electricity, by the use of the many currents of our Little Giant Galvanic Electro-magnetic Vitalizer, and how to use one of its currents for extracting; another current for scattering; an-

other for vitalizing and toning up, in weakness and debility; and another current for dispelling inflammations, fevers, pains, and so on through its many uses in the many forms of disease, thus making electricity do whatever we want to do with it, and make it, as Wesley called it, "A thousand medicines in one." And you have well learned the nature and uses, and wonderful power of spirit, through vital human magnetism. You have learned how to apply it either positively or negatively, either to extract or to scatter disease as may be needed in any particular case. You have fully learned the great healing power of vital spirit-magnetism by our special Vitapathic methods, that so far excel all other methods of magnetic treatment, and which is much higher than psychology, Mesmerism or hypnotism, or christian science, or mental healing, or metaphysical treatment, or any of the common, crude forms of using nature's wonderful powers, which crude forms and methods are like darkness as compared to the broad day-light of our higher uses of

VITAL MAGNETISM,

Which is as far ahead of all other methods as our correct system of diagnosis is above and superior to all other methods of diagnosing disease, which the success of our vital-magnetic treatment has abundantly proved.

And still we add to the Vitapathic System our discovery and use of

VITA,

The double curing power of vita, which itself is double, being composed of the finest essence of matter and highest ever-living spirit. It is this complete combination and grand result in vita that gives to the Vitapathic System its name and power,

by which it cures the sick, prolongs life, and prevents death, and, with proper instructions and use on our part, will finally elevate mankind to a

HAPPY PHYSICAL IMMORTALITY.

Vita, being both spirit and matter, preserves both soul and body.

I have already said and written a good deal on this all-important subject, and it is the highest teachings of Jesus, the highest Christ and the leading lord of humanity, and the highest god of the spiritual world.

It only remains for me to make some things a little plainer, and give fuller directions how to accomplish all that is claimed for VITAPATHY. To you, who have not thought much on the subject, it may seem strange and even apparently impossible; but when the progress of humanity in the past is considered, the hopeful, at least, can see and believe the possibility of all that is claimed, and no one should be discouraged though it may not happen in their day. There are many wonderful things taking place now that were not even dreamed of in past generations, and had they been told none would have believed, all would have said, "impossible!" But the "*impossible*" has come, and we are enjoying it. There was a time when there was no artificial fire, and at first was thought impossible, but it came, it is here, and we have learned methods by which its heat and light can be kept up *continually*.

A higher life is coming, and we are learning methods of developing and perpetuating it. There was a time, no doubt, when the human soul itself was not immortal, but at the dissolution of its material body dissolved back to the fountain of spirit from whence it came, as most animal life

yet does. But now, as the human soul has become immortal, its body soon may be. Because physical immortality has not been gained in the past is no reason that it will not be in the future; and, because we may not reach it in this age, it is no reason why we should not labor for it. Past generations have labored for us, and the many improvements and inventions, and triumphs of science that we enjoy now did not come in our forefathers' day, yet they labored for us, that we might enjoy the blessings that have come to us since our fathers have gone, and come, too, mostly through their labors; so we must labor for the generations to come, that they may enjoy benefits which did not come in our day.

In prosecuting our labors for a final human immortality, we have all nature to assist us, and have all spirit and all matter at our command. It is the law of nature to go on in its operations to final and complete perfection. And spirit is increasing in force and power, and to grander results all the time, and is condensing more and more in our atmosphere, until finally the air will become luminous with its effulgence. And matter is becoming finer and more refined by the action of spirit in and through it, and through successive generations of humans, until now, the finer and more beautiful human forms appear, where once there was only to be seen the common rocks and lower soils, and rougher animals, and lower humans. But spirit kept on refining matter through its many changes and finer formations, as matter has been worked over and over, until now is produced the beautiful white race of intelligent human beings. Nature has already gone a great way in these higher productions and more beautiful forms, and higher grades of intelligence, and has made the higher

humans so fine and so intelligent that immortality is already almost reached; and as the *most* has been done, surely the *least* and final finish can be made, and nature complete its perfect work, and man become immortal in body and soul, complete in all its parts and powers. Nature having done and is doing so much, surely man with his developed intelligence can *assist* to do the rest, and all that is needed now is man's intelligent assistance to work in harmony with nature, to accomplish all that is claimed in VITAPATHY, and all will surely come to pass. Then there will be

A sky without a cloud,
A life without a sorrow,
A meeting without a parting,
An eternity without a death.

Highest spirit and finest matter united, resulting
in purest and highest indestructable and all

POWERFUL VITA,

With man's intelligent assistance, will accomplish
all and maintain all forever.

Vita cures and Vita saves
All with its living breath,
There then will be no need of graves,
For there will be no death.

But to make the nature and power and use of Vita a little plainer, we cannot do better than to insert a few poems and pages from our former publications.

VITA.

[Sung to the Air of "White as Snow," or other *short*
common time.]

Vita! greatest power divine,
Thrills through the human soul,
In full intellect to shine
Through man's supreme control.

Vita! from fount of spirit,
Exhaustless and sublime,
All nations should receive it
And learn it now in time.

Vita! life, from sun and air,
Breathed into conscious man,
Crowns him the immortal heir,
By nature's highest plan.

Vita! breathed in *highest* breath,
Cures our body and soul,
And saves all from *lowest* death
Through Vita's full control.

Vita! highest reach of power,
Culmination of all
Triumphs in a *deathless* hour,
And saves from Adam's fall.

Vita! great ultimum,
Of all nature the most,
And grand ad infinitum
Of the heavenly host.

TRUE RELIGION.

Religion is not to bind or fetter,
 Or to rebind, or hinder, or enslave,
 But is to make all better and better,
 And kindly help each one himself to save.

Religion is that broad philanthropy,
 That universal deep abiding love,
 Which does in every human brother see
 An equal to himself, here and above.

Religion is not sect, or faith, or creed,
 Nor Idol, Temple, Church, or Cathedral,
 But is a will to help, in time of need,
 While it does not encumber or enthrall,

True Religion is a holy motive,
 A will and purpose to do good to all,
 To deal fairly, and to live and let live,
 To help and bless all people—great and small.

True Religion is to cure and perfect
 Each human being in body and soul,
 And to teach each one himself to protect
 His utmost life, while endless seasons roll.

True Religion is faith and spirit zeal,
 A truly earnest spiritual strife,
 Ev'ry human infirmity to heal,
 Make happy, and preserve all human life.

True Religion cures the body and soul
 Through the spirit's power and holy zeal;
 It develops the powers of the soul,
 And does each human infirmity heal.

True Religion is full spirit power :
 It brings life, health, and immortality ;
 It cures and saves all from this *present* hour.
 And culminates in full VITAPATHY.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE UNITED.

Religion is will and motive power ;
Science through human knowledge works its way.

Both now united, from this present hour,
Will accomplish wonders from day to day.

Religion gives inspiration and thought ;
Science does the work the spirit demands ;
Religion plans the work done as it ought ;
Science works it out with *our* human hands.

Religion through spirit-life gives us breath ;
Science through Vital Remedies cures all ;
Religion purifies and saves from death ;
Science supplies comforts to great and small.

Religion and science joined at last,
All differences now reconciled
In full wedded union, is held fast
In harmony and love undefiled.

Religion and Science, *ONE* forever,
Makes exhaustless power, as all can see,
BOTH now united, never to sever,
Cures and saves us all through VITAPATHY.

Composed by JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL, V. D., Founder of the
Vitapathic System.

ORIGIN OF METAPHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL SYSTEMS OF
CURE FOR BODY AND SOUL.

Mental Healing, Christian Science, Metaphysical Treatment, Spirit Cure, Magnetic Manipulations, Statuvolence, Psychomancy, and all other names for the use of spirit power, through mind and will force, are but parts of the great Vitapathic system, are but, as it were, single spokes in the full wheel of Vitapathy, and combine methods of treatment employed by my Father nearly a hundred years ago, by which he cured the sick, whether present or absent, and by which he *seemingly* raised the dead; and employed by me all my life, now more than three score years, during which time I have formulated them into a system of cure for disease, and have added much more to them both of the physical and the spiritual, and crowned them all with the DOUBLE Vita POWER, and organized all into a complete system of practice many years ago and called it Vitapathy, because it employed all vital, spiritual life-forces in the cure of disease, and exerted a double power in curing body and soul both, and can be employed through all material and spiritual means and medical methods of treatment.

All this complete System of Health and Life I have published in private lessons, and obtained Letters Copyright from the United States for the complete System, in name and nature, and have been teaching it in the Vitapathic Library and in the fully Chartered American Health College for many years, and do still own and teach it, and do hereby warn all persons against infringements.

Most respectfully,

PROF. JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D.

Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 20, 1887.

IMMORTALITY.

Fire, Steam, Electro-magnetism,
 Air, Wind and Atmosphere ;
 Nature, Science, and Mechanism,
 Do all concentrate here.

Highest spirit, finest matter,
 In soul and body meet.
 Spirit does all grossness scatter,
 And leaves Vita complete.

In Vita all forces unite ;
 In it all life combines
 Spirit and Matter—highest might—
 From Life's exhaustless mines

" Vita " full life to mortals give
 Here on this earthly shore,
 And all who seek it right shall live
 In health forever more.

Vita has come ; to all on earth
 Immortality dawns.
 Now each one can have the new birth,
 In days, and nights, and morns.

For Vita cures and Vita saves
 All with its living breath,
 There soon will be no need of graves,
 For there will be no death.

We now have felt the quickening breath
 Of Vita's living power,
 And soon, triumphant over death,
 We'll hail the happy hour.

For this we hold our jubilee,
 For this with joy we sing—
 Oh ! grave, where is thy victory ?
 Oh ! death where is thy sting,

Composed by JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL, V. D., Founder of the Vita-
 pathic System, President of the American Health College and Vital
 Sanitarium, Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio.

REVEALED AT LAST.

You remember my illustration of the fuel, and air, and blaze to produce a fire. Fire-blaze and the lightning's flash are forms of Vita. In fire you see the use of Matter and Spirit and the importance of both, and the greater importance of Vita in the blaze, as without it there could be no fire or manifestation of life, but with it there is motion, heat, light, and life, and, with proper conditions, which is *now* not hard to supply, can be kept up forever, hence immortality and eternal life become a fixed fact.

Perhaps you are ready to say that Matter and Spirit you know, but tell us more of Vita, that life-sustaining power, that is to cure all disease, conquer death and the grave, and make human beings immortal. Well, we shall endeavor to explain Vita so that you may understand it and know it for yourselves. But what is Vita, and where does it come from,

AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

The source of everything else has been found, but who has discovered the source of Vita? Steam comes from water, Electricity comes from heat, Matter comes from space, Spirit comes from infinity, but where does Vita come from? Vita comes from all these. Vita is in the atmosphere. Vita comes from material and spiritual conditions in the atmosphere. It is in our atmosphere and shows and demonstrates its presence there. But where does atmosphere itself come from, and what is atmosphere? Comets and other new born worlds have no atmosphere. The space around them is filled with smoke in which there is no form of life, consequently new planets have no vegetable,

animal, or human life upon them, but gradually as they cool off atmosphere begins. And the sun, shining on the planet for ages, gradually fertilizes its surface, and the finer particles of its floating vitalized matter uniting with a living active spirit form Vita. Thus Vita is composed of the finest essence of Matter and most active Spirit. Thus Vita is formed, and we have a living atmosphere. Here is the source of Vita; here life begins. And as this Vita or Vital Atmosphere is at first low in grade and weak in power, so only the lower and evanescent forms of life appear. But as time rolls on and Matter becomes more refined and Spirit more active, and as they both increase in the atmosphere and make a better atmosphere, Vita accumulates and increases in power so that other and higher forms of life appear. And when the atmosphere becomes sufficiently full of Vita, then breathing animals begin to live on the planet. They come into existence and being from force of circumstances and fitness of conditions that is as sure to produce that result as heat is sure to make smoke go up, or as gravitation is to make water go down. Here is the fullness and absolute power of nature in active force, producing the higher forms of life, and is still acting; and thus the great work of creation goes on and ever on throughout the endless cycles of eternity. And as the atmosphere becomes more pure and Vita becomes more powerful, the higher forms of living beings now on the earth will certainly be perfected and perpetuated, and become immortal and live forever!

This doctrine is not strange, only because it is new. It is altogether possible and highly probable that all this will come to pass. Indeed, we may expect it from the very nature of things and laws of life, and its continued progress to ultimate per-

fection. There can be no stop in nature short of its full success. Life is eternal, and therefore the highest and last created beings must continue that life and live forever. Nature must either keep on creating, or else maintain and preserve its last creation throughout all eternity. There can be no blank in nature; and as the perfected human is the last and highest creation he must live forever. The perfected creation must live; it is only imperfection that decays and dies. But first we will explain and show the source and production of Vita visible to your eyes. You know that there is heat in the air, and that this heat from sunshine can be collected and concentrated on a combustible substance and set it on fire. Then also this Vita can be collected from the atmosphere in such quantity that it can be heard, and seen, and felt, and thus demonstrate to you in tangible form the *presence and power of Vita*. Heat, as I told you, comes from sunshine, but Vita is in the atmosphere, all around us. Vita is always present to support your life, in sunshine and in shade, day and night, and will do so forever, just as soon as conditions are right. Vita is increasing in the atmosphere, and even now can be collected and concentrated by a simple process with revolving glass plates, as in our electrical machine for a generator. Vita can be collected from the atmosphere so that you can see, and hear, and feel it; it can be shown to you in streams of living light, demonstrating to you that Vita is in the air, and can be collected and used. Nature produces the visible manifestations of Vita on the grandest scale and sublimest power, as seen in the vivid lightning's flash and gorgeous aurora borealis. Nature and science work together. We have learned sure ways of collecting and concentrating Vita and employing it in the

cure of disease and prolongation of human life; and that too without the use of instruments or any expense whatever. And we teach these grand and successful processes to our students without charge, because we consider the knowledge of Vita and its power and uses which we impart to our faithful students as being absolutely above all price. Vita comes from the atmosphere; and that it is in the atmosphere is fully proved by its visible manifestations there.

The lightning's flash,
The lurid glare,
The peeling thunder,
And sounding air,
All proclaim its presence there.

It being in the atmosphere, we can collect and use it, and thus preserve life and live forever. Man being the highest and last form of organized life, the perfected man must therefore live forever, and he must live as now with all his parts or he would not be man. The perfect man is composed of both Matter and Spirit, both body and soul, and can only be complete with all his parts complete together. Vita, the all-sustaining power of nature and pabulum of life, is composed of both Matter and Spirit, and will therefore sustain and preserve all parts of the perfected man, who is composed of both Matter and Spirit, body and soul alive together. Vita cannot do less. It must preserve its last and highest production, or its work would not be complete. Immortal life must include the entire life of the being in all his parts and powers. The perfect man will therefore live forever in body and soul, indeed from the very nature of things there can be no other everlasting life but that which includes the whole perfect and complete man. Matter must be there to furnish form, for without

form there can be no organism; and spirit must be there to give sensation. Both matter and spirit must be there to make the living, sentient being; and Vita must be there to sustain and preserve that living being, and make him immortal in all his parts and powers.

I need not offer further argument to prove that all this will surely come to pass in its proper time. All else has come, and this must come too, indeed it cannot be otherwise. It will be the certain ending of a certain work already begun, and you might as well think to stop eternity in its ceaseless rounds and roll back its eternal years as to think that Nature will stop in its eternal work until it has perfected all its labors and productions, and reached its eternal fulfilment and absolute success. There was a time when there was no fire or heat or light on the earth; humans lived without it then as animals do now; and before it was produced no one would have thought it possible. But heat and light have come and can be kept up continually. There was a time when there was no human life upon the earth; but it has come, and here it is, and to produce is certainly greater than to preserve. The power that produced a thing can certainly preserve it. Human life has come, and as sure as it has come, it will be continued, perfected, and made immortal.

We now have Heat, Motion, Light, Sensation, and Life. And life, being the highest and last, must therefore be immortal, for as sure as the past has come the future will be; immortality is therefore sure to come and be, indeed it has already come; immortality is already here, its ripe day of perpetual life begins to dawn! Already life is here; already Vita comes in sufficient power to sustain and preserve all perfect life forever!! All

we have to do is to study the Laws of Life, learn the power of Vita, apply it to our perfection, and live forever—body and soul. This we are learning to do and teaching others. All things else have succeeded and proved more successful than was at first expected, and so will this. When we look back to the short time when our earth was a barren orb, with no atmosphere, no Vita in space around it, and no life upon it, and behold it now teeming with vegetable, animal, and human life. And now man is becoming so intelligent that he can learn and comprehend all things, and so powerful, that he can control the elements, employ steam, harness the lightning, overcome time and space and gravitation, light the world, turn darkness into day, stop the pestilence, cure disease, and prevent death. All this has been done and is being now accomplished; and all the rest is sure to come. Yes, it is here; immortality is at hand. People have only to get ready and prepare themselves to enjoy its full fruition. If people will not look for it; they can not expect to find it. But if people prepare themselves by getting good healthy bodies and well-informed minds and souls, Vita will come in all its power, and will be as certain to preserve their lives forever as that they live now.

Vita shall spread where 're the sun
Does his successive journey run,
And heal the sick from shore to shore,
Till men shall live to die no more.

That Vita is fast increasing in our atmosphere and will soon be in sufficient quantity to support the higher forms of human life here forever, is fully evidenced by the fast increasing and more brilliant phenomena of northern lights or aurora borealis, showing that the whole sky will soon

become luminous and keep so continually, dispelling darkness forever. Then, indeed, there will be no night. Light will prevent darkness and life will prevent death. You know that light will overcome darkness, and you can as easily know that life will overcome death: both are sure to come to pass, yes, both are coming now. At the morning of creation all was darkness, now we have light more than half the time and soon will have it all the time. In the early creation there was no immortality of the soul, but now there *is*, and soon there will be immortality of the body also, as one has come the other is sure to follow, and thus soul and body both will be immortal and live forever. The morning of perpetual light and life is now dawning, and its full effulgence will soon be here: prepare yourselves for it.

You are now as you sit here, in this crowded assembly, surrounded with a living atmosphere of Vita, which, if your inner sight was clear, you could see in streams of living light brighter than the noon-day sun; and you can NOW FEEL it as it is thrown in power upon you. This power properly applied will cure your disease, enlighten your minds, and prepare you to live that higher and continuous life.

Cheer up my desponding fellow beings; there is a better day coming for earth's inhabitants and may reach some of you, and, at any rate, you all can be greatly benefitted in your lives here by learning to use and enjoy this Vita here and now! I have studied its lessons and learned its power, and can impart it to others. The grand Vitapathic System, which we teach, explains the nature and power of Vita, and its full uses in the cure of disease and prevention of death—all ending in ultimate immortality here on earth.

Joy to the world, Vita has come,
 Let earth the tidings ring;
 Let ev'ry one prepare it room,
 And men and women sing.

Joy to the world, for Vita saves
 All with its living breath;
 There soon will be no need of graves,
 For there will be no death.

All life is in the air. All mineral, all vegetable, and all animal life come from the atmosphere. All life began in infinite space. The matter of rock, and tree, and man all come from universal matter in universal space, and is continually coming, and always will come. The matter of worlds is condensed from space, and as condensation still goes on our world is still growing in size. The matter of all vegetable growth comes from the atmosphere, and thus trees continue to grow and will become perfect and live forever, Ever Green like the cedars of Lebanon. The perfect tree will live forever! The matter of animal and human flesh comes from the atmosphere. Thus, the atmosphere contains the matter for all forms of life, and thus the highest animal in the perfected man, like the perfected tree, will live forever. And recently the atmosphere is so increasing in Vita and life-sustaining power, that persons have and can live almost on the constituents of the air. The time was when a person would starve and die in a few days or weeks at most without food, but now Dr. Tanner can live for forty days, and the young lady at Jeffersonville, Indiana, sixty-four days, and old man Brown, of Dayton, Ohio, eighty-six days, without a particle of common food; and others are now lengthening out the time and learning to live on atmospheric nutrition. But even this is not necessary, as the earth will always produce food,

and in greater quantity and better quality than it does now. But I mention these examples of living on air to show the rapid increase of Vita, the life-sustaining power, in the atmosphere; and that nature is surely getting ready to sustain and maintain all higher forms of life upon this planet forever.

Human life is lengthening out very much in the last ten years. This is the official report from civilized countries; and many persons are now living that are over a hundred years of age, and some much older than that, and hale and hearty yet; and on the uplands of Mexico and Central America it is authentically stated that some are found living there over two hundred years of age; and now, as sanitary science is brought into use, life will still be more and more lengthened out, so that when the atmospheric conditions are fit, and man's knowledge sufficient, life can be continued forever, and man become immortal, and thus the promise of Paul and the prophecy of John be fulfilled, and there will be no more death! There is sufficient power in Vita to accomplish this, and you can commence to use it now. The power of magnetism is sufficient to overcome gravitation (the strongest known opposing power), as demonstrated by the magnet holding this bulky substance suspended in the air so that it cannot fall. This you can all see and know to be true, and just as truly will Vita overcome the power of death as this magnetism overcomes the power of gravitation. A few years ago it was not known that magnetism would overcome the natural power of gravitation, but it now does it and you all know it; and in a few years more you can know that Vita will overcome the natural power of death as easily as magnetism now overcomes gravitation. The last en-

emy to be conquered is death, and he surely will be slain. Then may earth's inhabitants shout for joy, and exclaim, "Oh, death, where is thy sting, oh, grave, where is thy victory?" The time is near and the day dawns. I believe the forerunner is already born. He was born

under Vitapathic conditions. His birth, by the Vitapathic process, was accomplished in twenty minutes, without any pain to himself or to his mother. The size of his head and shape of his brain, the beautiful symmetry of his body, his features, his eyes, and look of intelligence, all point him out as the "Coming Man."

When there is Vita enough in the atmosphere, and we employ it aright, all can live; but when there is an insufficient quantity of Vita in the atmosphere, then we have sickness, pain, and death; when there is but little Vita in the physical atmosphere, then we have earthquakes, tornadoes, cyclones, and violent commotions in the air; when there is but little Vita in the moral atmosphere, then we have wars, murders, and all manner of crimes; when there is but little Vita in the sanative atmosphere, we have epidemics, pestilence, disease, and death; when there is but little Vita in the spiritual atmosphere, then there is but little spirituality among the people. But as Vita increases in our atmosphere, and its power predominates over all else, then wars, and murders, and crimes, and epidemics, and pestilence, and disease, and death will be banished from the earth, and peace, and love, and health, and happiness, and spirituality, and immortality, and eternal life will prevail throughout the world. This happy day can be brought about by the labor of well-instructed, intelligent men and women, who will learn to employ the power of Vita to hasten this

glorious day. Vita, the all-sustaining protoplasm of life is now coming in such power, and is being so well understood, that it can be taught and practiced with great success. What is needed now is more physicians to learn and practice it, and more ministers to learn and preach it to all people throughout the world. The harvest is truly great, but as yet the laborers are few. Those who have learned heretofore, even in *part*, are doing wonders with it.

To the great Vitapathic System of Health and Life, which is fully taught in the American Health College, at Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio, and which physicians of all schools are now graduating in, and are practicing with wonderful success, is **NOW ADDED**, and will henceforth be taught, the higher lessons in Vita and Immortal Life. And the same course is open to all intelligent men and women who want to learn and labor in this higher calling. Who among you will learn these lessons of power, and practice them for the good of yourselves and others. Everyone of you can learn and accomplish wonders with it. Indeed every human being is himself a miniature world and central power, with his own atmosphere around him. A finer and more vital Vita can be collected, and generated, and employed through the living human being than by any other way, and he can learn to concentrate it when and where he will, and do with it what he will. The wise can learn to preserve their own lives with it, and cure disease and prevent death in others, and thereby make perpetual human life a success and an absolute certainty. Our students learn it quickly and practice it successfully; and even our patients catch the fire of this sublimer life, and throb with the pulsations of immortality. The Vitapathic treatment cures the sick and keeps

them well. The many *pronounced incurable* invalids that I have cured in this city in the last quarter of a century still remain well through this lapse of years; they have not had any kind of sickness since; **THEY STILL LIVE**, with every prospect of continuance. I proclaim to the world the final perfection and immortality of the last created and highest human race.

I have learned and also teach the wonderful and invincible power of Mind over Matter, and of Soul over Body, and of

VITA OVER ALL,

Which controls pain, cures disease, and prevents death! All Vitapathic students learn

THE SECRET OF LIFE AND POWER,

By which the human soul has supreme control over its body and over all else besides, and can do whatever it **WILL**.

There is still one very important question to be answered, and it concerns each of you; it concerns all who have died and all who may die, before complete immortality is established on earth:—Will they have bodies and live after the dissolution of their old imperfect bodies? That is the question of all questions, and this we can answer too.

Persons with our instructions can collect from the atmosphere enough Vita to cure their diseases, and preserve their lives to a great extent; and though, as conditions have been and are yet, they may not be able to collect Vita enough to preserve their bodies forever, yet they can collect Vita enough to clothe the soul with a new vital body at the death of this old body, and thus live on nearly as well as if the old body had been vitalized and retained.

Many ancients, and some still more modern,

have done this. Moses, and Elijah, and Samuel, and many others have taken Vita enough from their old bodies, and from the atmosphere, to make new living bodies for their living souls; and some souls in these modern times take on so much Vita that they appear visibly to their friends, who see, and know, and recognize them. This is becoming so common now that thousands and millions have been seen this way, and conversed with as in their former lives.

There is hope for all the so-called dead; but still more, there is hope for the living. Those living now can certainly learn to take on enough of Vita while here in the body, so that, though the old body may wear out, the soul will be clothed with a new vital body and live forever, and thus be sure to have immortality without waiting for a future resurrection. We can learn the use of Vita now, and prepare to live a fully developed immortal life. And more still; we can learn to use Vita (while in the body) to so clothe our soul with the new vital body, that we can go with it, *without* the old body, where we WILL, even while this old body still lives. I myself have done this many times, and I, in my new vital body, have been seen by so many thousands of people at different times and in different places (away from my old body), that it has become a well ascertained fact that the soul in its new vital body can live on as natural as life, and can be seen and known as before. And though this old body may wear out with hard work in curing others, yet I *now* have my NEW VITAL BODY within me, and therefore AM IMMORTAL, and shall live forever, complete in all my parts and powers, still learning, still gaining in wisdom and power, enjoying all, and loving all, while eternity shall roll its ceaseless rounds,

HUMAN ASSISTANCE.

To help to improve and perfect the immortal race, human beings must commence to live right themselves, by breathing, drinking, eating and sleeping right, as I have previously explained, and they must learn and obey the laws of nature, in each one according to their own wants and conditions and their effects on themselves. Each one a law unto himself, as the apostle Paul taught, and to cultivate and improve themselves by obeying nature's laws, and to help others all they can.

THIS IS THE HIGHEST RELIGION,

And produces the grandest results. When humans have made themselves pure and the fountain clean, then with proper intelligence and fullness of spirit power, they can propagate offspring with stronger souls and finer bodies, and in successive generations immortality can be gained.

HOW TO DO ALL THIS

More fully explained. The first thing is good air to breathe, air that is pure and full of spirit, and this can be had best in high mountain countries; Jesus went to Mount Olivet as his favorite breathing place; and the persons should breathe much stronger and fuller than usual for a few minutes at a time, and often during the day, and should throw their shoulders back and their breast forward, and expand the chest and crowd their lungs full of air clear to the top and bottom of the lungs, and then the air in the lungs should be held there for a moment to leave time for the inhaled vital spirit to pass through the walls of the lungs into the blood (to pass with it to the heart, and thence by the blood to all parts of the body); and then by

a strong full exhalation throw the dead air up out of the lungs, giving room to take in new vital living air at the next breath, and so unto full vitalization. The person should hold his hands together during the extra breathing, and also his feet, to thoroughly vitalize his body. Here is where the

SPIRIT POWER

Mostly enters the body, while we strongly desire spirit power to enter, so breathe with strong desire and LIVE is nature's mandate and our greatest need; this not only increases our spiritual power, but it also increases our

PHYSICAL POWER,

It increases our intelligence and powers of thought and memory, and all the faculties of our being; here is where life itself comes from, and this is the *real* source of

INSPIRATION.

It enables us to know and do and become like the gods, and helps us to become our own saviors and save ourselves spiritually; and with good drink and food and proper living, enables us to save ourselves physically as well, and thus make intelligent souls and healthy bodies, and enables us to cure our own diseases. Spirit also supplies us with power to cure other persons diseases. Thus we can, by the Vitapathic Processes, heal both spiritually and physically, and thus cure all and help to save all.

As to drinking and eating, and what to drink in health and disease, selecting positive or negative drinks and foods to suit (*oppositely*) the temperament and diseased condition of the particular person or patient, and so as to counteract and over-

come extreme conditions of any kind; I need say no more, as this has all been explained in former lessons, and necessary remedies for physical diseases pointed out; and as these new lessons are principally intended to teach Spiritual Vitapathy, we will add a few more explanations in spiritual treatment. The doctor who wants to heal spiritually must first be spiritual himself, and full of vital curative power, by the special processes of breathing spirit that I have previously explained, then he is ready and able to

HEAL OTHERS.

And to be successful the vital doctor must have his patient breathe also, and exercise, as the case may require, *at the same time*, so as to send the new vitalized blood to all parts of the body, and to any part of the body where it is most needed, and take it from parts where there is too much, thus establishing an equilibrium and balance of power through the body, and invigorating the weak places, then health is sure to be the consequence. And furthermore the V. D., Vital Doctor, may apply more spirit with his right hand to the weak part of the patient, both breathing in spirit at the time, thus increasing power *there*; or he may draw away too much vitiated vital spirit with his left hand from a place where there is too much of it, thus relieving inflammation and pain; and the patients can help themselves very much with these positive right hand and negative left hand treatments, all the while breathing in spirit.

BREATHING SPIRIT.

In breathing in spirit from the air, no gasses or oxygens, ozones or ethers, or other conductors are necessary, but are really detrimental. Pure air is

the natural and best conductor of spirit, by breathing it through the nostrils in the natural way, and all can have it for nothing day and night, as long as they continue to breathe.

FREE TO ALL.

After the Vitapathic Minister-physician and his patients have filled themselves full of spirit by a few minutes strong breathing in *harmony*, then the treatment may be prosecuted with success; doctor and patient should face each other and may join hands in harmony together, looking at each other, the eyes are the windows of the soul, where the minister's spirit *vita* mostly enters. The hands too are good conductors, and my patients tell me they feel the spirit power pass from my hands up their arms to their heads, and through their entire bodies: some patients feel it very much. In treating consumption and other debilities, the best way is to convey healing spirit by the moist sensitive lips, and this is the main process in bringing the dying and dead to life.

In marasmus and all lack of blood in the system, the patient should drink large quantities of vitalized water often during the day, and all means used to make blood. Pure, healthy, well vitalized blood, and plenty of it, is what builds up the body, cures disease, and maintains physical life; pure fresh milk, *the white blood of life*, is still better than water, and more spirit can be condensed in it.

CONDENSING SPIRIT.

Spirit can be condensed by condensing the air that holds it, and can be breathed in a more condensed condition in and through our chemical inhaler that purifies the air. And spirit is still more condensed in the electric current of our Little

Giant electro-battery spirit vitalizer, and can be applied in a very condensed manner through small electric conducting points, and can be condensed and *stopped* in any poor conductor, as carbon points and platina wires, as in the electric lights. And spirit can be applied in a much condensed form from the ends of the fingers of the living magnetizer or vitalizer. Spirit can also be condensed in suitable substances, such as papers, letters, cloths, plasters, salves, ointments, poultices, teas, etc., and in any suitable drink and food by the vitalizing processes of the Vitapathic System, and made very curative; and these real vital curatives can be given or applied to the patient, whether present or absent. These vital curatives can be sent to patients at long distances away; all that is necessary is to have a correct diagnosis of the temperament and disease of the patient, and to get *en rapport* with the patient's condition, so as to send the proper remedies and proper spirit treatment to the receptive patient. This way absent treatment can be made a success.

To give present or absent treatment, it is necessary to give *something real* for a treatment, we must not expect to do or effect something with nothing. Imagination is too light to accomplish any good result. Neither present nor absent treatment can do any good without something to carry and apply the vital curative spirit to the patient. Proper spirit vitalized teas internally, and vital plasters and salves externally to the place, with spirit healing treatment, will cure cancers and the worst diseases.

PRESENT TREATMENT

Is always the best, a personal application is always the most efficacious. In applying the vital spirit treatment personally, there are always two main

principles of application to be observed, that is, the positive and the negative treatment to suit the case. In inflammations, and pains, and fevers, and all positive conditions, especially of positive patients, the passes and rubbing with the hands should be made down from head to feet, and spirit should be applied through negative water both internally and externally in large quantities. But in treating negative persons and their negative diseases, and consumption and all debilities, the spirit treatment should be very positive and dry, and warm, and loving, and kind, and applied with upward passes, and holding *still* treatment with left hand above and the right hand lower down, moving and pressing the hands on the weak places *gently* all the time, for a half hour or so. It is soul sympathy and love that cures the weak and despondent. In strengthening a weak place, the right hand may be held there most of the time, with the left hand opposite or far away, or to the patient's right hand. In giving negative treatment for positive pains, and for pulling out inflammations and blood poisons, the left hand of the operator needs to be held *still* and *solid* on the place, with a wet cloth on first, and with the right hand holding the patient's left hand. This is

SCIENTIFIC SPIRIT TREATMENT,

And with me has always been successful. When electric spirit treatment from our Little Giant is employed, the same rules of positive and negative must be observed, and the same wet cloth on sores, and so with all Vitapathic Treatment. In treating consumption and all debilities, the vitalizing spirit treatment and upward passes need to be applied in the most kind and loving manner, for it is spirit-love treatment that cures the weak

and desponding, cheers the broken-hearted, prevents death and raises the dead. For remember I teach two strong points, namely, that the dying and dead can be restored to life; and that the human body can finally become so pure and fine and vital as to become immortal, and exist forever without seeing death or decay. And already human life is being lengthened out. Thirty years ago, when I commenced writing on Longevity, human life was actually being shortened by disease and improper living, and the prospect for long life seemed hopeless; but since then sanitary science has been so improved, the scales have turned, and the period of human life is increasing, and will increase until final IMMORTALITY.

THIS WE PROPHECY,

This we teach and believe,

For this we hold our jubilee,
For this with joy we sing,
O grave where is thy victory,
O death where is thy sting.

All this was promised eighteen hundred years ago, but circumstances and the unbelief of the people has kept it back, but cannot do so much longer; all spirit, all matter, all nature, all intelligence, all souls, and all angels, and all lords, and all gods are working for it, and therefore it will *surely* come to pass. But to make these lessons for curing disease, prolonging life and preventing death more thorough and complete, we will give some special directions in

MENTAL HEALING,

Not that mentality heals, but it is only a method of applying spirit for the cure of disease. Men-

talities or mind is only an act of the intelligent soul. People do not seem to understand terms and conditions clearly, they confound spirit and soul and mind as one and the same thing, when each is separate and distinct. Spirit, as I have explained and demonstrated before, is an essence finer than matter, an all-pervading, living *essence*, filling all space, having neither weight nor shape, form or intelligence, or any quality of matter, but is all-powerful, and gives life to all things, and this spirit is positive and has its mate in negative matter.

SOULS

Are formed of this spirit *essence*, as bodies are formed of matter *substance*; spirit soul operating through matter body finally produces life, growth, sensation, instinct and reason, and at last intelligence, and that in proportion to the fineness of matter and perfection of the material organization. The soul becomes intelligent by *gradual* development, cultivation and experience; this intelligent soul then has thinking powers, a

MIND,

And mind is thought in action and in memory; mind is not soul or personal at all, but is the intelligent action of the personal soul, and is what is called

MENTALITY.

And this mind action or thought or mentality is what we now use in the cure of disease. The doctor *thinks* about the temperament and condition of his patient, and *thinks* about the proper treatment in the case, that is mind, mentality, thought, opinion, judgment, conclusion, etc. And he expresses his mind or thought to the patient,

and he tells him of the effect of mind or thought on disease and its cure, talks rationally and cheerfully to the patient, and helps him to get well. And mind or thought and will power concentrates spirit to and on and *in* the patient, whether that patient be present or absent. Thus vital spirit can be employed to cure disease by mental action, and mental healing be made a success. And if the minds or thought and will of doctor and patient harmonize and *knowingly* work together at the *same* time, very beneficial results can be produced. A mental concentration of spirit on the object and place of disease is the valuable part of the treatment; and the doctor's mind or thought or will power of soul should be exerted strong enough to control the patient's, and even change his mind or thought where it is needed, from a *sick* thought to a *health* thought. Anything for a change in these cases, to break up old habits and old disease, and thus cure disease with the power of spirit through the MIND or *mental action*. And to make the effect better in all spirit treatment, it is best to have not only the patient's consent and willingness to be treated, but should have his full belief and strong desire, his ardent prayer, then there is hardly any such thing as fail.

SOUL TREATMENT

Is still higher and more direct in its action, and is best adapted to the cure of derangements of the soul, such as fear, dread, grief, despondency, melancholly, insanity, etc., and is good to relieve pain and mental agonies. Spirit is best applied by this soul treatment *directly* to the brain and heart, by the hands of the soul doctor, and with his thought energy. But patients can be treated at a distance by the energetic soul of the doctor going *there*, as

my soul often does, and when there, the soul applies the treatment just the same as if his body was along with him.

ANGEL TREATMENT.

The angels are our brothers and sisters of earth, and love us still, and are willing to help us as they can by their advice and assistance in concentrating and applying spirit to our patients, and by carrying our spirit vita to our distant patients, and treating them for us.

THE LORDS AND GODS

Are higher angels and more advanced human souls, and can help us more, and we can call on their direct assistance whenever we need, and the patient can do the same. Thus all can be accomplished after employing spirit and spiritual beings in curing disease and preventing death; the next thing is to use the all power in

RAISING THE DEAD.

I have already said and wrote and done considerable on this interesting subject, that here I will only say that no doubt thousands of persons are buried every year that might have been brought back to life by proper spirit treatment. Many by some accident or cause have come to life after days of seeming death; and by examinations of graves, it has been found that many have come to life, and died a horrible death in their graves. Oh! horror of horrors to

DIE IN THE GRAVE,

All helpless and alone, no chance of escape. But as I said before, many have come to life after being dead for days and about to be buried. Many such have been brought to life by spirit treatment, which I shall explain further along; but when

brought back to life in any manner, people say they were not dead. But yet they were dead enough to be so pronounced by skillful doctors, and would have soon been buried, so they were *really* dead to all intents and purposes. And they were dead, for they themselves tell us when they are brought back to life, so in their cases it was really raising the dead. But before telling how it is done we will copy from the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, of June 28, 1890, what science says about resuscitation, and what should be done in cases of sudden death?

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MISTAKEN FOR DEATH—AUTHENTIC CASE OF RESUSCITATION.

The unfortunate case of the mind-reader Bishop, upon whom a too previous autopsy was performed, is likely to effect a lasting good to humanity. Before it occurred, cases of apparent yet not real death were held to be so extremely rare that not one in a thousand of the sensational reports of such were believed by physicians to have any foundation whatever. But they have been carefully studying the subject and making thorough investigations, and most of them are now ready to accept that persons are too often considered as being dead when they are not so in reality. Many such cases absolutely authentic have been reported during the last year. Dr. Clark, of Indianapolis, tells of several recent cases in his section. One was that of a woman in Steubenville, Ohio, who was pronounced dead by six physicians, and yet life returned after fourteen days. Another, of a woman in St. Louis, in whom a slight sign of life was discovered just before the coffin was to be closed. M. Bronardel, a French Physician, has

written upon this subject, and brought out much of interest. He considers that the newly-born, also young children and aged and enfeebled persons, are especially predisposed of apparent death. He believes that in infectious diseases and algid fevers, there are a good many examples of resurrection. The ptomaines he considers to have characteristic anæsthetic properties; injected into a frog, the latter assumes any given cataleptic properties that may be desired. The physician is most apt to be deceived by hysterical persons, who are capable of living like hibernating animals. In persons convalescing from grave diseases syncope is easily induced at the moment the patient rises; the deficient cerebral circulation and venous stagnation in the lower limbs are favorable conditions to the occurrence of apparent death. Mr. Bronardel relates the case of a criminal who was hung in Boston at 10 A. M., taken down at 10.25 A. M., and transferred to the anatomical amphitheater an hour thereafter, when his pulse recommenced to beat. On opening the thorax, the pulse was seen to beat forty a minute, and it stopped beating at 2.45 P. M. Hoffman tells of a similar case.

During the past two years many cases of

RECOVERY AFTER APPARENT DEATH

From electricity have been reported; that in some of them there was no sign of life from between two and three hours. M. Lestier recorded seven cases where the subjects, under the action of lightning, had remained apparently dead for periods varying from several minutes to three hours. Physicians who took the observations, stated that no pulse could be felt at all, the excitation having been strong enough to stop the heart's action. A

few years ago scarcely a physician could be found who believed it possible for a person to return to life after having been buried even for a day. But now the fact finds ready acceptance that people have been buried from eight to fifteen days, and yet been resuscitated. An interesting physiological fact bearing upon this subject has recently been brought out by experiments upon dogs with curare, the substance which the South American Indian uses to poison his arrows. This poison paralyzes the lungs first, and afterward the heart, and when given to dogs they generally fall apparently dead within five minutes. But in all instances where artificial respiration was commenced before the heart stopped, and persisted in for a sufficient length of time, recovery took place, the heart being by this means kept at work until the poison was eliminated by the lungs. Accidents in which occur much the same physiological changes as are produced by curare are not very infrequent, and from these experiments conclusions of value can be drawn. Deaths under chloroform and ether are occasionally reported; in this class of cases the hope of resuscitation would seem to be even greater than is usual in those of sudden death.

Where a person who has been under treatment appears to have died, even if suddenly and unexpectedly, it is quite a common custom of the relatives among all classes to

DEPEND UPON THEIR OWN DIAGNOSIS

Of death, and to at once lay out the body, send for the undertaker, etc. The doctor is usually informed of the unhappy occurrence; seldom, however, until several hours afterward, the principal object of notifying him being to prevent his making another visit. Very likely, in consequence

of this custom, many lives are lost which might be saved were the physician called at once, and efforts to resuscitate were made by him. There is one point to be considered in this connection. In cases of sickness people generally show the least possible sense. It is a notorious fact that in every case of death, except from some such chronic disease as consumption or cancer, they will lay the blame on the attending physician, if it is a possible thing to do. Were he called in directly after a patient of his had died, and he at once employed artificial respiration, or tried to stimulate the heart by hypodermic injections, the chances are that the relatives and friends would jump to the conclusion that he had been giving a medicine in overdoses, and had poisoned in consequence, and was now endeavoring to resuscitate his victim. The more intelligent reader will think this is absurd, and yet a few years in the practice of medicine would convince him to the contrary.

Dr. Clark, in advising young physicians, urges them in cases of death by drowning not to fail to use electricity in their efforts to resuscitate. He says that a fine point of differentiation as to the probability of resuscitation in a case of drowning, is, whether it was suicidal or accidental, for a suicide cannot be saved after five minutes of submergence, but the accidentally drowned may be submerged twenty and possibly thirty minutes, and yet be resuscitated. The horror and revulsion of feeling and fear of death of the latter are not present in the former, and this influence on the mechanism of the heart may account for the difference.

PERSEVERE IN YOUR EFFORTS,

As life has been restored in drowning cases after four hours work.

As said in the beginning, the case of Bishop was mainly instrumental in bringing out the danger of people being left for dead while life yet remains. Every one should understand this danger, and accept the truth that "as long as there is life there is hope;" another, that sometimes there is hope after apparent death. If a person stricken with an incurable disease dies after a lingering illness, the signs of death may generally be accepted as positive; but in all instances where it is not expected, or, we may say, where there has appeared a chance for recovery, a physician should be sent for at once if death occurs. It should rest with him, not with the relatives or friends, to say when life is extinct.

As for the tests of death, the only reliable one, according to Dunglison, is the commencement of putrefaction. But there are several others which when applied together would remove all doubts. Some physicians have great confidence in the electrical test. Rosenthal once found muscular contractility in a subject supposed to have been dead thirty hours; consciousness returned forty-eight hours afterward. If ammonia be injected under the skin and a red blotch is found, life exists. It is held that no one ever dies with tears in the eyes; hence if tears are found, as in cataleptic patients, there is life. Another test is to place the end of a finger in a candle flame until a blister forms; if this when opened is found to contain only air, then death has occurred, but if a blister of water has formed, then life is present. Among the old-fashioned tests for death is holding fine feathers to the nose and mouth, by the means of these it can be determined whether or not the subject still breathes. A looking glass was used for the same purpose, the breath dims with mois-

ture the surface of the glass. Still another test was to place a tumblerful of water on the chest of the supposed dead person; if there was even very faint breathing the fact would be registered on the shining surface of the water. But these tests are by no means infallible, for life may exist in cases where it is impossible to detect either respiration or circulation.

There is good reason for believing that oftentimes where persons are stricken down suddenly, as in cases generally pronounced "heart disease," in not a few instances they might be resuscitated if the correct measures were promptly applied. In every such case artificial respiration should be commenced on the instant the victim falls, and be kept up until a physician has reached him. Very few know how to

PRODUCE ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION,

And yet it is very simple and easy. Lay the patient on his back, and put under his shoulders a rolled up overcoat, a hard pillow, two thick books, or anything of the sort. Pull out his tongue with a thumb and finger, and have it held by an assistant, if there is a strong rubber band handy, take a turn or two round the tongue with that to prevent its slipping back into the mouth. Now kneel at the patient's head, facing him, and take hold of his arms just above the elbows, draw them both gently and steadily upward over and back of the head as far as possible, and keep them there for a second or two; then carry them back again to the patient's sides, and press the elbows firmly against his sides for another second or so. Go on doing this perseveringly, if necessary, for an hour or more. The object of it is to promote expansion of the lungs to admit air by the first movement,

and its expulsion again by the second movement. The time is coming when every intelligent person will know how to produce artificial respiration, and the different methods of treatment in all other common emergencies will be taught in our public schools. At present laymen think that it is only necessary to employ it in drowning, but they will learn in time that in many other accidents life may often be saved by it. In the future, also, physicians will be better provided against these emergencies. Several drugs of wondrous stimulating properties have been discovered within the past few years; one of these in several instances has appeared to have literally brought persons back to life. There is an agent now occasionally used, which, in the changed condition of things, is likely to come into much greater prominence. Reference is made to oxygen gas, which is indicated in every case in which artificial respiration is needed. When the good time comes, the physician, when called to a case of sudden death, will not merely make a cursory examination and say, "all is over," but he will go to work as though he knew there was life which he could rekindle, and only after he has exhausted every means of resuscitation will he give up the patient as dead.

A word as to the fear, which possesses many, that they will be buried alive. If one has a family physician of the much too common sort—undeserving, by reason of ignorance, to bear the honorable name—he certainly has some grounds for the fear; but if he has a physician thoroughly educated and conscientious, he need not be at all uneasy, for all the necessary means of verification of death will be employed. The newspapers have recently told of a man, and we think a physician, who willed that after death a poisonous dose of

morphine be injected under his skin. His method was not such a bad one, but is not likely to become popular. To delay burial until the commencement of putrefaction, should be the rule in all instances where there is a shadow of a doubt as to whether or not the death is real. That soon occurs when the body is put into a room heated to between 80 and 90 degrees, and the air is kept moist. And this suggests that, excepting in cold weather, it is the rule to put at once the bodies of those who have died into ice-boxes or coolers, or, if they are to be buried at a distance, to embalm them by the injection of preserving fluids. It is scarcely necessary to say that there is danger in this hurried custom.

SPIRIT TREATMENT FOR RAISING THE DEAD.

It is spirit that giveth life; and if the body of the dead has not been mutilated, or died with any body-destroying disease, the sound body can surely be re-spiritized and made a fit habitation for the soul; and, under favorable circumstances and kind loving effort, the soul can be *called* back to its body and live in its live body again. And that souls have come back to their (otherwise) dead body has occurred so often, and is so well-known, it need not be repeated here.

It is well-known that other souls, that sometimes obsess other persons' bodies, can be made to go out and go away from the body they have possessed and controled. This I have often done. And it is known that a strong operator can send the soul of his clairvoyant subject out of its body and make it go to other places, and then can *call* it back again. I have done this with many of my clairvoyant subjects and pupils. And I myself have gone out of my body many times, and have been

felt and heard and seen in hundreds of places, and have returned to my body again; so all this can and has been done, and certainly a strong spiritual operator can *call* back the soul of the dead (or seeming dead—*so dead that they were about to be buried*), whose body has not been injured in any way. The reason why more dead persons have not been brought back to life is because the people do not believe and do not try. Unbelief is a terrible injury to mankind.

HOW TO RAISE THE DEAD.

And first we will go back to Bible history for an example. Elisha the prophet raised the dead boy who was stricken down with sunstroke in the harvest field many hours before. The boy had been taken home and laid out as dead, but the loving mother went many miles and brought the prophet to help comfort her. The Bible tells us that the prophet stretched himself out on the boy's body and put his hands on the boy's hands, and his mouth on the boy's mouth breathing in spirit, and *lovingly* calling back the soul of his dead son, for it is love that induces the soul to come back. *The soul did come back*, and we are told that the prophet restored the boy alive to his mother. I need add no more only to say that the many known instances in modern times, where a dear loving friend has stooped down to embrace and kiss the cold corpse about to be consigned to the grave, and thus by the loving kiss, warm embrace, and strong desire brought it to life again, and the undertaker was sent home without finishing his sad work.

Many drowned persons have been brought to life, and the public have heard of the drowned boy in Covington, Ky., who was brought back to

life in this way by the loving grandmother, after doctors had given up the case as hopeless, and said the boy was DEAD. And many have heard of the loving mother in New Orleans, whose lovely daughter had been dead and in the vault at the cemetery for more than a week, when the mourning mother went to the vault and begged the sexton to open the coffin and let her have one more last look at her dead daughter, this was done, then she reached over and embraced and kissed her lifeless child, and kept kissing her or holding her lips to hers and *breathing* a prayer, and saying, "O daughter, my daughter, come back to life; my child come back to your lonely mother." And the soul of the dead daughter did come back at the command of its mother, and the dead corpse revived and lives again.

RAISING THE DEAD BACK TO LIFE.

[From the *San Francisco Examiner*, republished in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, September 1st, 1890.]

Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, of 1211 Folsom St., had a baby boy die with convulsions, its twin brother had just been buried, its death resulting from the same fatal disease. This last one also died, and preparations for the funeral had been made and notice given through the papers.

But the weeping mother folded her child, cold and stiff in death, to her warm and loving breast, and with her lips to the dead child's lips, and, as the mother says, she kept constantly kissing them, agonized in prayer, and continued so for hours, when her dead child come to life again and now lives. That was truly raising the dead.

YES, THE DEAD CAN BE RAISED.

I might add much more but I will not speak of myself or of what I have done, but will request

this caution: if a person dies suddenly or without bodily disease, don't put them in ice, don't embalm them, nor put them in a coffin, but keep them in a comfortable position in bed in an airy room, and use means for restoration. Don't bury until the body commences to decompose, and be sure of that before burial or cremation. Give the dead a chance to revive and live, and use all means to keep people alive, and thus hasten the day of physical immortality promised by Jesus.

UNIVERSAL GOOD OUR OBJECT.

Our object and purpose in publishing our lessons is threefold in its nature and design—each universal in its scope and effect.

First.—Our first object and purpose is to teach mankind a Universal System of Health Practice. The easiest, safest, quickest and best, and adapted to every country and clime for the prevention and cure of every disease and ailment of mankind, with the higher Vital Spiritual remedies and Vital modes of treatment, without the use of poison drugs or dangerous surgery—curing without poisoning or maiming or making chronic invalids to suffer through life, or go to fill a premature grave. We aim to teach the people the laws of life and health, and how to obey them in their own person, and how to use their own and nature's vital forces to keep themselves well.

“KNOWLEDGE IS POWER,”

And the means by which we do everything. Nothing is too great or too difficult for him to do who has the knowledge and power. This we shall endeavor to teach to the best of our ability—sparing neither time nor money to bring health and happiness to all.

THE POWER.

As I have said before there is but one power, and that is the all-power of universal spirit, that is everywhere and in all things, and I have demonstrated that spirit can be concentrated, and increased by concentration; and in circles of people, as at spiritual circles, prayer and revival meetings, spirit power can be and is concentrated on and in susceptible persons in the audience spiritizing them, making them happy, and causing trance and vision, and holding some spell-bound for hours or even days. This spirit power has been manifested more or less in all religious meetings from the beginning of human life, and among all nations, many instances being recorded in the Bible. Moses and the prophets, and Jesus and his apostles all used it, and it was notably manifested on the day of Pentecost; and it has been employed by priest and preacher, medium and healer ever since, and more lately by the psychologist, mesmerist and hypnotist, and wonderfully by the powerful evangelist, Mrs. Maria B. Woodworth, but she like the rest do not know what it is or how to use it, and may use it too much and thus do harm. Air, drink, food and heat, electricity and magnetism, are all good things when properly employed as we do in Vitapathy. From not knowing what it is or how to use it many persons are injured and made insane in religious meetings. We here insert an article that is going the rounds of the newspapers at this day, September 2, 1890, as follows, showing

THE USE MADE OF SPIRIT BY AN EVANGELIST.

[From the *St. Louis Examiner*.]

"Mrs. Maria B. Woodworth, the evangelist, has been conducting a revival here in a big tent capable of sheltering nine thousand people. These

meetings have assumed a highly sensational character. During the past week it has been a nightly occurrence to see from fifty to two-hundred and fifty men, women and children, stretched on the ground or on the big platform, writhing in religious frenzy or stupefied from exhaustion, while other hundreds danced, shouted, sang and swung their arms about.

"Dr. Wellington Adams and Dr. Theodore Diller, authorities on insanity, after an investigation, unhesitatingly pronounced Mrs. Woodworth to be an insane woman, of great hypnotic powers, and that her victims are simply hypnotists. They declare that she is doing great harm to thousands; that she is creating evils for which there can be no cure, and that the state should interfere and lock the woman up. Mrs. Woodworth claims to have conversed with 'God, Christ and the Trinity and the Devil' many times. Over fifteen thousand people were at the river, Sunday, to witness the baptizing of more than one hundred persons. The scenes were of the most sensational character."

People who use the power in their religious meetings say what *they* use is good of God, and does good, and say what *others* use is evil of devil, and does harm, but it is the same power all the time, but neither of them know, and either may do good or harm as they use it, same as they could with fire or electricity, etc.

Vitapathy teaches just what this power is, and how to use it to be always beneficial. And our object and purpose in publishing this book is to teach what spirit power is, and how to use it to always do good, never to do harm, and thus to make a safe and sure system of treatment and cure for all diseases of body and mind, by spirit

power alone, without the use of any drug or deleterious substance; and this is what spirit Vithopathy is and does; for it is spirit that does every thing, and it alone can cure disease, preserve life, prevent death, and make

MAN IMMORTAL.

Second.—Our second object and purpose is to advocate and teach

A SYSTEM OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

Throughout the world, among all people, nations and empires,—proclaiming peace and good will to all mankind, when all animosities and enmities, and quarrels, and strifes, and wars shall be at an end, when crimes shall cease and prisons be no more, when temperance, morality, and love shall harmonize and happify all, and the kingdom of heaven be established upon earth, as has been promised by higher authority than ours, and will surely come to pass if people will labor for it as they should, or else all prophesy is vain, and reformers and saviors have lived and died in vain, and the same are living and dying now in vain. But fear not, the “good time coming” will surely come to pass. The great creative process will never stop until the whole work is accomplished, and until universal health and peace and love and harmony is reached among those then living on the earth, and we who have lived before will join with them in the universal song of “peace on earth and good will to men.”

Third.—Our third object and purpose is to advocate and teach, and help to bring about, a system of

UNIVERSAL RELIGION,

Suitable to all mankind, nations, and tongues,

wherein wisdom shall guide, and wherein spirit shall triumph over matter, and soul over body, and love over all. A rational religion that rational human beings can understand and accept. A religion adapted to human wants and human capacity, by which all can improve and *help* to save themselves. A religion of harmony, and peace and good works. A religion of *doing* good to all mankind. A religion that will not condemn a man for his belief any more than for the color of his hair or the shape of his features. A religion that will mellow down all creeds and soften all hearts, and allow each person his own individual right of conscience to *believe* as he *can* best, so that he does right. A religion that will develop the higher faculties of the human soul and enable it to gain all power, and do all things as it *WILL*; and, at last, to reach the higher state, and triumph in the highest immortality, and join with all glorified humans in one universal and ETERNAL HALLELUJAH.

Thus with our threefold labors we include the three great wants of mankind, viz. :

Health for the body ;

Peace for the mind ;

Religion for the soul.

VITAPATHIC MINISTER-PHYSICIAN

Is still a higher office than Vitapathic Physician. Jesus, the great Vital Minister-Physician, whom we pattern after, and whose example we follow, commanded that his *students* should combine both offices of Minister and Physician in *ONE*, so as to do good to both the bodies and souls of the people as he did ; and sent his graduates out to preach and heal, and we take up the command and do the

same, and therefore, according to human and divine rights, we instruct and ordain and commission our *fully prepared* graduates to preach the gospel of life, and heal the sick in body and soul. We teach them to instruct the soul and heal the body, and to do this in the best manner possible. But it is a high office to be a Vitapathic Minister, and to receive the ordination therefor. Perhaps only a few of all the graduates of Vitapathy may be fully prepared for such a high work. There is a great deal of preparation needed for this holy and grand work. It not only requires a great deal of instruction and educational fitness, but more especially requires much bravery and moral courage, and steadfastness in this higher work. Their souls must be brave, their bodies healthy, and their hearts full of love for all mankind. They must not use tobacco or stimulants, or intoxicants, or narcotics, or paints, or powders, or cosmetics, or have any bad habits, but must be above all these. It requires a full devotion and entire dedication of their lives to this better cause of lifting up humanity to better health and greater happiness. And none should enter this holy office without being fully prepared to perform its duties. The world needs pure workers, and needs them now.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR THIS OFFICE

Is the great lesson of the hour. After a person of education and good moral character has fully studied and learned the Vitapathic System, and graduated in its College, he may then or may not as he chooses begin to prepare himself (or herself) for this higher office of

MINISTER.

But to prepare himself fully he has many things

to do, many infirmities of the flesh to overcome, much plainness of person and dress to adopt, much pride of fashion to give up, and much strength of soul to cultivate. In this high office there must be an entire control of the soul over the body, spirit over matter. The person must be free and fully equipped to do this noble work in the most successful manner; and to do that he must do as Jesus did and taught. The first thing is to subdue the body by fasting. The next is to have sessions of special breathing seasons of prayer—silent breathing prayer—breathing in spirit from pure air with strong desire; and thus get full of spirit; and all must drink pure water, and eat easily digested nutritious food; must dress plainly, and show by their dress and appearance and action that they are indeed ordained Ministers of a higher gospel of life. They should wear their hair plainly, without curls or bangs, may part it on either side, but better to part it plainly in the *middle* at the top of their head, at the organs of veneration, aspiration and intuition, leaving them bare so that the higher spirit baptism and ordination may *continually* enter there, and show by their plainness of dress and actions that they have been fully CONVERTED and dedicated their lives to this high calling, and put on the full armor of SPIRIT VITAPATHY, and proclaim and employ it in name and nature in all its

FULLNESS AND POWER.

To some this plainness of dress and simplicity of life may seem to be a sacrifice, but it really is not, it is only giving up what they do not need, and what is an injury to them, and prevents their progress to a higher life. And after all there is not much to give up, not as much as other sects require; see the Shakers and Quackers, how plainly

and how *markedly* they dress and act, and see what moral lives they live. And see the Catholic Sisters—the Sisters of Mercy and Charity—you can tell them by their dress as far as you can see them, as they go about doing good.

The apostles of Jesus were commanded to take up their cross; and Jesus commanded the same man to sell or give up all that he had; give up pride and fashion, and so live that others may know that they have received the higher consecration, and belong to a nobler band of workers for humanity. And would the Vitapathic Minister-Physicians expect or wish to do less? And yet nothing more is required of them than was common in past generations, and is even now common with sensible people. Vitapathic Ministers are expected to show by their outward appearance their inward preparation and sanctification. If they cannot or will not conform to these simple and easy and needful customs, then it is surely known that they are not converted and have not experienced the

NEW BIRTH,

And are not ready or fit to be ordained and licensed a Vitapathic Minister, and therefore must wait until they are ready and fully prepared for the ministry; merely promises to do will not be sufficient. They must really have lived right and done right, and *continue* to do so, before they can fill this sacred office and be ordained a Vitapathic Minister. No half way work or pretense will do here, they would be sinning against their own lives and against all that is good and pure and high and holy. The thought of pretense in this matter is even too awful to think of.

Vitapathic Minister-Physicians must preach as well as heal, must preach Vitapathy in all its full-

ness in name and nature, with all the force and power of spirit, must be instant in season and out of season, ever preaching

THE TRUTH AS IT IS IN VITA,

Preaching the higher gospel of a higher human life. Any V. D., who has graduated as Physician only, can practice that only if they do not wish to do more. But to all V. D's., who are ready and willing to take up the cross and put on the full armor of Vitapathy, and do full duty for the good of humanity, the ministry is open to them.

DUTIES

Of the Vitapathic Minister-Physician is to advertise himself as a Vitapathic Minister-Physician, and let the people know what he is and what he does; let his light shine to all the world, that all may see and feel its good effects; and he must talk and speak and preach and proclaim the higher gospel of life as it is in VITAPATHY. Teach the higher gospel of SELF-SALVATION, how every person can cultivate health of body and intelligence of soul, and thus hasten on the better time coming, when all mankind can save themselves unto eternal life. He is to instruct the souls and heal the bodies of the people, and lead them to a better life, and do all the good he can to all, for which he should be well rewarded, for the laborer is worthy of his hire. The Vitapathic Minister is to attend funerals and solemnize marriages, and do all lawful acts of the legal minister. The Vitapathic Minister is to hold and conduct public meetings on Vitapathic principles, by singing Vitapathic songs and teaching and employing the

VITAPATHIC SILENT BREATHING PRAYER,

And having the congregation to stand up and in

harmony breathe in spirit at the same time for a few minutes, and thus be filled with all the

FULLNESS OF SPIRIT.

This is the highest and most successful prayer, and all can feel the power and be benefited, and a happy influence is spread throughout the assembly. Then the Minister preaches his sermon or discourse to the willing passive audience with power and effect, and the spirit is poured out upon all. And as the Minister is also a physician he may heal some sick persons who are ready and desirous of being healed, and bless all and thus demonstrate the power of spirit healing. Each person in the audience can sit and hold his hands together and breathe in spirit by the silent prayer process, willing their disease to be gone, thus each can be helped while the Minister is throwing out the power on all, thus

HEALING THE MULTITUDE.

And on suitable occasions at his public meetings he is to administer the Vitapathic vitalized

MILK SACRAMENT

To all that are worthy and willing to partake, as this is the only rational and natural and universal and living sacrament there is, or can be, for milk is the pure white blood of life, the real pabulum and protoplasm of all beings, and all need it and must have it or its equivalent in some form, for it is

THE UNIVERSAL SACRAMENT,

That all need and must have to be healthy or even to live at all. And when the milk is properly

vitalized with spirit by the Vitapathic process, it is

LIFE ITSELF,

And all who have had it explained to them and can understand and appreciate it, should take it in the Vitapathic meetings, and the Minister has a right, and it is his duty to offer it to all, even though the partakers are not members of any Vitapathic society, they are members of the

HUMAN FAMILY,

And all need it, and we love them all, and we offer this to all as the best sacrament, and the one that will do them the most good, and the only one, as far as we know, that will do any person any *real* good.

VITAPATHIC SACRAMENT.

And now, to teach the Vitapathic Minister how to administer this real sacrament, we will explain a little fuller. The new living milk, *the white blood* of life, is brought in fresh from a healthy cow, and at the close of the other exercises of the meeting, such as singing, praying and preaching Vitapathically, and the process and nature of this vital sacrament being explained so that all can understand it, then the milk is poured into an open glass, dish or vase, and stirred with a silver spoon with the right hand of the minister while he is collecting and concentrating spirit for a few minutes, stirring from right to left or against the sun, and thus the milk is spirit magnetized in the most vital positive manner, while the minister and all are breathing the silent prayer for mutual benefit, and then a suitable verse may be sung. Then the minister will take one of many small glasses, and further stir the milk, concentrating spirit therein, and lift out a large tablespoonful into the

glass, and in the meantime he invites anyone to come up and receive the sacrament. The applicant comes up to the sacramental table and takes the glass of vitalized milk in his *left* hand, as being negative and the most *receptive*, the minister giving it to him with his *right* hand as being the most positive and *imparting*, the minister saying at the time, *brother (or sister as the case may be), take this and drink all, and may it indeed prove unto you to be the real sacrament that will strengthen and purify your body, and make it a fit temple for the soul, and help it to build up its inner vital body in which to live forever.* VITA, AMEN.

And thus the minister calls up one by one to take this higher sacrament in the same manner, until all who are willing have partaken. And then the minister pours out another glass full of the spirit vitalized milk and says, brothers and sisters and friends, having given you the Vitapathic Sacrament, I now partake of it with you ALL, and may it have the same good effect on me; then he reverently drinks it down, and says, VITA, AMEN. Or if any other Vitapathic Minister is present, he can give him the sacrament, saying to him the same words as was said to the others. Then there may be singing and any other religious exercises needed for the occasion; and to dismiss, the minister says, all rise up and receive the BENEDICTION; and as they all stand and breathe the silent prayer, the minister stretches out his hands towards them and says, *now may you all be filled with all the fullness of spirit that shall preserve your soul and vital body unto everlasting life,* VITA, AMEN.

SPIRITUAL BAPTISM.

Vitapathy is a higher religion, it is the religion

of spirit, and baptizes its converts with spirit. The baptism of water or by other processes are but material conductors of spirit, and are not as good as by the hand of the consecrated Minister; and the best way is by the spirit Vitapathic process, which we will more fully explain further along. This spirit baptism is more select than is the Vitapathic vital milk sacrament. All persons who are willing may take the sacrament and receive benefit thereby; but only Vitapathic graduates who are ready and prepared may receive this holy spirit baptism, and the proper time to administer it is at the close of a College session, and to the new graduates who desire it, and are fully instructed and converted and understand and appreciate this higher baptism.

The time to baptize is just after the Vitapathic meeting has been held and the sacrament taken, then the officiating minister may explain the process and nature and sacredness and benefits of this

HOLY BAPTISM,

Then a chair is placed in an open space in front of the sacramental table, and at the invitation of the minister the candidate for baptism comes forward and seats himself on the baptismal chair, facing the audience, and with his head uncovered, and his (or her) hair divided in the middle at the top of the head, and combed plain back to each side, or at least one side, but better divided in the middle so that spirit can pass to the proper place, and organs of veneration and receptivity (*hair being a non-conductor*); then some appropriate verses may be sung. Then the minister places his right hand on this prepared place on the top of the candidate's front head, and with his left hand to his own right wrist, thus doubling the power, and

by breathing in spirit filling himself full, he says: Brother (or sister as the case may be), in accordance with your wish and preparation, I *now baptize* you with *ever-living spirit*, in the name *Vita*, by the *Vitapathic process*, and may you be filled with all the

FULLNESS OF SPIRIT,

That will make you PURE, and GOOD, and WISE, and HAPPY, and *finally*, with proper living, *preserve* your *soul* and *purified vital body* unto *everlasting life*. VITA, AMEN.

Then the next candidate is invited up and baptized in the same way, and so with all that are ready at that time. The ceremony may be interspersed with a suitable verse or song.

N. B.—The sacrament and the baptism, and the necessary explanations will occupy some time, so that there need be no sermon at that meeting, as it might detain the friends too long. This spirit baptism is a sacred and holy thing, and must be received and appreciated as such forever; the sacrament may be taken at any or all meetings, but the baptism only once. And yet all receive a general spirit baptism at every good spiritual meeting, for the

SPIRIT IS POURED OUT

Upon all flesh in these latter days.

Spirit of Life is everywhere,
And is poured out in many ways,
All people can have a full share,
For it's free in these latter days.

ORDINATION,

Which is the crowning act of the Vitapathic System. Vitapathic Ministerial ordination is still

more select than is spirit baptism, and only a few of the higher advanced Vitapathic graduates, who have made themselves fully prepared as directed a few pages back, and have fully complied with all the requirements *there*, and consecrated their lives to this glorious work, and shown by their customs and habits and good works, that their inward life is pure and good, and, have shown, by their courage and ability, that they are fully competent to preach the gospel of life as it is in Vitapathy.

PROCESS OF ORDINATION

At the close of College sessions or at annual conventions, after the sacrament and baptism have been concluded, then the officiating minister or bishop may place a chair in the open circle in front of the altar, the candidate with bared head and parted hair, as in the baptism, sits down on the chair facing the company, then enough of Vitapathic brothers and sisters stand around him with closed hands, forming a circle of love and ring of power, concentrating spirit on the candidate to be ordained, and appropriate verses may be sung between ordinations. The minister stands within the circle by the left side of the candidate, and places his right hand on the organ of veneration, at the front top of the candidate's head where the hair is *parted*, the minister also puts his left hand to his right wrist doubling the power, concentrating all spirit and living vita, and saying to the candidate:

Brother (or sister as the case may be), you having learned the great Vitapathic System, and graduated in its American Health College, taken the vital sacrament and received spirit baptism, and having fully prepared yourself for this highest office, I now, therefore, by the power of holy spirit

in the name of Vita, and by the authority of law granted to our chartered College, legally ordain you

A VITAPATHIC MINISTER,

With full authority and power to preach the gospel of life as it is contained in the great Vitapathic System, in all its love, wisdom and power, to all people; to hold meetings, officiate at funerals and marriages, and at all religious ceremonies, instruct the ignorant, comfort the distressed, heal the sick, develop souls, commune with angels, cast out devils, raise the dead, help humans to become immortal. All power is now yours, go and use it, and the spirit of life and love and wisdom, as it is in Vitapathy, be with you always.

VITA, Amen.

After each ordained minister has fully engaged in this higher calling, then he is entitled to and can have, from the President of the College or ordaining minister,

A CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION,

Showing that he has full authority to do all that he has been ordained and licensed to do, and has been sent out.

MISSIONARY HYMN

*For Vitapathic Graduates of the American
Health College, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

Go, brothers, spread the story,
And, sisters, help to roll
Great Vita's fame and glory,
From Nature's pole to pole.

Go, spread the news to all;
Let each sick person know
That Vita can cure them all,
And *keep* them here *below*.

Go, heal with Vita's Power
All sickness, pain, and death;
Bring in the immortal hour,
When all shall have new breath

Go, and baptize, all who will,
With Vita's living breath;
Cure them of every ill,
And save them all from death.

Go, now; lawfully endowed
With highest spirit power,
By Men and Angels allowed:
In might go forth this hour.

ATTENDING TO FUNERALS.

The minister may speak first of the phenomenon death—how and what it is to die, and that it is only the worn out body that is laid off, as old worn out garments are laid off; but that the soul, the real person, does not die; and further that the soul builds or has built for itself another body, composed of VITA, which of itself is spirit and matter continued in their highest and finest qualities, and in this indestructable vital body the soul can live forever, complete in all his parts and powers, forever learning and forever enjoying, and increasing in knowledge and power and happiness, and living on and forever on in its own fadeless and deathless immortality. The good qualities of the departed may be spoken of with praise; and the bereaved friends can be comforted with the assurance that the next life is better than this, and that all the separated will meet again to part no more. Then say, Vita, Amen, and let the undertaker take the remains. If anything is needed or required at the grave, the minister can say: We bury the worn out body, but the soul in its vital body lives forever, indestructable.

MARRIAGE

Is honorable and necessary, and can be pleasant, and happy, and healthful, if proper selections are made according to the temperaments and compatibilities of the parties, and their educational training, and conduct and *self-control*. Life is a struggle, happiness comes by effort. *If either party wants to be LOVED, they must be LOVABLE. THIS IS THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS.*

As legal ministers you will be called upon to

SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES,

And to do so properly, in addition to your char-

tered and religious ministerial rights, which give you full authority in all the States, and your certificate shows that you are an

ORDAINED MINISTER,

Still it may be well to comply with any special law or regulation of any State or county. And then the groom must procure the marriage license, including your return, a printed blank, which you are to fill out and sign, and send back to the Probate or Record office, and the Probate office will furnish the groom with the license (and your return report) a printed blank marriage certificate, which you are to also sign and deliver to the newly

MARRIED COUPLE.

And to enable you to marry couples in a proper manner, we will here publish the Vitapathic

MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

The company having gathered and the couple standing on the floor (the groom *first* having handed you his license), you then speak to all and say,—

“Friends, we have met to legalize a marriage contract between two persons, who find themselves fully prepared to enter into this important union, that makes of two ONE FAMILY.”

Marriage in law is a civil contract, and in love it is

A SOUL UNION,

And is therefore doubly binding. Love is the basis of all happiness, and must be kept alive by

CONTINUED COURTSHIP,

With the same attention, affection and respect for each other after as before marriage. Assimilating together, one in sentiment, one in heart and one in soul, and one in all the interests of life, preferring

each other before themselves, and melting all difference into a LOVE UNION for the good of both. Then say: "This couple, having duly considered this important relation, are about to assume its conditions and responsibilities; and having procured the proper license, *and there being no objection*, are now ready to be united; and by authority of law and divine right vested in me, I proceed to unite this couple in marriage." Then say to them: "Please join your right hands." Then say to the groom, mentioning the man's name: "You solemnly promise to take the woman you now hold by the right hand to be your lawfully wedded wife, to protect, cherish, and support her in sickness and in health; and to cleave only unto her as long as love and life shall last. This you promise before these witnesses. Do you?" The groom must then answer, "Yes." Then you say to the bride, mentioning her name: "You solemnly promise to take the man you now hold by the right hand to be your lawfully wedded husband, to protect, cherish and respect him in sickness and in health, and cleave only unto him so long as love and life shall last. This you promise before these witnesses. Do you?" She answers, "Yes." Then you say: "You having promised and accepted the marriage condition, I now, therefore, according to love and law, pronounce you husband and wife, and what love and law has joined together let none other put asunder. VITA, Amen."

Tell them they are now married, and can take their seats and receive the congratulations of their friends. After which you can fill out, get witnessed, and sign the marriage certificate, with your name, as follows:——Minister of Life, and give it to the bride.

VALEDICTORY.

And now, brothers and sisters, I have discovered, invented, and established the superior Vitapathic System of health and life for body and soul, and taught it to you in books and copyrighted lessons, patented instruments and processes, and in College lectures and plain oral lessons, and have given you full power and authority to preach and practice it for the good of mankind and profit to yourselves, which I wish you to do with courage in the name of Vitapathy. You are not to practice merely *some* system or any system without a name, but you are to practice VITAPATHY in name and nature, as you have all signed a printed agreement so to do. I have, at great expense of time and money, and of brain and vital force during all the best years of a long life, studied out and elaborated, formulated, written and published the books, composing the copyrighted Vitapathic Library, with the full system of practice therein, and furnished all to you at much less than it has cost me. And I have founded

THE AMERICAN HEALTH COLLEGE

At my own expense, and by my own exertions, without donations, or subscriptions, or help from anyone; and when I am ready I will leave its management in suitable hands, that the teachings and business of the College may be carried on forever, and still under my spiritual directions it will always be mine. This is my

EARTHLY HOME,

And in spirit I will be here to guide and direct, and all this will be done through spirit power, as I have discovered and can employ it. Yes, I have

discovered spirit the all-power, the all-father, and source of all life, the infinite, eternal, and all-pervading spirit, the great and only power in the universe. I have discovered spirit, what it is, and what it does, and how we can employ it through all physical and spiritual means, as I have taught it in the Vitapathic System, for the good of the bodies and souls of mankind, and for the cure of disease and prolongation of human life, and finally to make man immortal in soul and

VITAL BODY

Complete, and thus capable of living forever. All this shall surely come to pass in the future, as all else has come to pass, but not in the present generation, conditions are not ready for it yet.

If I had had proper physical and spiritual conditions and developments from my birth up, and had lived properly, and had breathed and drank and ate aright, and had observed and obeyed the laws of life with proper care and cultivation, and had preserved my physical powers and taken in enough of spirit to spiritualize my body, I might, *avoiding accidents*, be able to maintain a purified physical body, and live on as you see me now. But I did not have the knowledge and cultivation and spiritualization in time for that, hence I must drop like unripe fruit, and all mankind is yet as like unripe fruit. But this much I have gained, I have discovered the process, and have learned how to form, and have built up within my physical an indestructable vital body, in which I, my soul, shall live forever, therefore

I AM IMMORTAL.

I have gained all that is necessary for me to gain. And having done my earth work, having founded

Vitapathy and established it on earth for the benefit of humans here, and hope to leave it in good hands, it is best that I go where I am still more needed, and carry the great Vitapathic System to the

SPIRIT LAND.

All past generations of people that have gone over there have gone without the blessings of a knowledge of Vitapathy, and I go to teach them there. Yes, I go to teach Vitapathy to departed souls in the higher spheres, and in all places to all people. I have not preached it much here, because I had not the time, but you whom I leave behind can preach it here, while I go to the spirit land to teach it there, for Vitapathy is a

UNIVERSAL SALVATION

For all people in all worlds, and will reach even the darkest abodes of hades, and carry deliverance there; it will reach every soul, and save to the uttermost. Vitapathy is indeed

GOSPEL OF GREAT JOY

To all people, in all conditions and places in the universe, and I go to teach it and let the ignorant know that all powerful spirit employed by the Vitapathic System, as taught in these higher lessons, will elevate and save all, and that by it all souls can redeem and

SAVE THEMSELVES.

I will travel through boundless space and proclaim to all

FREE SALVATION.

No other system of religion ever offered to the world such promises, or has power to do as much as

SPIRIT VITAPATHY.

Systems of medicine promise but temporary re-

lief for the body only ; systems of religion promise an undefined relief for the soul only ; but no system holds out any hope of deliverance

BEYOND THE GRAVE,

No help or hope for ignorant souls who did not know how to save themselves. But Vitapathy is a complete system of life for here and hereafter, by which all can be

HEALED AND SAVED.

Vitapathy not only benefits all here, but it also reaches beyond the grave, and enlightens and redeems and saves all there. Through Vitapathy not a soul need be lost or left in ignorance or unhappiness anywhere ; it is a full salvation for all.

AND TO TEACH THIS FULL SYSTEM OF HEALTH AND LIFE

For all people in this and in all worlds, and places throughout boundless space, I have written my books and taught my lessons, and lastly this book on Spirit Vitapathy, and have built up a complete system of health, and laid the foundation for a true spiritual society and

EVERLASTING CHURCH

Of believers in the doctrines that Vitapathy proclaims, namely, that by the proper use of spirit, all human beings can cure their physical and spiritual diseases, and save themselves body and soul without any other savior. Spirit Vitapathy is a

FULL SALVATION,

And all can have it free. And now, dear brothers and sisters, you who have learned and embraced these higher doctrines of health, life and immortality, and have been born again from the

PHYSICAL TO THE SPIRITUAL,

And are ready to receive and preach and practice the higher lessons of this last book, and are putting on the full

ARMOR OF SPIRIT VITAPATHY,

And willing to enter fully into the great work, and have given evidence of full preparation and full dedication of body and soul to the cause. To you I consign this work on earth, and for this purpose I bestow on you a

DOUBLE PORTION OF SPIRIT.

As the apostles bestowed on their *ready* converts the holy spirit, so do I on you; and as Elijah gave a double portion of spirit to Elisha *at his request*, so do I to you, that you may be able to carry on the work with courage and success.

And now, Oh my brothers and sisters, by all that is good and true, sacred and holy, and by all the hopes of heaven, happiness and immortality, I entreat you to be faithful to your trust, and readily and openly at all times proclaim the full gospel of Vitapathy, and on all occasions be instant in season and out of season, and show to earth's inhabitants that you belong to a higher band of workers, and that you have a higher gospel to preach and *a higher salvation to proclaim*. This is the higher part of Vitapathy, and no graduates need take it on unless they are willing and fully prepared, and will not be ordained for it unless they are *ready*, and have shown by their preparation and life that they are fully ready, and will do all the ordination implies and enjoins. Any graduate can practice physical Vitapathy, and this is what we have been teaching, and this is what they are educated and diplomated for, but to be an ordained Minister of

spirit Vitapathy is a much higher office, and requires full dedication of body and soul, and *a full performance of all its duties*. The Vitapathic Minister is to *advertise* himself as such, let the people know what he is, and is to preach a free salvation to all, is to attend funerals, solemnize marriages,

HEAL THE SICK

By the power of spirit, comfort the distressed, cheer the broken-hearted, set the captive free, and point all to a higher life, cast out devils, take on higher inspiration, commune with souls, angels, lords and gods, and use all power, for I will be with you always, and will be your guide in every good word and work, and remain your elder brother in the power of spirit, and in the knowledge and love of Vitapathy. Forever, Vita, Amen.

JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL.

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AND

READ AT THE CELEBRATION OF HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY.

The year of jubilee has come,
At three score years and ten,
I gladly meet you in this home
Of Gods, angels and men.

Hurra!

For seventy years I have staid
In body here below,
The journey of life I have made,
And higher soon may go.

I have done my work and am free,
Yet may rest here a time,
Then with the angels I may be
In some happier clime.

But if in body I leave you,
In spirit I'll remain,
And help you all your work to do,
For I will come again.

For in this vita's earthly home,
True friends shall see my face,
And in time of need I will come
To protect this dear place.

Great Vitapathy I'll bequeath
To all the good and true,
Heaven above and earth beneath,
Brothers, sisters, to you.

Vitapathic's battle is fought,
Its victory is won,
And has silenced its foes who sought
To have its good undone.

For this we hold our jubilee,
For this with joy we meet
And rejoice in our victory,
As each other we greet.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Vita is all divine,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Vita is yours and mine.

VITA'S HOME.

ANNIVERSARY AND MEETING OF THE ALUMNI.

AIR—We shall meet beyond the river.

To Vita's Home we now have come
To meet our friends once again,
With them to meet in this dear home
Where our loved ones still remain.

CHORUS.

We shall live, we shall live,
We shall live in Vita's Home,
We shall live in Vita's Home,
When life's journey will be o'er.

Here we meet to greet each other
While in lower spheres we live;
Here we meet to salute each brother,
And our heart-felt blessings give.

CHORUS—We shall live, etc.

We meet in Vita's name each one,
Brother, sister, child, or friend:
And gladly say to all, well done,
Enter joys that never end.

CHORUS—We shall live, etc.

On a Ninth day of September
Was born Vita's system founder,
Filled with the sun. All remember
He came to *cleave* death asunder.

CHORUS—We shall live, etc.

On Fairmount's green and sloping side—
Vita's Home, our Alma Mater
In steadfastness shall e'er abide
In mem'ry of its Creator.

CHORUS—We shall live, etc.

As sung at the Vitapathic Annual Convention, at the American Health College, Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 70th Birthday of its Founder, PROF. JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D.

VITA SONG.

AIR—America.

Great Vita, 'tis of thee,
 By which we do and be;
 Of thee we sing.
 Without thee mortals died
 While in their youth and pride,
 But with thee can abide
 In earthly ring.

Full spirit power, in thee,
 Gives life to all that be;
 The sick makes well;
 Makes atoms, rocks, and rills,
 The woods and grassy hills,
 As soul with rapture thrills
 The tale to tell.

Let music swell the breeze,
 And sound from all the trees,
 Great Vita's song;
 Let human tongues awake,
 Let all that lives partake,
 And rocks their silence break,
 In praises long.

SPREAD OF VITA.

G. H. 141.

L. H.

Vita shall spread wher'er the sun
Does its successive journey run ;
And heal the sick from shore to shore,
Till moons shall rise and set no more.

From north and south old doctors come,
And pay their homage at our home,
While western nations own its sway,
And savage tribes are drawn this way.

By Vita can all ills be cured,
And to all be long life insured.
Its power extends to ev'rything,
To all it comes with healing wing.

People, in realms of every tongue,
Praise its power in sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
The coming glories of its fame.

Vita shall spread to every land,
And cure disease on every hand ;
And heal the sick from shore to shore,
Till men shall live to die no more.

VITA LAND.

In Vita Land all life combine,
 And all its riches now are mine;
 Here soon will shine a blissful day,
 And all my night shall pass away.

CHORUS.

O! Vita Land, sweet Vita Land,
 Soon on thy highest mount I'll stand,
 [I need not cross death's gloomy sea,
 But live in mansions here for me,]
 And view from here the shining shore,
 Where angels live for evermore.

The angels come and talk with me,
 And sweet communion here have we;
 They gently lead me by the hand,
 For this is spirits' border land.

CHORUS.—O! Vita Land, etc.

The zephyrs softly bring to me
 Sweet sounds of spirit melody,
 As angels, with the white robed throng.
 Join in the sweet communion song.

CHORUS.—O! Vita Land, etc.

JOY TO THE WORLD.

The kingdom of heaven's at hand,
Peace and good will to men,
Joy and happiness to our land,
Glory, Hallelujah. Amen.

The gates of life are open wide,
The angels come and go,
Love, crowned and glorified,
Makes heaven here below.

The long looked for time is near,
Ministering angels shout,
The Millennium Dawn is here,
Heaven's hosts camp about.

We can hear the swelling chorus
Resounding through the sky,
And know that nearer unto us
The angel bands draw nigh.

Their holy influence cheers me,
As sweetly o'er my soul
Angels' heavenly melody,
In waves of music roll.

My heart feels a glad thanksgiving,
And my soul's full of praise,
That *usefully* I am living
In these TRIUMPHANT days.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE UNITED.

Religious is will and motive power;
 Science through human knowledge works its way,
 Both now united, from this present hour,
 Will accomplish wonders from day to day.

Religion gives inspiration and thought;
 Science does the work the spirit demands;
 Religion plans the work done as it ought;
 Science works it out with *our* human hands,

Religion through spirit-life gives us breath;
 Science through Vital Remedies cures all;
 Religion purifies and saves from death;
 Science supplies comforts to great and small.

Religion and Science joined at last,
 All differences now reconciled,
 In full wedded union are held fast
 In harmony and love undefiled.

Religion and Science, ONE forever,
 Makes exhaustless power, as all can see,
 BOTH now united, never to sever,
 Cures and saves us all through VITAPATHY.

THE DAWN OF HEALTH.

[Sung to the Air of "The Midnight Hour."]

Watchman, tell us, does the morning
Of full health and life appear,
Do the signs that mark its coming
To all the sick now draw near?

Yes! sick and suffering look and see,
Light is breaking in the land;
Cheer up, there is full hope for thee,
The great morning is at hand.

Vitapathic light is beaming,
Brightly on the sick man's way,
The sure signs of health are gleaming,
And VITA triumphs to-day.

Yes, all the sick can now get well,
We bring health to great and small,
And Vita's wonders you can tell,
For Vita-Pathy CURES ALL.

VITA'S POWER.

Vita is the highest power of all,
The culmination of great and small;
In it all spirit and matter combine,
Coming from nature's exhaustless mine.

Vita ever flows from sun and air,
To rock and herb, beast and man so fair,
Through air, drink, and food, to milk and blood
It ever runs in a living flood.

Vita is the great first and last,
Ever in the calm, and stormy blast,
Is at once far off and near at hand;
It preserves all, and makes all to stand.

Vita maintains all health and all life,
Cures all sickness, soothes all pain and strife
Banishes death—makes earth a heaven
Through it full life to all is given.

Vita sits on its eternal throne,
Enrobed in majesty, all its own
The limitless universe its home,
From whence all being and power come.

Vita makes rocks, men, angels, and all;
And all who live, whether great or small
All who crawl, or walk, or ever flew;
Great VITA does all there is to do.

SPIRIT POURED OUT.

Spirit of life is in the air,
 And is poured out in many ways,
 All people can have a full share,
 For 'tis free in these latter days.
 It's life to the rock and the rose,
 Soul to the sparrow and the bee,
 Its mighty tide forever flows
 Thro' all forms of life—full and free.
 It blooms in grass, in weeds and flowers,
 Thro' every grade of being runs,
 And from nature's radiant towers
 Its glory flames in stars and suns.
 We employ this Vital Spirit,
 With full faith, reverence and skill,
 Depending upon its merit
 To cure every human ill.
 With this Vitapathy is sure
 To cure disease, and prevent death,
 With it human life will endure,
 And *increase* with every breath.

BENEDICTION.

May all now receive this spirit of life and love
 That is within, without, around, below, above,
 That fills all space, all time, and all eternity,
 And gives us health and life and immortality.

THE DAWN.

The dawn of light and life is here,
 The kingdom of health is at hand,
 Better times for all mankind is near,
 Bringing joy and peace to our land.

The gates of life are open wide,
 The doors of health are free to all;
 Knowledge learned, and well applied,
 Saves humanity, great and small.

The dawn of health to all is here,
 The days of pain will soon be gone;
 The millennium time is near,
Now comes in the glorious morn.

Had I the strength of giant man,
 And tongue of angels to proclaim
 The worth of this curative plan,
 And tell the wonders of its fame,

I would spend my life for mankind,
 In teaching my race how to live,
 And eternity would still find
 Me willing my whole time to give.

VITA CURES.

Vita, feeder of my soul,
Let me to thy fullness come;
May Death's waves never roll
Over this my earthly home.

Vita will be all I need
In sickness or pain, to find
The power to cheer and lead,
Heal the sick and cure the blind.

Vita, healer of the sick,
Only raiser of the dead;
May we help the needy quick
Before their life's blood is shed.

Vita, fount of life and health,
Give us strength to ever live;
Give us health, greatest of wealth,
All its fullness to receive.

Vita, thyself all power,
Give us the power to cure;
Give us a healing shower
That will forever endure.

Vita, the great first and last,
Give us full life supernal;
Sickness, pain and death be past,
And we have life eternal.

NATURE OF VITA.

Highest spirit, finest matter,
 In soul and body meet,
 Spirit does all grossness scatter
 And leaves Vita complete.

In Vita all forces unite,
 In it all life combines
 Spirit and Matter—highest might—
 From life's exhaustless mines.

Vita full life to mortals give
 Here on this earthly shore,
 And all who seek it right shall live
 In health forevermore.

Vita has come; to all on earth
 Immortality dawns,
 Now each one can have the new birth,
 In days, and nights, and morns.

For Vita cures and Vita saves
 All with its living breath;
 There then will be no need of graves
 For there will be no death.

We now have felt the quickening breath
 Of Vita's living power,
 And soon triumphant over death,
 We'll hail the happy hour.

For this we hold our jubilee,
 For this with joy we sing—
 "Oh! grave, where is thy victory?
 Oh! death, where is thy sting?"

HOLD TO LIFE.

Aid—Hold the Fort.

Hold to life, by Vita's power,
 To all it is near;
 Let each receive it this glad hour,
 For Vita is here.

CHORUS.

Hold to life, there is no other.
 Our triumph is nigh;
 Mortal death can go no further,
 Life can never die.

Hold to life, Vita comes this hour,
 Deathless life is near;
 All can receive its fullest power,
 And live always here.

CHORUS.—Hold to life, etc.

Hold to life, there will be no death
 When all live aright,
 And take in life at ev'ry breath,
 Filled with spirit might.

CHORUS.—Hold to life, etc.

Hold to life, our cause is gaining,
 This our happy song,
 All truth forever remaining;
 Right shall banish wrong.

CHORUS.—Hold to life, etc.

PASSING TIME.

G. H. 138. AIR—The Solid Rock.

Oh ! light of years, tell me the source
Of life, that in its onward course
Always marks life's sure decline,
With footprints in the sands of time.

CHORUS.

On Vita's solid truth I stand,
All other faith is sinking sand.

In worlds of 'nature, can there be,
Somewhere found standing place for me,
Where I may mark each month and year,
And days and weeks that disappear.

CHORUS.—On Vita's, etc.

To write with firm and steady hand,
As at the desk I take my stand,
Lines that all may read and trace,
On the brow of Old Time's worn face.

CHORUS.—On Vita's, etc.

As swift as arrow from the bow,
The golden moments come and go ;
Sunbeams in my path I find,
Make dark'ning shadows left behind.

CHORUS.—On Vita's, etc.

But free as birds while on the wing
I'll soar above and sweetly sing ;
I'm going where all time will be
Forever written—Eternity.

CHORUS.—On Vita's, etc.

THE BEAUTIFUL LAND.

We shall live in the beautiful land,
 With our friends and our loved ones so dear,
 While angels help us on every hand
 To prepare us a dwelling place near.

CHORUS.

In the sweet by and by,
 We shall live in the beautiful land;
 In the sweet by and by,
 We'll live in Vita's beautiful land.

We shall sing on the beautiful shore
 The melodious songs of the blest,
 Where the pure shall be free evermore,
 And enjoy the true blessings of rest.

CHORUS.—In the sweet, etc.

We shall live in health by Vita's power,
 Leave behind all suffering and pain:
 Pleasantly enjoy each passing hour,
 In body and soul ever remain.

CHORUS.—In the sweet, etc.

WE 'VE A HOME OVER THERE.

Think of Vita's home over there,
By the side of the river of light !
Where the saints, all immortal and fair,
Are robed in their garments of white.
Over there, over there,
Oh, think of a home over there.

Think of Vita's friends over there,
Who before us the journey have blest
With the songs that they breathed on the air,
In their home in the palace of rest !
Over there, over there,
Oh, think of the friends over there.

We'll all find a home over there,
When the end of our journey we see ;
Many dear to my heart over there
Are watching and waiting for me.
Over there, over there,
We'll all find a home over there.

CELESTIAL GREETINGS.

AIR—Greenville.

Peace be thine, the angels greet thee,
 Kindred spirit, welcome here!
 In Vita's realm angels meet thee—
 Shed abroad their loving sphere.
 Enter, then, the sacred portals,
 Here thy heart's pure homage pay;
 For the beautiful immortals
 Gather in our midst to-day.

With us all the holy angels
 Reverent and adoring stand,
 While we hear divine evangels
 From the soul's great Vita Land.
 E'en though sorrow's chain hath bound us,
 All our grief shall pass away;
 For Vita's power hath crowned us
 In the glorious courts to-day.

 JOY TO THE WORLD.

AIR—Antioch.

Joy to the world, the darkness flies,
 Let men and women sing;
 Vita's light comes over the skies
 And waves its golden wing.

Joy to the world, for truth abounds,
 And error withering dies;
 In fragments, hurled upon the ground,
 Her broken altar lies.

Joy to the world the anthem be,
 A song of triumph sing,
 "Oh! Grave! where is thy victory?
 Oh! Death! where is thy sting?"

NEARER, VITA, TO ME.

AIR—Bethany

Nearer, Vita, to me,
 Nearer to me!
 E'en tho' it be a work
 That raiseth me,
 Still all my wish shall be,
 Nearer, Vita, to me,
 Nearer to me.

Though like a traveler,
 The sun gone down,
 Darkness comes over me,
 My rest a stone,
 Yet all my wish shall be,
 Nearer, Vita, to me,
 Nearer to me.

Then let my way be bright,
 Steps safe and sure,
 May Vita's power and light
 Always endure;
 While all my wish shall be,
 Nearer, Vita, to me,
 Nearer to me.

At last on joyful wing,
 Cleaving the sky,
 Sun, moon, and stars go by,
 Upward I fly;
 Still all my wish shall be,
 Nearer, Vita, to me,
 Nearer to me.

THE MORNING LIGHT.

The morning light is breaking
 The darkness disappears ;
 The sons of earth are waking
 And drying up their tears.
 Each breeze that sweeps the ocean
 Brings tidings from afar,
 Of nations in commotion,
 Prepared to banish war.

Now Vita's peace comes o'er us
 In many a gentle shower,
 And brighter scenes before us
 Are opening every hour ;
 Each sigh to Vita going
 Abundant answer brings,
 And spiritual gales are blowing,
 With peace upon its wings.

Great river of Vitation,
 Pursue thy onward way ;
 Flow on till every nation
 Receives a brighter day ;
 Flow on till all the lowly
 Triumphant reach their home ;
 Flow on till all the holy
 Proclaim—" Vita has come."

THE SWEET BY AND BY.

There's a land that is fairer than day,
 By Vita's power we see it so fair,
 And the angels wait over the way,
 To prepare us a dwelling place there.

CHORUS.

In the sweet by and by,
 We will meet on that beautiful shore,
 In the sweet by and by,
 We'll meet on Vita's beautiful shore.

We'll sing on Vita's beautiful shore,
 The melodious songs of the blest,
 And our souls will have sorrow no more,
 Nor a sigh for the blessing of rest.

CHORUS.—In the sweet by and by, etc.

We have gazed on the isles of the blest,
 And in spirit we sigh to be there,
 Where the sad and weary are at rest
 Without a shade of sorrow or care.

CHORUS.—In the sweet by and by, etc.

We'll meet on Vita's beautiful shore,
 And our loved ones will welcome us there,
 To enjoy all its bliss evermore,
 In the mansions celestial and fair.

CHORUS.—In the sweet by and by, etc.

WE'LL MEET BESIDE THE RIVER.

We shall meet on Vita's river,
 Where death's surges cease to roll,
 Where in Vita's bright forever
 Sorrow ne'er shall hurt the soul.

CHORUS.

We shall meet, we shall meet,
 We shall meet, we shall meet,
 We shall meet on Vita's river,
 Where death's surges cease to roll.

We shall meet in Vita's harbor,
 When our stormy voyage is o'er,
 We shall meet and cast our anchor
 On Vita's celestial shore.

CHORUS—We shall meet, etc.

Where the songs of those before us
 Roll in harmony around,
 And Vita's chimes swell the chorus,
 With its sweet, melodious sound.

CHORUS.—We shall meet, etc.

Yes, we shall meet all the loved ones,
 Torn on earth from our embrace,
 We shall listen to their love tones,
 And behold them face to face.

CHORUS.—We shall meet, etc.

THE BEAUTIFUL RIVER.

We shall gather at the river,
 Where bright angels' feet do stand
 Beside the crystal tide forever
 Flowing through the Spirit Land.

CHORUS.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
 The beautiful, the beautiful river—
 Gather with our loved at the river
 That flows through the Spirit Land.

On the margin of the river,
 Washing up its silver spray,
 We will walk, enjoying ever,
 All the happy, golden day.

CHORUS.—Yes, we'll gather, etc.

Ere we reach the shining river,
 Lay we every burden down ;
 Truth our spirits will deliver,
 And Vita give to us the crown.

CHORUS.—Yes, we'll gather, etc.

Soon we'll reach the vital river,
 Soon our pilgrimage will cease ;
 Then our happy hearts will quiver
 With the melody of peace.

CHORUS.—Yes, we'll gather, etc.

FROM GREENLAND'S ICY MOUNTAINS.

IMPROVED.

From Greenland's icy mountains,
 From India's coral strand,—
 Where Afric's sunny fountains
 Roll down their golden sand.

From many an ancient river,
 From many a palmy plain,
 They call us to deliver
 Their land from error's chain.

Shall we whose souls are lighted
 With wisdom from on high,
 Shall we to man benighted
 Great Vita's light deny.

Salvation 's free to all,
 The joyful news proclaim,
 'Till all people, great and small,
 Have heard of Vita's fame.

Waft ye winds Vita's story,
 And ye you waters roll
 'Till like a sea of glory,
 It spreads from pole to pole.

'Till all know Vita on earth,
 'Till all from shore to shore
 Shall receive the *newest* birth,
 And live forever more.

SALVATION BY VITA.

Salvation ! Oh, the joyful sound
 Of Vita's power to save,
 To cure our pains and ev'ry wound,
 And keep us from the grave.

Salvation ! from illness and death,
 By Vita's power divine,
 That is inhaled with ev'ry breath,
 To restore yours and mine.

Salvation ! let the tidings fly,
 Spread through the earth around
 While all the angels of the sky
 Shout the glorious sound.

Salvation ! for all here below,
 And for all those above ;
 Vita's all healing power does go,
 And saves all with its love.

Salvation ! let the watch word be,
 Great Vita's power proclaim ;
 Duty is plain for you and me
 To work in Vita's name.

NOTE.—Vita being a union of purest spirit and finest matter, is therefore the highest power in the universe, and is the culmination of all POWER.

GREAT BREATHING PRAYER.

Great breathing prayer! Great breathing prayer!
 That takes away all fear and care.
 Great Vita power and strength imparts,
 That fills our souls and warms our hearts
 As we breathe spirit from above;
 That fills us all with peace and love.
 May all the world its blessings share,
 By breathing prayer! By breathing prayer!

Great breathing prayer! Great breathing prayer!
 The friends in heaven that are *there*,
 All need to breathe, as we do here;
 To relieve all from doubt and fear,
 And take in life with every breath,
 That saves us all from pain and death.
 All can Vita's full blessings share,
 By breathing prayer! By breathing prayer!

Great breathing prayer! Great breathing prayer!
 In Vita all humans can share;
 Salvation's free to one and all,
 Free to all people, great and small;
 In earth and heaven all the same,
 All can breathe health in Vita's name;
 All can get of life a full share
 By breathing prayer! By breathing prayer!

N. B.— We breathe in spirit from the air that makes Vita in us, by which we have health, happiness, and immortality.

THE LAST SECRET! FINAL DISCOVERY!

COMPLETE METHODS AND PROCESSES FOR FULL SPIRITUALIZATION.

*Better Intelligence, fuller Knowledge, higher Wisdom,
greater Power, longer Life, and fuller Immortality.*

DIRECTIONS.

In addition to directions given about breathing, drinking, eating, proper clothing, shelter, etc., and obeying all the laws of life, which are sufficient for all common purposes of physical life for most people; and with full instructions in the Vitapathic System of Practice for Vitapathic physicians, all that is required of them is that they are honest and truthful, and practice Vitapathy in name and nature, as they have all signed printed agreements and pledges to do, entitling them to copyrighted Vitapathic system for *themselves*: this is all that is required of them. They may dress as they please, and believe as they please, so that they do right to everybody and not injure Vitapathy in any way.

In the above copyrighted system, library, college instruction and outfit, they get all they pay for, and in value worth many times more, and that ends our obligations to them. But if any Vitapathic graduate wants to go higher and receive the ministerial preparation and ordination, *which is a FREE GIFT from us*, they will have to prepare themselves for

THE SPIRITUAL BAPTISM AND ORDINATION,

According to the rules of our Religious Society as herein laid down, *and which is for their benefit*, but none are fit to take on these holy orders until they are thus prepared, and will devote their entire lifetime to the observance of these rules and duties,—

First.—They must dress plainly, without paint or powder.

Second.—They must not use tobacco or intoxicating drinks.

Third.—They must part their hair in the middle on the top of the head, from firmness over veneration to intuition to their *hairless* forehead, and dress it plain. This is an *outward* sign of their *inward* preparation and devotion, and is necessary to their full spiritization and full

POWER IN THE SPIRIT.

And here is unfolded the last secret and discovery that the higher wisdom and spiritual power comes in at the top of the head, and the hair *must be parted* there to let the wisdom spirit in; as hair is a *non-conductor*, and the applicant asks and desires—PRAYS *that way* for the wisdom spirit to enter there, baldness is not sufficient. The door of the soul must be opened by an effort, and the desire must be made to have the spirit come in there, for it will not come in unless so desired; the angels and the lords and the gods who are above us help us in this way. And this preparation and manner of life is not much to do by the applicant for so great a benefit. All societies have their methods of preparation, baptism and life, and initiation and rules for their members to observe, and the above are ours, and are the easiest and best and do the most good, because they let in spirit help that other systems do not do, this is the only way. But graduates of Vitapathy can practice as heretofore without this ministerial spiritual higher gift if they prefer, *no compulsion*. None need take on this development and power without they want to, but if they want to, they must prepare and do accordingly, there must be no deception or pretense in this higher and holier work.

REV. JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL, V. D.

Ordaining Minister.

ANOTHER LESSON.

HOW TO INCREASE SPIRIT POWER AND WISDOM AND
GAIN THE HIGHEST RESULTS.

Knowing now that the spirit of life is in the air, and that we can take enough of that *in* by *increased* breathing to cure disease and preserve health, and thus prolong the life of the physical body (as all animals can and do), and that by the higher *conscious* spiritual breathing we can develop and increase the POWERS of the soul, as I have been teaching before. And now for the

NEW LESSON.

THE SUMMING UP AND CROWN OF ALL MY TEACHINGS.

To get KNOWLEDGE and WISDOM, and "*prophecy*" and "*seeing*," and all spiritual gifts, and not only to increase the soul's own intellect, but also to get more intellectual power from higher sources, we have only to *consciously* and devotedly open the door of the soul at the top of the head, by parting the hair there in the middle (to both sides), and thus making way for and inviting the spirit to come in. This being properly done, then get some advanced and powerful human soul in the body (or out of it) to assist you, by standing over you as you sit, with the top hair parted ready to receive

THE HIGHER SPIRITUALIZATION,

As the operator collects and concentrates the spirit from the air (and angels assisting) and *pours* it down on your head and *into* your very soul, filling you with all the

FULNESS OF SPIRIT,

Fulfilling the prophecy of the prophet Joel, that "spirit should be *poured* out in these latter days." *See its effects as promised in the Bible.* This process may be repeated daily or weekly until complete success. Your brother and teacher,

JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D.

THE DE-OS.

HUMAN GODS AND GODDESSES.

(The last and the highest.)

As it has been ascertained that there are many gods, and *that* they are all of human origin,—educated, developed and exalted human souls; and as the process of development has been and is still increasing, there are and must be, as the apostle says, “many gods;” and as intelligence and perfection are increasing, there will be *many more of them* in the rolling years of the ages that are to come, in eternity’s ceaseless round.

As wisdom and goodness increase, higher teaching and better processes are employed, and more fully developed and more highly educated human souls, more capable to receive the better endowment, higher power, greater wisdom and fuller membership in the

BROTHERHOOD OF THE GODS.

There will not only be more gods and goddesses, but better ones (for the gods themselves are not perfect), and these most highly developed Human Soul Gods may finally reach the highest perfection in wisdom and power of

THE HIGHER GOD-HEAD,

And have full knowledge and power, and control the universe, and govern all things, and be able to do whatever they will, for in them culminates the highest wisdom and greatest power. And as human souls, through spiritual education, development, and endowment, and full control of the soul over the body, subjecting the physical to the spiritual by

following certain rules and regulations, can arrive at this higher condition, there is a chance for you; and prepared persons, both men and women, here and hereafter, can join the brotherhood and sisterhood of the gods and become full members of

THE GREAT DE-OS.

And now that the brotherhood is known and in operation, advanced humans can prepare to join it with others, *here* and "over there," and enjoy the benefits of the brotherhood. Advanced preachers, ministers, priests, bishops, cardinals and popes, who have developed up higher and have received

THE HIGHER SPIRITUAL BIRTH,

Can join this holy order and become members of the brotherhood of gods. Liberal teachers, scientists, philanthropists and progressives, can more easily and better prepare and *more quickly* join the brotherhood. Vitapathic graduates who have learned the great system of Vitapathy, are still better prepared, and especially V. D.'s, who have taken the higher steps and fuller degrees, as in the Vitapathic Breathing Prayer, Vital Milk Sacrament, Spirit Baptism, Ministerial Ordination and full

SPIRITUAL ENDOWMENT,

And have observed all the rules of preparation and dedication and spiritualization, and have obtained wisdom and power, are ready to join, *and do belong to*, the highest brotherhood of the gods, and compose

THE SUPREME DE-OS.

Your brother and leader,

JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL.

[Reported for the *Better Way*.]

AN INTERESTING MEETING.

On Sunday afternoon, November 9th, 1890, there took place at the American Health College Church in Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio, a wonderful meeting, it being the religious exercises of the Vitapathic Society, which is held at the close of each session of the American Health College.

After the auditorium was filled to overflowing with anxious men and women, the ceremonies commenced with choice music and songs appropriate to the occasion, by the choir and congregation, led by Mrs. Dr. Emma Hazen, the queen of music and song. Then Prof. John Bunyan Campbell, M. D., V. D., the founder of the Vitapathic System and its College, who first explained that the Great Spirit is an all-pervading life principle, filling all space, and giving life to all things, and that we can take it in by breathing, and especially by the silent breathing prayer by the Vitapathic process, which was fully explained by the Professor, when all stood up and breathed a prayer to themselves. Then, after some more music and song, the Professor explained the milk instead of wine sacrament, which the Vitapathic members then partook of. Then came the spirit baptism for the new members, which was followed by the more select ministerial ordination for the select few who were

prepared, and found worthy to receive this high office.

This is a very interesting ceremony in which the candidate sits on a chair, with the ordaining minister standing by his side, and some fifteen or twenty of the graduated members (who had previously received their diplomas from the college) standing around with joined hands, forming a circle of love and power, as the minister places his right hand on the candidate's organ of veneration, on the top of his head, and pronounces the words of ordination that makes the brother a minister of life in Vitapathy, by authority of law and religion, according to chartered rights of the Vitapathic system. Five brothers and sisters were thus ordained. *what?*

After which Mrs. Dr. Emma Hazen, V. D., the able professor and assistant teacher in the College, received from the graduating class a beautiful present of a magnificent gold watch and chain, presented in choice language by Prof. Campbell. The lady was taken by surprise, but answered in fitting words of gratitude. Prof. and Mrs. Dr. Campbell also received presents from the graduates, and all seemed happy.

During the whole meeting a wonderful power was felt by all, and throngs of angels were seen by clairvoyant eyes. R.

VITA PATHY:

A UNIVERSAL RELIGION AND A UNIVERSAL SCIENCE, FOR UNIVERSAL HUMANITY.

Religion is to learn nature's laws and obey them.
Science is to learn nature's laws and make them
obey us.

Religion is to learn and *obey*; Science is to learn
and *command*.

Religion prophesies; Science fulfills.

Religion and Science united, as in Vitapathy,
enables us to *be* and to *feel*, to *know* and to *do*,
everything, and to cultivate and develop the
highest powers of the human soul, and to triumph
over all at last.

And for universal use universal humanity needs
a UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE to express itself. All of
which will soon be reached; then there will be a
UNIVERSAL TRIUMPH, and death will be swallowed
up in *universal life*.

JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL.

RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE
Encyclopedia of Nature and Full Vitapathic Practice,

Copied from unsolicited letters from Vitapathic Physicians
who have procured the book.

Columbus, Texas, June 5, 1878.

Prof. J. B. CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D., Cincinnati.

Dear Brother Campbell—Your great book, the “Encyclopedia of Nature and Full Vitapathic Practice,” is received. I am delighted with it and the grand system of practice it so ably teaches. Its lessons of instruction are far ahead of anything I have ever read or heard of in a study and practice of twenty years, and worth more to me than a thousand dollars, indeed it is above price in value. Following its directions I am now curing the sick with a success unheard of before, and have just cured, with a few days’ Vitapathic treatment, several very severe cases, that had been given up to die. It is most wonderful, and astonishes everybody. I am sent for to go to Hempstead, to treat several of the first ladies of that city.

Blessing you every day for the grand Vitapathic system, I am, fraternally yours,

E. T. LEWIS, M. D., V. D.

Easton, Pa. May 30, 1878.

Prof. J. B. CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D., Cincinnati.

Dear Sir,—I have received the “Encyclopedia of Nature and Full Vitapathic Practice,” and in looking over it I find it is full and complete indeed.

The philosophy is grand; and I am confident the principles of Vitapathy, under your able leadership, cannot fail to succeed, and command the esteem of all intelligent people. The more I read the book the more I am pleased with its teachings, they are according to nature and science, and enable the physician to cure even where he has failed before.

With all honor and esteem, I am, respectfully
yours,
J. W. H. KNERR, V. D.
1008 Butler Street, Easton, Pa.

St. Louis, Mo., May 23d, 1878.

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL;

Dear Sir,—The great book has arrived, and I am reading it with delight and wonder. It is truly a great book, and unfolds many valuable secrets that a physician ought to know. I have felt the need of just such a work in my practice for many years. It will be a great help to me. It is truly a great "Encyclopedia of Nature," and explains fully the grand Vitapathic System of curing all diseases and preserving all life. Money is no equivalent for so great a work, and I shall never be able to repay you for it. I think you will have several students from this place, as they see I possess a superior power by knowing the Vitapathic System.

With best respect, I remain, your brother in
Vitapathy.

E. W. BRETZ, V. D.
523 Anna Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Marshalltown, Iowa, May 28th, 1878.

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL, V. D.

Dear Sir,—The great "Encyclopedia of Nature containing the full Vitapathic System of Practice," and a world of knowledge, has arrived. I am highly pleased with it. It is a grand effort

and must be crowned with success. "Glory to God for Vitapathy." To me it is a POWER. All my practice tells and is a CROWING SUCCESS, and may you live long to do good in the future, as you have done in the past.

My best wishes and highest respects to you. Please write often, for it does me good to hear from you. I am, as ever, your brother in Vitapathy.

J. C. HOWES, V. D.

Half-Moon Bay, Cal., May 25, 1878

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL, Cincinnati, O.

Dear Sir,—I have received the "Encyclopedia of Nature" safe by mail, and I assure you that I am much pleased with the book. It teaches those higher principles and methods of curing the sick so necessary to every physician who wants to be successful in practice.

"Vitapathy" is far superior to all other systems of medical practice; and your grand Encyclopedia teaches and explains it so fully that any intelligent reader must understand and practice it with success. My success is most astonishing to myself as well as to my patients.

With all respect, I am, fraternally yours,

W. D. CHURCH, V. D.

Sycamore, Illinois, May 27, 1878.

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D.

Pres. of American Health College, Cincinnati.

Dear Sir,—Your big book, the "Encyclopedia of Nature and Full Vitapathic Practice," arrived in due time. I have examined it and read its heavily freighted pages. I find it contains a world of knowledge, the highest and most important, and yet told in language so plain that all can read and understand. It takes but few words to tell

the truth and to the point, which all your books are noted for. Hoping that you may live long and extend wide the benefits of the Vitapathic System.

I remain, truly, yours,

W. E. SWETLAND, V. D.

Brooklyn, N. Y., May 30, 1878.

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL;

Dear Sir,—The book of books, the "Encyclopedia of Nature and Full Vitapathic Practice," arrived in due time and in good condition. It is indeed a wonderful book. I have been reading everything that I could find that would throw better light on the medical profession for many years, and thought I had read up even to the highest and best, but this excels them all. It imparts so much knowledge and confers thereby so much power, that it should only be read and used by an honorable medical profession, in whose hands it will be a blessing to the world.

With sentiments of high regard, I am, most respectfully, yours,

C. C. BINGHAM, D. S., M. D., V. D.

478 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dr. Bingham's letter to Dr. James H. Porter, of Providence, Rhode Island, who inquired of Dr. Bingham about the Vitapathic System.

Brooklyn, N. Y., May 30, 1878.

DR. J. H. PORTER, Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir,—Your letter of inquiry is received. Please pardon my delay in answering it, as I have been very busy.

But now, in reply, would say, that I have known Dr. Campbell, the founder of the Vitapathic Med-

ical System, for fifteen years, and can truthfully say that he is a practical and scientific man and honorable in all his dealings. And from my own experience in the practice of medicine and dentistry for twenty-seven years, and extensive reading and acquaintance with all systems of practice, I fully believe that there is no system of practice that can stand the test with Vitapathy in curing diseases of all kinds; and I further believe that it will soon take the place of all others, and be the only system practiced among intelligent people. My success with it is all that I could ask.

The System is all that Prof. Campbell claims for it, and you will certainly find it to your interest to learn it. Most respectfully, yours,

C. C. BINGHAM, V. D.

478 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

White Cottage, Green Co., Pa., June 14, 1878.

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D.

Dear Sir,—The great book, "Encyclopedia of Nature," which I received of you some time ago, has been well perused, but I find it must be studied to comprehend its grand lessons. In my long life of reading and practicing I have studied everything that I could get on all systems of medical practice, including the newest and best. But I can truly say that I find the Vitapathic System to be the CROWNING GLORY of all. I have always had magnetic healing power, which I never understood nor knew how to employ until I studied Vitapathy.

With the Vitapathic System I now cure palsy and other difficult chronic diseases in a short time. And in acute diseases, fevers, etc., Vitapathy is quick and sure. And in small-pox, measles, scar-

let fever, etc., the antidote treatment arrests the disease immediately.

With much respect, I am, yours truly,

T. T. WILLIAMS, M. D., V. D.

Marionville, Forest Co., Pa., July 15, 1878.

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL;

Esteemed Sir,—The "Encyclopedia of Nature" came to hand in due time, and I think it is the greatest of all books. And the Vitapathic System, which it so fully and ably teaches, is the greatest of all systems for curing diseases and saving life. I have learned more from this book that is useful in my profession than I ever learned before from all books, lectures, college instruction, and practical experience combined. Indeed, Prof. Campbell, I can truthfully say that I would not take a thousand dollars for what I have learned from you and from your books, for it is certainly worth more than that to me.

Yours, most respectfully,

O. J. HARRIS, M. D., V. D.

Janesville, Wis., July 31, 1878.

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D., Cincinnati.

Ever Dear Sir,—I desire to say that I have carefully read and fully studied the "Encyclopedia of Nature and Full and Complete Vitapathic Practice," and am amazed and delighted at the succinct and comprehensive manner and matter of your grand book. It should be in the hands of every physician. As a Vitapathic Physician I am proud of it. No circumlocution; no covering up of the truth with fine spun theories. It is simple, profound, logical, and deep, yet plain matter of fact. Like the Colossus of Rhodes, it is one of the wonders of the world, and spans the entire

passage from the Fountain of Health to the Citadel of Disease. Its scientific and successful methods for preparing and vitalizing medicines; its higher philosophy of health and disease; its power to grasp the abstruse difficulties of body, mind, and soul, are all very wonderful; its systems of diagnosis, surgery, pathology, and physiology are complete; its method of eliminating disease, pernicious drugs, and deadly poisons from the human system, is truly beyond criticism; its better knowledge of disease; its higher uses of vital and vitalized medicines, food, water, air, heat, light, electricity, and vital magnetism, make a system of medical practice unsurpassed and unsurpassable, with which I am fully satisfied, and am truly grateful to you, for it enables me to cure disease when all else has failed. I ever remain your brother in the knowledge and power of Vitapathy,

E. W. STEVENS, M. D., V. D.

Cincinnati, O., August 8, 1878.

Dear Sir,—In answering your inquiry of me as to my opinion of Dr. Campbell's new work, "Encyclopedia of Nature," my name being attached to it as printer, I must say that I considered it one of the most wonderful books ever issued from the press, and that it deserves a careful reading by every man and woman engaged in practicing the healing art, to whatever school of medicine they may belong. I have done business with Dr. Campbell for over twenty years, and have ever found him prompt and upright in all his dealings. His theory of disease and means of cure, although new, are strictly philosophical, and must soon cause an entire revolution in the practice of medicine. Respectfully yours, H. WATKIN.

Book and Job Printer, 119 W. Fifth St.

"I begin to realize the wonderful POWER of Vitapathy. Every man who has its secrets has a POWER almost unlimited, and can cure disease, prevent death, and do many wonderful things."

W. J. ATKINSON, M. D., V. D., Pisgah, Mo.

"I feel the wonderful POWER that is imparted by the lessons in Dr. Campbell's book on Vitapathy. And as I drink in the glorious knowledge contained in its glowing pages, my soul seems filled with a sacred fire and living POWER that seems unlimitable and inexhaustible."

MRS. C. O. RICHARDSON, V. D.

Brockport, N. Y.

"My soul thrills with joy as I read the Vitapathic Lessons. They have opened my mind to nature's sublimest truths, enlarged my capacities to think and comprehend, and conferred a POWER that the world knows not of."

MRS. L. O. BASSETT, V. D.

Springfield, Utah.

"As much as I have known of electricity and magnetism, I did not know the HIGHER POWER, nor how to use it, until I read Dr. Campbell's book on Vitapathy. I owe him a debt of gratitude that life itself is too short to pay."

J. N. ADKINS, V. D.

Lampasas, Texas.

"In my medical practice of thirty years I endeavored to learn everything that was knowable, and employed electricity and magnetism to their highest extent. But now I find a still higher power, as taught in the higher lessons in Vitapathy, by Prof. Campbell. This power I find almost unlimited, and seems to be the POWER of all POWER."

H. M. JOHNSON, M. D., V. D.

Piqua, Ohio.

What the Public Press and the People Say about Dr. Campbell's Great Discoveries.

In addition to the great Vitapathic System which Prof. J. B. Campbell has Originated, Founded, and Established, and which is now spreading over the civilized world, curing disease and saving life, as has never been done before, he has now capped the climax and crowned all with the greater discovery of VITA, the Life Principle itself, which cures disease, prevents death and must make perfected

HUMANS IMMORTAL.

Hear what learned physicians, ministers and scientists say about Prof. Campbell's greatest of all discoveries:

Rev. J. M. Green, a Presbyterian minister of Charleston, S. C., has published a book against Spiritualism, in which he says there is being discovered a new element or power in nature, kindred to electricity and magnetism, but greater than them both, by which the so-called spiritual manifestations are produced, and many wonderful things done. Inspired theologians and learned scientists have been looking for a new power, higher than ever known before, and expecting with it, when found, to solve the problem of physical and spiritual life, and maintain and perpetuate both alive together, and thus practically banish death! and bring in

THE MILLENNIUM.

The learned and experienced Le Roy Sunderland, in his late writings, says, that there is a power in nature greater than any yet discovered, which is now ready to dawn upon the world, and says, that Dr. J. B. Campbell, of Cincinnati, the Founder of the Vitapathic System, calls it "VITA," or, "VITA-PATHY."

A convention of learned doctors, ministers and scientists have just unanimously reported, after full examination and deliberation, that Prof. John Bunyan Campbell, M. D., V. D., President of the American Health College and Founder of the Vitapathic System, in addition to his many valuable discoveries in Electricity and

Magnetism, and other Natural Vital Forces, has crowned all by the discovery of

VITA,

The highest power in nature, and the *real* life-principle, and has well named it "Vita," because it is life, or the "Life-Principle," which only *can* and *does* cure disease, preserve health, prevent death, and must ultimately perpetuate human life and make man immortal. Prof. Campbell, who has been so ably teaching his great Vitapathic System of Practice, now adds this greater discovery of "Vita," without extra charge, for it is considered above price.

Many physicians and ministers, as well as other men and women, have learned the Vitapathic System of Prof. Campbell, and their success in practice is shown by what the public and the public press say of them and of their wonderful cures. Take, for instance, the success of Dr. R. C. Flower, V. D., of Boston, formerly a Minister of the Gospel, but since a pupil of Prof. Campbell, and a graduate of the American Health College.

An editor-correspondent writes to and for the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*, a large weekly and daily paper, and says, that Dr. Flower (Vitapathic Physician) has a peculiar way of examining patients and correctly diagnosing their diseases instantly, and without asking questions. The editor also states that his success in curing disease is without a parallel, and that he cures all, even those given up to die by other physicians.

Mr. Arthur Conant, of Warwick, Mass., says, that a Vitapathic Physician (one of Dr. Campbell's pupils) described his disease and even long forgotten incidents of his life accurately without asking questions, and says that his cures are most wonderful, and thinks that such doctors must be inspired and have special gifts from

THE HIGHER POWERS.

An eminent minister of New York City, who has been employing a Vitapathic Physician in his family with the most complete success, says, that such wonderful skill in diagnosing disease, and such wonderful and unlimited power in curing all ills that human life is heir to, must be a special gift from God.

And the editor of the *Albany Evening Journal* reports a prominent minister of New York, who has employed a Vitapathic Physician of that city in his family, after all others had failed, as saying, that he regarded this doctor as the most wonderful man in the world, and that he must certainly be gifted of God for the healing of the people.

The Rev. Dr. Stykes, a Presbyterian minister of Saratoga, N. Y., says of a Vitapathic Physician of that State, that his diagnosis and cure of diseases are most remarkable; and the reverend divine further says, that he has been preaching that the days of miracles are past, but now it seems that they are not past.

An eminent minister who has learned and is preaching and practicing the Vitapathic System, says, that "Vitapathy is the hope of the world, for it makes people better physically and spiritually, and saves both body and soul alive together, and must ultimate in the millennium."

"I find that Vitapathy is a POWER by which we may bid defiance to disease and to death itself. I would not be without it for many times its cost.

"J. N. ATKINSON, M. D., V. D., Sedalia, Mo."

The editor of the *Boston Evening Traveler* says, in his paper, that a Vitapathic Physician of that city has a national reputation in and around the city, and that within a radius of twelve miles of Boston he has thousands of patients, and including those by mail and by telegraph he has nearly twenty-five thousand patients, and he receives hundreds of letters and telegrams every day from his patients, expressing highest gratitude and most wonderful cures. And says, that he has restored to health thousands that other physicians had given up to die. Every day's mail carries his vital magnetic remedies to hundreds of the sick and afflicted and brings back the reports of most wonderful cures. The editor closes by saying: "Facts are stubborn things, and such cures speak for themselves." And he thinks every physician, and all engaged in promoting the health of the people, should learn and practice the Vitapathic System.

Dr. J. B. Campbell's Success in Curing the Sick

Hon. Richard C. Hill, editor of the *Friendship Chronicle*, Allegheny County, N. Y., says, in his paper, "That the wonderful cure made by Dr. Campbell, in one treatment, on Daniel Corbin, an eight years' invalid, is a 'Marvel if not a Miracle.'"

Col. A. J. Shakespeare, editor of the *Kalamazoo Gazette*, says, in his paper, that "The marvelous cures made by Dr. Campbell, of Cincinnati, on Mrs. Katie Coleman and Dr. Grimes, eleven years incurable sufferers, and other sick and dying people of Kalamazoo, seems like actually raising the DEAD."

And the *Kalamazoo Daily Telegraph* says, that "Dr. J. B. Campbell, the Founder of the Vitapathic System, has done wonders in curing many of our best citizens of heretofore incurable diseases. He literally made them take up their beds and walk." "Our oldest citizens were amazed, and exclaimed that it was like Raising the Dead."

Dr. Campbell's cures remain permanent as ascertained in Cincinnati, by a test of twenty-five years.

Extracts from the Press of Cincinnati.

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D.,

**"After twenty-five years successful practice in this city,
now closes his office."**

"Having spent three score years in Study, Discovery, Invention, and Practice, and having Originated, Completed, and Established the great Vitapathic System of Health and Life, and taught it to other physicians and ministers, who are now practicing it with great success; and having himself restored to health and happiness many thousands of suffering invalids, he now retires from active practice, and devotes his time to teaching and qualifying other suitable persons to go forth to cure the sick, and to restore to health and happiness earth's suffering millions; and when his college is not in session he travels and gives Public Lectures Free to the people."

"The memory of JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL must ever be enshrined in the hearts of a grateful people who have been so much benefitted by his skill and life-long services."

"The System of Health and Life for Body and Soul which Dr. Campbell has Founded, with the American Health College and Vitapathic Sanitarium that he has erected and dedicated forever to Vitapathy for the benefit of the American people, will be his enduring MONUMENT."

Patients are still received at the Vitapathic Sanitarium, in Fairmount, and attended by skillful Vitapathic Physicians for the cure of all Chronic Diseases and Debilities.



The dawn of light and life is here,
The kingdom of health is at hand,
Better times for all mankind is near,
Bringing joy and peace to our land.

The gates of life are open wide,
The doors of health are free to all ;
Knowledge learned, and well applied,
Saves humanity, great and small.

The dawn of health to all is here,
The days of pain will soon be gone ;
The millennium time is near,
Now comes in the glorious morn.

Had I the strength of giant man,
And tongue of angels to proclaim
The worth of this curative plan,
And tell the wonders of its fame,

I would spend my life for mankind,
In teaching my race how to live,
And eternity would still find
Me willing my whole time to give.

COMPOSED BY

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D.

Founder of the Vitapathic System.

*Put a written
answer to it!*

TRUE FRIENDSHIP.

*True Friendship abides forever,
It will tire or weaken never ;
Though selfish love grows weak and cold,
Friendship increases manifold.*

*True Friendship loves to meet again,
And with True Friends ever remain ;
But selfish love soon weakens down,
And false smiles are changed to frown.*

*True Friendship's tie shall ever be
The tie that binds true friends to me ;
False friends one by one soon may part,
But I will still be true in heart.*

*True Friendship will always endure,
And make all ties steadfast and sure,
True Friendship grows with ev'ry breath,
And continues lasting in death.*

Your True Friend,

Nov. 4, 1886.

John Bunyan Campbell.

AMERICAN HEALTH COLLEGE,

FAIRMOUNT, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION OF VITAPATHIC PHYSICIANS

September the 9th, A. D. 1881; V. D. 11.

AT THE
NEW AMERICAN HEALTH COLLEGE,
FAIRMOUNT, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

The Convention assembled at 9 A. M., members being present from many of the States.

The Convention was called to order by Dr. T. T. Williams, of Pennsylvania, President *pro tem*.

On motion, Wm. Rose, M. D., V. D., Principal of the Louisville (Ky.) Vitapathic Health Institute, was elected permanent President; and Prof. S. S. Cook, M. D., V. D., Principal of the Cincinnati Cancer Infirmary, 163 Elm street, was elected Secretary.

President Rose, on taking the chair, opened the Convention by some terse and eloquent remarks, advocating the principles of the Vitapathic System of Cure, and explaining his success and confidence in its practice, and referring to the rapidity with which the New System is gaining in popular favor, and its great success over all other systems of practice.

All being anxious to hear from Prof. Campbell, their able teacher, whom all loved and delighted to hear. He, on being specially called upon, delivered a long and brilliant lecture, full of instruction and wisdom, on the great principles of Vitapathy, as fully taught in his books and verbal lessons, which was enthusiastically and thankfully received and highly appreciated by the whole Convention.

Then, on motion of Dr. Williams, a committee was

appointed to report on the views of the Convention, consisting as follows: Dr. T. T. Williams, Dr. H. O. Candee, Dr. J. W. H. Knerr, Dr. E. J. House, Dr. J. S. Kies, and Dr. H. E. Rose.

After further speeches and business the Convention adjourned until 2 P. M.

2 o'Clock P. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment (other members having arrived in the mean time), President Rose in the chair.

First business in order was the report of the Committee on the Vitapathic System, its Founder and its new College, which was received and unanimously adopted by the whole Convention, and ordered to be published in its proceedings.

Opportunity was then given for general remarks, which was embraced by a few. But all were anxious to hear another lecture from Professor Campbell, the founder of this great System of Health and Life for both Body and Soul, which he gave in his plain and instructive manner, principally on the Vitapathic System of safe and successful Surgery, and safe and painless Parturition, and sure and correct methods of Diagnosing Disease, and his rapid methods of cure.

All expressed themselves as delighted and glad to be here, and felt that they had been much profited by attending the Convention.

After which Prof. Cook made some forcible remarks on the superiority of the Vitapathic System over all others, and explained how easily President Garfield could have been cured in a few days without waste of vital force or danger. Dr. Cook also spoke knowingly of the success of the Vitapathic method of Painless Parturition, and its glorious boon to women.

President Rose also made some very appropriate

remarks on the safety and success of Vitapathic Surgery in his experience.

After appropriate remarks and cheering reports by other Vitapathic Physicians the Convention adjourned to meet again in the same place, on the 9th day of September, A. D. 1882 ; V. D. 12.

WM. ROSE, M. D., V. D., *President*

S. S. COOK, M. D., V. D., *Secretary*.

We, the undersigned, Convention Committee, appointed by our fellow graduates of the American Health College, Cincinnati, Ohio, in Convention assembled, this 9th day of September, A. D. 1882, V. D. 12, to celebrate the sixty-first birthday of the founder of Vitapathy, and to dedicate the college edifice which he has erected, in Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio, and endowed to the interests of Vitapathy and Humanity, and to further report on the Vitapathic System itself, do hereby most respectfully report as follows:

That we recognize in Prof. J. B. Campbell, M. D., V. D., of this city, the founder of the great Vitapathic System of Health and Life, a man of superior attainments, who, by his tireless efforts, combined with extraordinary natural genius, scientific skill, and wonderful healing power—making him the world's benefactor, and the only man who has succeeded in discovering and utilizing the vital forces of nature, and uniting them into a grand System of Health and Life, for body and soul, and raised the "Art of Healing" to a science, employing the best uses of Vital Medicines, Food, Water, Air, Heat, Light, Electricity, and Magnetism in a complete system of cure, and made it plain so that others can learn and practice it with success—curing disease and preventing death; and with his correct method of diagnosis, better surgery, and easier parturition, crowning the Vitapathic System with a completeness and success heretofore unknown in the practice of medicine (having learned and practiced the old systems, we can judge of the superiority of VITAPATHY and fully endorse all that he claims for it). And furthermore, we find he has discovered VITA, the True source of Life, from which the Vitapathic System derives its Name and Power: And that the American Health College, over which he presides, instructs and graduates a higher grade of Health Doctors, making them both Physicians and Ministers, legally qualifying them to fully administer to the wants of the entire man, in both body and soul. Furnishing mankind, through the Vitapathic System, the best health and highest religion.

For all these discoveries, benefits, and privileges made accessible to us and to whomsoever will—that is worthy—we thank

our Brother, Friend, Teacher, and Benefactor, John Bunyan Campbell, the Father of Vitapathy.

Adopted by Committee,

T. T. WILLIAMS, M. D., V. D., Nettle Hill, Pa.
H. O. CANDEE, M. D., V. D., Washington City, D. C.
J. W. H. KNERR, M. D., V. D., Easton, Pa.
E. J. HOUSE, M. D., V. D., Washington C. H., O.
MRS. J. S. KIES, M. D., V. D., Cincinnati, O.
MRS. H. E. ROSE, M. D., V. D., Louisville, Ky.

The above report was unanimously adopted by the whole assembly, and ordered to be published in the reports of the Convention.

WM. ROSE, M. D., V. D., *President*.
S. S. COOK, M. D., V. D., *Secretary*.

Many cheering letters and enthusiastic Toasts were received from Vitapathic Physicians who could not leave their practice to attend personally. One example (renewed from last year) we will find room for.

All honor to John Bunyan Campbell, M. D., V. D., the Founder of the great Vitapathic System, President of its College, Friend of Humanity, Successful Physician, and our illustrious Preceptor, who has advanced Medical Practice to a Science, and made it successful in the cure of every disease of body and mind.

May he live forever to witness the continued triumphs of Vitapathy. Fraternally,

G. H. BINKLEY, M. D., V. D., G.M., D.D.S.
Queens P. O., McMinn Co., Tennessee.

In the evening the New College and Sanitarium was grandly illuminated and opened to the public, when some three hundred of Prof. Campbell's friends and neighbors assembled to congratulate and do him honor, and admire the beautiful rooms, rich furniture, and splendid parlors, and make each other happy as they thronged through the spacious building to the harmonious strains of soul-enchancing music, and trip the light, fantastic toe in the magnificent Lecture Hall of the College.

Regular Courses of Vitapathic Lectures commence in the American Health College on the 1st of March and October, and continue two months, at each of which the prepared can graduate and receive diploma. Physicians of all other Schools of Practice can graduate in this Highest System, on the most favorable terms. Apply to its President,

PROF. J. B. CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D.

Fairmount, Cincinnati, O.

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
AND CELEBRATION OF THE
Sixty-Fifth Birthday of Prof. J. B. Campbell, M. D., V. D.
*The Founder of the Vitapathic System and Founder and President
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BY
Vitapathic Minister-Physicians,
IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED ON
September 9th, A. D. 1885; V. D. 15,
AT THE
AMERICAN HEALTH COLLEGE,
FAIRMOUNT, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

The Vitapathic Brotherhood and Sisterhood, in Convention assembled at the American Health College, Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio. President Rose in the Chair.

The members of the Convention were heartily welcomed by Prof. J. B. Campbell, the *Originator, Founder, Expounder, and Teacher of Vitapathy*, the most complete *Religious, Scientific System of Health and Life* ever presented to the human family. Prof. Campbell, their able teacher, whom they all respect and love, not only welcomed all to the Convention and *Home of Vitapathy*, but gave them a grand Lecture-lesson of convincing power on the lofty and sublime truths embodied in the great Vitapathic System, all of which was enthusiastically and thankfully received by the members of the Convention. The address of their illustrious preceptor was terse and pointed, a brilliant effort of this wonderful Healer, Physician, and Teacher and world's benefactor. He forcibly enunciated the

duties devolving upon all Vitapathic Minister-Physicians, and in unmistakable language drew the line between the faithful and true V. D. and the timid Vitapathic Minister-Physicians, who place the great light of Vitapathy under a bushel, and do not proclaim that they are Vitapaths, but use its power to cure disease without letting the public know that they are Vitapathic Minister-Physicians, and wear the hypocritical mask of deception, claiming to be M. D.'s when they were Graduated, Diplomated and Ordained V. D.'s, Vitapathic Minister-Physicians, and that only, and having pledged their sacred honor, and signed agreements thereto that they would fully practice Vitapathy in NAME AND NATURE, and nothing else, and to do nothing to hide or injure the great name and noble cause of Vitapathy. As the Professor advanced in his discourse with the power of his tireless will, he wove the strands of Vitapathy into a more compact fabric, and with a vividness of conception and intensity of purpose, inspired the Convention with bright glimmerings of the beautiful "*Vita Land*," and the glory of its power which arches over the heads of all true Vitapathic Minister-Physicians who practice Vitapathy in *full* in NAME AND NATURE, and as if inspired with the eloquence of a sublime moral heroism uttered with emphasis and power—"BY THIS SIGN WE CONQUER;" namely, VITAPATHIC-MINISTER PHYSICIAN! The power of his speech thrilled the Convention like an electric shock—indelibly electrotyping it on the memory of all present; and showing also the wonderful power of the Vitapathic System, also the moral and physical weakness of V. D.'s who would hide and quench Spirit—the *divine source of life* and producer of VITA—from which the Vitapathic System derives its name and power, and by which it can cure diseases and infirmities of body and soul, and promote health and happiness here and hereafter, now and forever.

William Rose, M. D., V. D., Principal of the Louisville Vitapathic Health Institute, and President of the Convention, made some strong and eloquent remarks on the grand principles of the Vitapathic System of Health and Life. He explained how it furnished mankind the best health and highest religion through and by its new and superior treatment of all diseases, and the development of the powers of the human soul, all of which surpassed anything ever known—perfectly delightful to the conception of all progressive minds. He referred to his success in the practice of Vitapathy, and the superiority with which the New System was gaining in popular favor, and its unprecedented success in the cure of disease.

D. M. McFall, M. D., V. D., of Nashville, Tenn., read a paper before the Convention on "*Neurasthenia of the vaso-motor Nervous System*," setting forth the danger of mistaking the pathology of this disease for uterine diseases, and referred to the vast superiority of the sure method of Diagnosis of the Vitapathic System; then, after short speeches by others, the following resolutions were offered by Dr. McFall, and unanimously adopted by the Convention:

First—WHEREAS, All drugs used as therapeutic agents have an influence over the organizing or formless forces, but exercise no control—no influence whatever—over the form-forces that preserve organized form amid the ceaseless molecular changes throughout the wide range of organized life, and that unvitalized substances and drug medicines are but dead, useless matter, that do injury instead of good;

AND WHEREAS, All systems of medicine based on drug medication stand as a unit against all other systems;

AND WHEREAS, Vitapathy, through its own discovery of Spirit Power and use, can and does cure disease better through Vita than by any system of drug medication, therefore we want it expressly understood that we are not practitioners of medicine or M. D.'s, nor do we use any dead, inert, useless, injurious

drug medicines as M. D., Medical Doctors do ; and that V. D.'s are Vitapathic Minister-Physicians, and use Spirit through Vita instead of Matter to cure disease ;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, as a *System of Health and Life, Vitapathy* shall henceforth be not only practiced, but publicly preached, taught and lived by each and every graduate of the American Health College to the full extent of all the Vitapathic System of Health and Life implies. And that all graduates of the American Health College *must* advertise themselves as Vitapathic Minister-Physicians, *and nothing else*.

Second—BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 9th day of September shall be faithfully adhered to as the day on which the Vitapathic Brotherhood and Sisterhood shall hold their Annual Convention and Celebration of the Birthday of Prof. John Bunyan Campbell, M. D., V. D., the Father of Vitapathy, at the American Health College, Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Third—BE IT RESOLVED, That the officers of the present Convention hold over till the assembling of the next Annual Convention.

Then with many thanks to Prof. Campbell and his noble lady for their kind and ample provisions for the physical comforts of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood during the Convention, and for the presence and comfort and assistance of the throngs of Angel-Spirits who attended the Convention, and *continually* make glorious this Home of Vitapathy and MECCA of the Vitapathic Brotherhood, where humans and Angels delight to meet, and in one happy throng have heaven on earth.

The Convention adjourned to meet on the 9th day of September, A. D. 1886 ; V. D. 16, at the American Health College, Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio.

WM. ROSE, M. D., V. D., PRESIDENT,
J. C. UNDERWOOD, V. D., SECRETARY.

P. S.—The official business done by the Convention will be found recorded in the College Book of Records.

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

AND CELEBRATION OF THE

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Then DR. WM. ROSE, V. D., of Louisville, Ky., made some eloquent remarks on the grand principles, and power, and success of the Vitapathic Spiritual System, and its superiority over Material Medical Systems that he had practiced [in his early manhood, and spoke of Vitapathy as a complete Vital Spiritual System of health and life, for body and soul, and fully meeting all the health wants of mankind; and he urged that it was the duty of all Vitapathic Minister-Physicians to proclaim this grand System of Health to the world for the benefit of all people.

DR. S. S. COOK, V. D., of Dayton, Ohio, spoke next, and explained fully the methods of Vitapathic treatment that had been so successful in his practice, and by his able advice benefiting all that were present.

DR. J. S. BARDWELL, of Ridgeway, Pa., spoke of the superiority of this Vitapathic *Spiritual* System of Cure, and of its great success in curing difficult Chronic and Nervous Diseases

that *Material Medical Systems* had failed to cure. He spoke also of the Vitapathic processes by which he had raised to life the apparently dead, in cases of drowning and from other causes, accounts of which restorations had been published in the papers of his city, where they had occurred. He had also heard that other Vitapathic Minister-Physicians had been equally successful.

DR. M. M. HOYT, V. D., of Troy, N. Y., spoke of the grandeur and power and success of this Spiritual Vitapathic System of health and life, for body and soul, and of her success in her city, where she is known as the "Minister Doctor."

DR. J. J. BLAIR, V. D., PROF. J. R. STAPLES, V. D., and other members of Cincinnati, spoke of their high appreciation of the Vitapathic System, that reaches all the health and spiritual wants of the human family. After which other members from other States were heard, all testifying to the infinite grandeur and success of this Spiritual System of cure after all *Material Medical Systems* had failed.

Some of these had been old M. D.'s, *Material Doctors*, and knew whereof they spoke from experience. They had become well convinced that dead, *inert* matter, used as medicine, killed ! while living, *active* Vital Spirit, as employed in Vitapathy, made alive !

Many letters of cheer and good will were received by the Convention from Brother and Sister Vitapathic Minister-Physicians, who live at so great a distance, and who are so busy in their practice, that they could not well attend, such as—

DR. J. D. MACLENNAN, V. D., of San Francisco, Ca.

DR. W. D. CHURCH, V. D., of Half-Moon, Cal.

DR. D. W. LYLE, V. D., of Middleton, Oregon.

DR. F. H. BOCKRATH, V. D., of Los Angeles, Cal.

DR. HUGH SEARCY, V. D., of Patriot, Ind. —

DR. C. D. HENRY, V. D., of Kirksville, Mo.

DR. E. T. LEWIS, V. D., of Columbus, Texas.

DR. J. N. ADKINS, V. D., of Lampassa, Texas.

DR. A. M. ATTOWAY, V. D., of Hillsboro, Texas.

DR. H. T. SHIPLEY, V. D., of Newark, Ohio.

DR. L. PATTERSON, V. D., of Galveston, Texas.

DR. R. C. PATTY, V. D., of Selma, Ala.
 DR. J. C. UNDERWOOD, V. D., of Memphis, Tenn.
 DR. T. H. LARAMIE, V. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y.
 DR. M. D. GAMBLE, V. D., of Waverly, N. Y.
 DR. W. I. HEWETT, V. D., of Friendship, N. Y.
 DR. E. M. ATWELL, V. D., of Naples, N. Y.
 DR. H. F. CRANE, V. D., of Buffalo, N. Y.
 DR. S. J. DAMON, V. D., of Lowell, Mass.
 DR. R. C. FLOWERS, V. D., of Boston, Mass.
 DR. J. W. H. KNERR, V. D., of Easton, Pa.
 DR. T. T. WILLIAMS, V. D., of Nettle Hill, Pa.
 DR. G. W. PICKIN, V. D., of Eau Claire, Wis.
 DR. J. E. STEER, V. D., of Minneapolis, Minn.
 DRs. R. R. and C. D. BLAIR, V. D.'s, the well-known Blair
 Brothers, of Nelson, Nebraska, and many others.

The day following there was a general conference, and many had a chance to speak who had not spoken before, and each expressed his matured thought and practical experience for the benefit of all, and all present were much edified, and all were glad to be there. And each V. D. who attends these yearly Conventions will surely be much benefited.

The next day followed the Religious Exercises and Ceremonies of the Vitapathic Society. First, the grand and significant Vitapathic Sacrament was administered to all. Then followed Spiritual Baptism to all who had not received it. Then followed the Ministerial Ordination to all who were ready to receive it and take on the full armor of Vitapathy. Thus these divine ceremonies were appropriately observed by the Brotherhood, in Convention assembled.

After which DR. WM. ROSE, V. D., being the oldest member of the Society, was elected permanent President, and DR. S. S. COOK, the next oldest member, was elected permanent Secretary.

The old Incorporated Trustees were retained.

The Convention then adjourned to meet again on the 9th of September, 1887, at the same place.

WM. ROSE, V. D., PRESIDENT.
 S. S. COOK, V. D., SECRETARY.