

And, furthermore, I suggest that while we habitually use our sinistro-cerebral character-centres with the same unconscious choice as leads us, for instance, to catch a rope flung at us with our right hand and not with our left, there are nevertheless certain states—supernormal as well as abnormal—in which our Ego (whatever that may be) expresses itself more readily through the dextro-cerebral centres, and assumes, therefore, a comparatively savage character.

If this be so, much light will be thrown on almost all that class of Spiritualistic manifestations which have been ascribed to *diabolic* agency. And if we are not ashamed of possessing a digestive system which includes the rudimentary “vermiform appendix,”—a motor system which includes the comparatively defective motor innervation of our left hands,—then surely we need not be ashamed of possessing an emotional and ideational system which includes dextro-cerebral elements some twenty generations or so in arrear of the epoch to which our brain, taken as a whole, entitles us to belong. For those who believe that our evolution has no assignable limit, there may even be something pleasing in such a token as this of the rapidity with which we are mounting on the endless way.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL MEETING ON

*Saturday, January 2, 1886.*

The eighteenth General Meeting of the Society was held at the Rooms of the Society of British Artists, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, on Saturday, January 2, 1886.

PROFESSOR SIDGWICK, VICE-PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. E. Gurney read part of a paper on “Collective Hallucinations,” since embodied in *Phantasms of the Living*.