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## BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS.

BY HENRY MORRISON TEFFT.

Words are immortal; sentences last longer than monuments. "In the beginning" God created the heavens and the Earth. "And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.'" These are great head-lines in history; the beginning of the flight of ages and the infinite duration of time. Notwithstanding all there is said about "The New Thought," "The Higher Criticism," the Bible is still supreme in the land. No higher grade of thought, or more eloquent expression of feeling and devotion can be found in the world of literature. Poetry, history, science and philosophy are all embraced in it pages; but the same inspiration that guided the minds of men then, exists and is in operation to-day. The authors of bibles are not the only inspired writers. Inspiration is a word of degree. One individual man is more highly charged than another. Shakespeare has been called "the inspired pagan." All the opinions, feelings, and thoughts of men were voiced in him.

"A man so various that he seemed to be Not one, but all mankind's epitome."

Every great prophet that has ever lived still speaks. The teachings of Zoroaster, Confucius, Buddha, Jesus, Mahomet, are as potent now as ever among their followers. No diminution in zeal, no falling off of believers. There are mountain tops in the spiritual and the intellectual world as well as in the physical. The life of Christ is still the highest type of human living. No sermon has ever excelled the one delivered upon the Mount.

"What though the story of the Cross Be but a figment of the brain— Is this for you and me a loss, May it not be for all a gain?"

Men mark epochs in history; they make days, occasions, and places memorable. The speech of Robert Emmett before the tribunal by whom he was tried; the speech of Webster at Bunker Hill; the speech of Lincoln at Gettysburg, will endure as long as patriotism lives and the English language is spoken. Whatever addresses itself to the universal conscience lives.

Institutions are the crystallized opinions, feelings and sentiments of a community, a people, or a race. None of the great religions of the world have ever died. The form under which they exist may be modified and changed but the spirit of them lives. They all have a miraculous inception. The more mythical the origin the stronger the hold upon the people. Whatever is vague, incomprehensible and imaginative has a strange fascination for the common mind. Men are proud to believe in authoritative statements, in oracles and teachers. Written history is largely false. No record is conclusive. The actor has to exaggerate his part, the novelist his characters and the artist the colors of his picture, in order to make them impressive. Mankind loves fiction, the ideal, the speculative. Facts are prosy—romance is full of life, hope, expectation. There is but little interest in a dead certainty. That which gives value to an article is its scarcity. We bow in adoration and worship before the "Unknownable." The human intellect could not worship a comprehensible God. The full possession of a pleasure decreases its enjoyment. It is what we cannot understand or possess that stimulates the imagination and the desire to obtain. Existence would become intolerable if all its illusions were swept away. We live more in the world of fancy than of fact. Whatever impress itself upon our imagination lasts. "The world is always for the dramatic. It forgets dialogue but always remembers a tab-

leau." The ancients stimulated the religious idea by architecture, sculpture and painting. One writer speaking of the statue of Jupiter, says: "And we are told, that the effect which this wonderful statue produced upon the mind was not limited to the superstition of the multitude; for one of the most celebrated of Roman Senators acknowledged that upon looking upon the Olympian Jupiter, his mind was moved as if the god was present." If we knew the origin of our creeds much of their sacredness would vanish. All beginnings are small and insignificant. A reform, a revolution, was once only a single voice. The child in the cradle gives no promise of the warrior, able statesman or wise counselor he may become. A casual phrase uttered, a sentence spoken, becomes the battle-cry of an army, or the mother of a nation. No one knows what hour will bring to him victory or defeat, fame or degradation. The glory of years is often lost in one moment of weakness. Napoleon was victorious at Austerlitz, Jena, Arcola, and Marengo, but wiped out at Waterloo. Hannibal was supreme at Cannae, but was annihilated at Janna.

"The valiant warrior famed for fight,

After a hundred victories, once foiled, So from the book of honor razed quite,

And all the rest forgot for which he toiled."

The accidental omission of a comma, in a criminal statute, has been known to change the degree of crime and the punishment to be inflicted upon a given state of facts, from which the law intended. Humboldt says, "The misinterpretation of a Spanish word has enlarged mountain-chains on maps, and created new ranges."

While law rules the universe, chance seems to sport with the fortunes of men.

Fate, destiny, foreordination—words of an unknown meaning—are potent in the affairs of this world. In every department of life the multitudes follow leaders. Their opinions are formed from impulse, feeling, desire, and not from reason or judgment. Ignorance is dogmatic and positive; learning begets caution and speaks in less positive terms.

When the public mind lays hold of a fact, it is hard to dislodge it, however erroneous it may be. No matter what writers may say, the world will never consent to rob Columbus of the honor of being the discoverer of America; Newton, the the glory of being the discoverer of the law of gravitation; Harvey, the circulation of blood; Morse, the invention of the telegraph, nor Shakespeare, the authorship of his plays.

Pure assertion finds its way to the hearts of more people than reason or logic. Sometimes it is difficult to tell from what source our ideas come. It is claimed that the writings, the philosophies and the fancies of great authors have been known to be more or less colored and affected by the state of their health. We are such creatures of time, place, and circumstance.

The soul cannot always soar, the mind cannot always rest in peace. The spirit, like the body, yields under certain pressure. The buoyant hope, the gladness thought, gives way, and darkness covers us like a garment. There are days when the very air is laden with sadness, oppressed with sacred memories; when every place seems an altar, every breeze a dirge, and every breath a prayer. The mental, spiritual and physical history enters into one's life work. While there are general conditions shared and experienced by all, yet in a certain degree, each individual lives in a world by himself. No two artists can paint the same picture of a person or a scene. No two persons have the same con-

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## A SPIRITUAL CIVILIZATION

In which Pain and Poverty have  
Disappeared.

J. C. F. GRUMBINE.

There is certainly no personal desire so uppermost in my mind as this and all times of the year as that of the liberation of mankind from poverty and pain. And I should like to be able to so arrange the conditions of life as to secure this boon for the human race for all time to come. Some are overzealous about man's future life beyond the grave. I cannot see how death can change a man's character or alter his condition, so long as he is arbiter of his fate. Life here has its parallel and correspondence there, but it is a straight line or a curve, in hell or heaven as he chooses or wills. Life is an omniscient, and I can add, omnipresent reality, over which death has no power or charms. To be immortal and at the same time, to be in pain and poverty will be hell beyond the grave as it is hell this side of the grave. To fancy that we slough off these ugly conditions when we die is a fancy only, which a deeper understanding of the radix of life, will at once destroy. Man's spiritual nature cannot be so outraged, nor can the law of the soul's actions be so transgressed. Whatever we sow that we reap in the eternal now, so with causes and effects, grouped together so as to defy chance or magic; and what is termed the future is the time for the demonstration of the same law for good or evil. The soul carries with it the seed which can produce wheat, or tares. So all the fine talk about man's demonstrable future life which I approve of heartily, is but a prelude to the eloquent proof of the belief in the only life. Immortality is the life of the spirit and has to do most with life and least with death. Death is the fleeting shadow or negative, on which the spirit pencils in black or white, its dark or light sphere of action. Few, even of enlightened Spiritualists realize how life, more life, abundant life, is the end of human struggle, the apotheosis of human action. And this abundant life cannot be appreciated or received by the soul that lives for itself and not for its divinity, in other words, that live a material, selfish, instead of a spiritual generous life.

Would that we all might enjoy a Spiritual civilization, in which pain and poverty have disappeared. Am I asking too much for the year 1906?

Am I anticipating the millennium? Perhaps! But any other civilization is but a step toward it, and until man is free of pain and poverty, civilization will but imperfectly define and stupidly illustrate the end of his greatness. We boast of a civilization which is the survival of the fittest in nature, but that word fittest is a word which means a measure, rather than a quality, and in civilization we are seeking for a quality beyond comparison, a quality which lifts civilization above the animal plane, above the plane wherein the struggle for mere existence, the Goliath of the jungle or city defeats the David, above even the historical period where a Christ was nailed to a cross—a quality, so pure that love will not be a thing of passion, and life a thing of birth.

Here some one will ask, well, that is all right but how are we to realize it? How will you begin such a structure of life whose greatness is eternal. There is a way which is and which would help solve the problem. Some years ago Henry George proposed a plan by which the disinherited classes should receive a portion of the land which God gave to all of his children for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This land he can use as a home or place of business, as a

means of existence, but now under landlordism, and the present social and industrial order, the power of subsistence is so great, labor and life so cheap, food and money so dear, that he cannot rise out of poverty. There are in New York City about 1,000,000 and in London, England, 800,000 homeless men, women and children. Yet there are lands unoccupied, acres and acres in England and the United States. Why this poverty in the midst of plenty? Is it moral rather than industrial, the result of sin rather than the result of a politico-economic system, in which greed has usurped the throne of personal sovereignty? No one who has studied the question will deny that land is necessary to life. No one can live without land. Man may be homeless, an outcast, but he must have land, even as a wanderer on the face of the earth. Land lies at the basis of toil, production, wealth. All wealth is converted at last into labor. Labor makes land what it is. It adds the increment of value to the land. How came the land to be owned, practically confiscated by the few? It was done by might—and not by right. And what might has done, right must undo.

What George proposed to do was to tax the unearned increment, that is, gather in by the process of taxation the increment which the community, by its labor gives to all the land in use, and so, gradually do away with private ownership in land. This unearned increment is a mighty big item and would, if collected, be sufficient to meet all public expenditures. Under George's system only this increment is gathered for taxes or is taxable. No labor, no improvements, no production, involving human toil is taxable. This system would force everyone to work. There could be no idle or leisure class, save as their leisure has been earned by legitimate toil. Poverty would be eliminated, because every man, woman and child could find work for hand or brain and where there are now twenty-five men looking for one job, there would be more work than men to do it.

Finally, under such a social regime, where wealth is the power to labor, and labor is the life of the world, disease, caused by unnatural conditions, would disappear, and pain as that word is understood, would cease to afflict the race of men. Pain is pleasure after it has fermented. Life under this new industrial system will be love's republic, in which pain and poverty will end, because man will be restored to his spiritual normality and that is heaven.

## Sombre or Bright—Crepe or Flowers at Funerals.

The use of flowers instead of crepe for funerals is a subject of discussion among Canadian undertakers just now. Why not? To the Christian whose creed is more than a form or a habit, death should not be an occasion for the outward display of grief. We profess to believe that

"There is no death! What seems so is transition. This life of mortal breath Is but a suburb of the fields elysian Whose portals we call death."

No doubt we have a right to mourn our own loss; but grief for personal loss should not be allowed to entirely over-shadow the thought that for the dead the change is gain. The loving mother in her heart moans the loss of the daughter who has become a bride; but she keeps the evidence of her grief as far as possible in the background on her wedding day.

—CANADIAN.

As a rule the conscientious searcher finds what he is looking for. Look for the good in life.

Always speak kindly.

## REPORT OF THE EDITOR-AT-LARGE,

For the Quarter Commencing December 1st, 1905, Ending March 1st, 1906.

I have the pleasure to report the work of the first three months of the current year.

My attention was called by the Hon. R. A. Dague to a lecture given by Henry Frank before the Psychological Society of Los Angeles, in which he spoke of Spiritualism in language I do not care here to repeat. My reply in the Banner of Light called out a denial from Mr. Frank. He asserted that he had been wrongly reported by Mr. Dague. It became a question of veracity between these two gentlemen, and Mr. Dague in his reply proved that his report was correct. Mr. Frank in a lengthy response admitted that Mr. Dague had reported him correctly and made his plea on that line of defense. My last reply was based on this admission and was given in the Banner of Light. In that reply I held to the statement that I had at first made that the time had gone by for Spiritualists to remain silent when their belief was libeled or meekly apologize for their cause.

The following articles have been furnished for publication:—Review of Passing Events—Interesting to Flesh Eaters—Speak for the Creatures of the Wood and Field Who Cannot Speak for Themselves—A Comparison—Straws Show the Trend of Public Opinion. Banner of Light and Progressive Thinker. Review of Passing Events—Devotion—Felix Schetling, a Worthy Example—Magnetic Healing—Prof. Larkins Hits Out With His Shillalah. Banner of Light, Progressive Thinker and SUNFLOWER.

Review of Passing Events—Bibles Scarce—An Outgrowth of Old Theology—The Great Church Trust. Banner of Light and Progressive Thinker.

In Regard to Kellar, Chicago Record-Herald.

Response to Evangelist Daniels. Anaconda Standard, Montana. This reply was separately printed for distribution by that ardent worker, W. J. Hicks.

A Creed! Banner of Light and SUNFLOWER.

Spiritualism—written by request of the Iowa State Association. Dr. Funk and His Critics—SUNFLOWER. Growth of Catholicism in the United States. Banner of Light.

Review of Passing Events—Illustration of the Test Proposed, by Mr. Myers—Ativism. Banner of Light and Progressive Thinker.

Mr. Myers' Test. The Two Worlds, Manchester, England.

Messages From the Unseen. Boston Globe.

Spiritualism—Do the Spirits of Departed Come Back to Earth Again? Reply to Rev. McFarlane in St. James Gazette, Minn.

A Test of Little Importance to Spiritualism. Boston Herald.

Review of Passing Events—Source of the Realm—Messages From the Unseen—A Hopeful Sign. Banner of Light and Progressive Thinker.

The Status of American Spiritualism. The Two Worlds.

The Profound Wisdom of the Christian Editors. The Message of Life, Levin, New Zealand.

I wish to say by way of apology to correspondents who have sent clippings from Catholic papers, defamatory to the cause, that I have not attempted to answer, for such papers will not admit replies. Nor will any secular paper admit anything opposing Catholicism, altho articles on Spiritualism find a more ready hearing since public attention has been awakened by the recent interest taken by several men of note in Psychical phenomena. Criticism of Catholicism is barred from every secular journal and the spiritual press offers the only means of publication. The most optimistic cannot fail to discern in this subterfuge of the press the stealthy hand of Theocratic despotism.

HUDSON TUTTLE.





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W. H. BACH, Managing Editor.

## BIG BIBLE STORIES.

VOL. II.

### Solomon's Matrimonial Problems.

The Bible contains some very strange tales. Walking serpents, talking jackasses, (four legged ones), ravens that feed men, in fact, dozens of things that rival "Alladin and His Wonderful Lamp," yet we are asked to believe them because they are in that Book.

Solomon's Matrimonial Problems may well be considered among these wonders.

The Bible says that God "gave Solomon such wondrous love that he was able to maintain 700 wives and three hundred concubines."

If such was the case, either Solomon was not very well acquainted with his wives, or he had a marvelous memory. Suppose he started on his matrimonial career when he was made king, for it is unlikely that he had such very extensive experiences before, and we would be justified in assuming that he had not secured over two or three up to that time, to court and marry 700 wives, and secure 300 concubines would have taken up quite a little of his attention during his 40 years reign, not to mention the arduous duty connected with the building of a \$15,000,000,000 temple.

Suppose he got acquainted with, courted, and married each of his wives in a week's time; it would have taken 13 years, 168 days, to have accomplished it, while if it took the same length of time to secure a "concubine" it would have required 19 years, 84 days, or nearly half of his time to have attended to his courting and weddings. Of course, this is a moderate estimate, but these stories are given all the benefit of the doubt and things were not done on quite so formal a scale then as now. Yet, as women were then bought and sold like so many cattle, by "God's Chosen People," arrangements had to be made with their parents. They were not considered in the matter at all.

Suppose that in order to show no partiality and keep everybody good-natured, he visited each one in rotation spending but one day at a place. It would have taken 2 years, and 9 months, to make the rounds, by which time he would have forgotten their faces, and he would be at the mercy of any designing female who wished to palm herself off as his wife or concubine, and unless he had a "Matrimonial Secretary," to keep the record, she could make the claim and he could not deny it. He would have been in the position of Mark Twain's Mormon who tried to pick out the little one who had said a cute thing a few days before, but had to admit that "there were so many of them that he had forgotten the darned little thing."

Solomon was supposed to be very wealthy. He had need to be. It takes a pretty good hustler of a man now-a-days to take care of one wife and the usual family, and it was doubtless the same those days. Probably they did not have summer resorts and ice cream soda and confectionery stands in those days, but

if they had, how would it have seemed to a keeper of a summer resort hotel to have Solomon send him word something like this: "Will be down on the 10,30 a. m. caravan. Keep accommodations for me and the family." Then when the caravan arrived to see it made up of a "special" carrying Solomon, his 700 wives, 300 concubines, and an average of three children to each, or a matter of about 4,000 people. Perhaps some of the wives would have poodle dogs under their arms, and the nurse bringing up the rear with a following of children, let us say 100 poodles. Then the children would bring their dogs, say 500 more with their tin horns, drums, and other toys—but we may as well stop for the hotel-keeper has committed suicide.

How would it seem for Solomon to say, "Girls, let's all go down to the drug store and get a glass of ice cream soda?" Then all the little Solomon's would add in plaintive tones, "Pa, I want to go too! Can't I?" and Solomon but of sheer force of numbers would say "Yes" and they would go down to the ice cream saloon and get a glass of soda apiece, at a cost of \$200.00 for the round. If he got rid of the children it would take \$50 to treat the "girls."

Solomon would have to provide homes for these wives. Even among Bible characters they did not prove very tractable, and it would not be reasonable to think that more than one family could exist comfortably in a house or tent, so 1000 residences would have been necessary. At the very modest estimate of \$100 each it would require \$100,000 to fit up a tent for each one, and as the family enlarged, the accommodations would have to be arranged accordingly, and continual repairs would have been necessary, while the whole tent would have to be renewed every few years. If it cost him \$1 a week to feed and clothe each one, it would have taken \$208,000 a year for that alone, when his family was at its height.

Peck's Bad Boy figured out the exact proportion of red headed women, to the 1000, but as definite data is lacking we will take pity on the red headed women and consider the reverence that should be paid to the memory of Solomon's wisdom. But is it any wonder that he undertook to build such Temple as a relief from family cares, or that he organized a secret society that has always excluded women from membership?

Solomon evidently got an attack of the blues after some of his matrimonial bouts, for he is supposed to be the author of Ecclesiastes, and of the Song of Solomon. After forty years experience in such extensive lines no wonder he concluded that "all is vanity."

NOTE.—The foregoing is one of the stories that go to make up Big Bible Stories, Volume 2, which I will publish if I can get a sufficient number of pledges to pay for the cost of publication.

The book will consist of at least twelve of these stories, including among the subjects, David and Goliath; The Impossible Duties of the Priests; Gideon's Army and Fleece; Solomon's Matrimonial Problems; The Birth, Death, Temptation, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus; The Cost of Solomon's Temple; (it was not much—only a bagatelle of about fifteen billion dollars), The Fall of Man; a chapter devoted to things that are important, yet not extensive enough to make a chapter, such as: "How could the magicians of Egypt bring up frogs when the whole land was covered with frogs? How could they turn the water into blood when Moses had already turned it all into blood? If Jehoram was 32 years old when he began to reign, and he reigned 8 years in Jerusalem, and he was immediately succeeded by his youngest son, Ahaziah, and Ahaziah was at that time 42 years old, and he had older brothers, and notwithstanding that he was the youngest of Jehoram's seven sons, he was two years older than his father, was not Jehoram quite frisky to be the father of seven bouncing boys, (not to mention the girls who were of such little consequence that they were not recorded) two years before he was born? And a Story written by my father, entitled, "A Thanksgiving Dinner that did not Materialize" in which Adam and Eve and everybody else who was born, are supposed to be living and

they plan to invite their descendants to a thanksgiving dinner.

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W. H. BACH.

### MAGIC FIGURES.

One of the neatest figure fancies is one by which the month of one's birth and the age may be told. To take an example, one may suppose that the age is fifteen and that August is the birth month. The latter is the eighth month and is taken as the start, in this fashion:—  
Number of month - - - - 8  
Multiply by 2 - - - - 16  
Add 5 - - - - 21  
Multiply by 50 - - - - 1,050  
Add age - - - - 1,065  
Subtract 365 - - - - 700  
Add 215 - - - - 815

This result gives the double answer. The first figure is the month, while the last two are the years. In the case of a result showing four figures it will be known that the tenth, eleventh or twelfth month is shown. To vary the result somewhat the number of the age may be subtracted from the year and the result read in year and month instead of the month and age. In the latter case it must be understood that should the month fall beyond that in which the calculation is made an additional year is to be allowed.

### Friendship and Enmity.

The way was sloping and the ice picked up  
The dazzling sun and threw it in mine eyes,  
And thus, so circumstanced, I slipped and fell.  
A friend who saw me helped me to my feet  
And with soft speech did mention the hard road,  
As who would gently bandage a fresh wound.  
But an old enemy whom I had whipped  
In battle fair, remembering his scars,  
Did put the bugle of publicity  
To coward lips and blew into the ear  
Of the whole town the news that I, a son  
Of Adam, fell.

LEE FAIRCHILD.

## PEOPLES' EDITORIAL COLUMN.

This column is conducted to permit all to express an opinion. Anything that will not expose THE SUNFLOWER to post office censorship, will be published over the name of the author, who takes full responsibility for the utterance. We are not responsible for the views expressed, nor is it likely we will endorse one-tenth of them. Limit your communication to about 150 to 200 words.

### OUR FORMER ASSOCIATE EDITOR

LIKES THE IDEA

THE SUNFLOWER'S suggestion of making a People's Editorial Column in which its readers are to express themselves in 150 words, is not without merit. Much can be said within the radius of this number, if begun with the words, I think! But many become very "thoughtless" when they begin to write, and lose themselves in a maze of words that convey but ideas that all have who are alive when awake. Originality is thinking—something foreign to the general run of mental pulsation, and to start in with the intention TO THINK in reality is already a suggestion toward it. Furthermore it is good practice and teaches thought centralization.

A. F. MELCHERS.

### LESSON IN SPIRITUALISM.

I desire to thank Dr. Quackenbos for the very able article in the New York Herald of February 11th in relation to the marvelous powers of hypnotism.

Dr. Quackenbos, while not believing in the possibilities of spirit return and the control of so-called mediums or sensitives by decarnate spirits, is at least agnostic and is open to conviction of the truth of such claims.

Let me say, simply as an entering wedge, to help bring about that conviction later on, that those same powers of will, mind and spirit that he uses to accomplish the work of hypnotism, suggestion and control with a man when he "shuffles off the mortal coil" and enters the transliminal state of life and being; and that it is just as possible for a good hypnotist to control a sensitive medium from "beyond the vale" as for him to control an individual here, when both hypnotizer and hypnotized are on the mortal plane of life. A good subject for hypnotic control is also a good one for spirit control.

With these few ideas I trust I may help the doctor to better understand the modus operandi of spirit control as regards its mental phases, at least of conscious and unconscious trance and inspirational mediumship.

W. J. CUSHING.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

### A LETTER FROM A VETERAN WORKER.

This part of the country, tho seldom reported in the papers, is by no means to be forgotten as a radiating center of modern thought, and tho lectures are a matter of the past we "still live" and the impetus received thru organized effort of years ago is still felt and goes marching on.

The myths and assumption of former days, are being cast upon the religious rubbish heap and an increasing number have, so to speak, gone into "the silence" of a rational contemplation of life as it really is. We have occasional visits of the well known members and workers in the spiritual gardens—among them Mrs. Mary Webb Baker, the poet, who has been with friends here for several weeks, also Mrs. A. A. Cawcroft, the magnetic healer, of Jamestown, N. Y., who, from all accounts, is more than busy and scarcely able to keep pace with the many demands upon her strength.

Scientific and reformatory literature is found upon many tables and the question of the proximity of the two modes of life is no longer frowned upon—but quite freely discussed upon occasions.

The utterances of Rev. Minot Savage, Rev. Lyman Abbott, Rev. Frank and others who are coming to the front, are read by many and are strong factors in the right direction. A little later on, however, when people become a trifle broader in their philosophy of life, so-called authorities on doctrines will be simply official opinions the laity are thinking.

A. G. SMITH.

Painesville, O.

### Life and Sleep.

One of the newest fads of the medical world is the sleep cure. According to the physician who has sought to introduce his ideas among the Parisians, one sleeps entirely too little. It is his argument that one lives a certain length of time, and that this time (sickness not considered) is extended over a long or short period, according to the temperament of the person. He cites in support of his theory the longevity of the negroes, and declares that they attain a ripe old age simply because they sleep when work is not absolutely essential. His treatment consists of sending his patient to bed and making him sleep. Eight hours a day one may leave his bed and mingle with the world as he pleases, but not only must the other sixteen be spent in bed, but the patient must actually be asleep.—Dundee Advertiser.

Evil or idocy is the other fellow's opinion when opposed to your own.

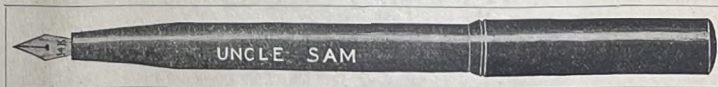
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# METAPHYSICAL.

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## UNITY.

O Thou before whose onward course  
The pulsing heavens rise and fall,  
Encrading Space, enfolding Force,  
Life and Life-giver unto all—  
I may not call on Thee in prayer,  
Thy majesty I dare not name,  
Yet fearless thru the years I fare,  
For we are one thing and the same.

I count not time an enemy,  
For Time and Thou and I are one;  
I sit contented here with Thee,  
With Thee I mount from sun to sun.

I seek not far, I spurn not near,  
For far is near and near is far;  
This heart that beats so softly here  
Keeps time to yonder rolling star.

I am the solvent and the solved,  
I am the knowing and the known,  
And the same that in me revolved  
Goes speeding on thru yonder zone.

I am the singer and the sung,  
The worshipped and the worshipper,  
The ever old, the ever young,  
The bolder and the timider.

I shall remain and I shall change,  
I shall give over and shall last,  
But nothing ever shall estrange  
This present glory from the past.  
So when the final fate shall fall,  
When to the mystery I bow,  
What matter how the change they call—  
Force, matter, death, life, I or Thou!

Thus fearless thru the years I fare,  
O'er-riding doubt and mocking doom,  
And Thou art with me everywhere,  
And I shall cleave all earthly gloom.

O quickening thot, O speeding fate,  
Speed, speed forever, full and free!  
O flux of all things small and great,  
We're one to all eternity.  
—H. A. Warren, in Evolutionist.

## LIFE.

Your life lives where your thot is.  
It is only animal ignorance that  
limits and circumscribes life to the  
flesh body.

You must reap your life in the  
thot you mainly sow it in. Your  
life, like a seed, grows where you  
plant and cultivate it, in all states  
of existence. If you plant it in  
inharmous thots, it will thrive in  
the weedy field, and you will first  
have to uproot it from there before  
it will grow in a better place.

You can have in life what you  
desire. But wrong desires are of  
themselves limitations and prison  
houses for your life. You can have  
one body or a million bodies in your  
eternal progress, but the body is of  
less importance than the indwelling  
life.

Life is only weak in the seed and  
gestating state of consciousness.  
Like the oak, it grows strong and  
immovable by weathering the tem-  
pests of existence. Disease, disaster  
and death belong to the infantile  
stage of life. When we have attained  
to spiritual manhood and spiritual  
mastery, they will no longer  
plague and torment us, because we  
shall have outgrown them. Now  
we are negative subjects of life,  
because of our ignorance. When  
we become wise we will become  
masters of life, for life's pattern  
shapes itself to our will.

—The World's Advance Thot.

HE CAN WHO THINKS HE CAN.

A single-talent man, supported  
by great self-confidence, will achieve  
more than a ten-talent man who  
does not believe in himself.  
The mind can not act with vigor in  
the presence of doubt. A wavering  
mind makes a wavering execution.  
There must be certainty, confidence  
and assurance or there can be no  
efficiency. An uneducated man  
who believes in himself, and who  
has faith that he can do the thing  
he undertakes, often puts to shame  
the average college-bred man, whose  
overculture and wider outlook have  
sometimes bred increased sensitiveness  
and a lessening of self-confidence,  
whose decision has been weakened  
by constant weighing of

conflicting theories, and whose prej-  
udices are always open to conviction.

Poverty and failure are self-invited.  
The disaster people dread often  
comes to them. Worry and anxiety  
enfeeble their force of mind and so  
blunt their creative and productive  
faculties that they are unable to  
exercise them properly. Fear of  
failure, or lack of faith in one's ability,  
is one of the most potent  
causes of failure. Many people of  
splendid powers have attained only  
mediocre success, and some are total  
failures because they set bounds  
to their achievements, beyond which  
they did not allow themselves to  
think that they could pass. They  
put limitations to their ability; they  
cast stumbling blocks in their way,  
by aiming only at mediocrity or  
predicting failure for themselves,  
talking their wares down instead of  
up, disparaging their business, and  
belittling their powers.

Thots are forces, and the constant  
affirmation of one's inherent  
right and power to succeed will  
change inhospitable conditions and  
unkind environments to favorable  
ones. If you resolve upon success  
with energy, you will very soon  
create a success atmosphere and  
things will come your way; you will  
make yourself a success magnet.

"If things would only change!"  
you cry. What is it that changes  
things? Wishing or hustling?—  
dreaming or working? Can you  
expect them to change while you  
merely sit down and wish them to  
change? How long would it take  
you to build a house sitting on the  
foundation and wishing that it  
would go up? Wishing does not  
amount to anything unless it is  
backed by endeavor, determination,  
and grit.

Webster's father was much chag-  
rined and complained when Daniel  
refused a fifteen-hundred-dollar  
clerkship in the court of common  
pleas in New Hampshire, which he  
had worked hard to secure for  
him after he left college. "Daniel,"  
he said, "don't you mean to  
take that office?" "No, indeed,  
father; I hope to do better than  
that. I mean to use my tongue in  
the courts, not my pen. I mean to  
be an actor, not a register of  
other men's acts." Sublime self-  
faith was characteristic of this  
giant's career.

Every child should be taught to  
expect success, and to believe that  
he was born to achieve, as the acorn  
is destined to become an oak. It  
is cruel for parents and teachers to  
tell children that they are dull and  
stupid, or that they are not like  
others of their age. They should  
inspire them, instead, with hope  
and confidence and belief in their  
success birthright. A child should  
be trained to expect great things,  
and should believe firmly in his  
God-given power to accomplish  
something worth while in the world.

Without self-faith and an iron  
will man is but the plaything of  
chance—a puppet of circumstances.  
With these he is a king, and it is in  
childhood the seeds must be sown  
that will make him a conqueror in  
life.

If you want to reach nobility you  
can never do it by holding the thot  
of inferiority—the thot that you  
are not as good as other people—  
that you are not as able—that you  
can not do this or that. "Can't"  
philosophy never does anything but  
tear down; it never builds up. If  
you want to amount to anything in  
the world you must hold up your  
head. Say to yourself continually,  
"I am no beggar, I am no pauper.  
I am not a failure. I am a prince.  
I am a king. This is my birthright,  
and nobody shall deprive me of it."

A proper self-esteem is not a vul-  
gar quality. It is a very sacred one.  
To esteem oneself justly is to get a  
glimpse of the Infinite's plan in us.  
When we get a glimpse of our im-  
mortal selves, we shall see possibi-  
lities of which we never dreamed. A  
sense of wholeness—of power and  
self-confidence will come into our  
lives which will transform them.  
When we rate ourselves properly  
we shall be in tune with the Infinite,  
and we will no longer stumble in  
darkness, doubt and weakness.

—Orison Swett Marden, in Success.

## Indiana State Association Spiritualist Meeting.

The second Annual Convention of  
the Indiana State Association of  
Spiritualists will be held at the  
Madison Avenue Temple, Anderson,  
Ind., Friday, Saturday and Sunday,  
March, 9-10-11-1906.

There will be a meeting of the  
Official Board Friday morning at  
10:30, and the first session of the  
Convention will be Friday at 2:30  
P. M.

Friday and Saturday evenings  
and the entire day Sunday will be  
devoted to lectures and messages.  
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the N. S. A., W. V. Nicum of Day-  
ton, Ohio, and Mrs. Anna Thronsen  
of Indianapolis.

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legates at the Harter Hotel, corner  
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ladies will serve dinner and supper  
at the Temple.

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nearly all points in the state by  
Interurban lines. Delegates coming  
from the West can get off at  
Madison Ave., and walk one block  
south to the Temple; those from  
the East stay on Interurban cars  
till they reach Madison Ave., and  
those coming by other lines, take  
transfers to Hazlewood car and get  
off right at the Temple.

We would urge all Societies to  
send in their reports and credentials  
at once, and have their delegates  
present at the opening session.

All sessions of the convention will  
be open to the public.

All Spiritualists are urged to at-  
tend the convention and especially  
those interested in organization and  
in the State Association.

We would be glad if those soci-  
eties that are not chartered with  
the State Association would send  
representatives, that they may  
better understand its aims and  
objects.

Programs for the convention will  
be out in about a week and anyone  
wishing these or any other infor-  
mation, address the Secretary, Mrs.  
Carrie H. Mong, 415 S. Franklin  
St., Muncie, Indiana.

## Bedclothes Removed by Spirits.

I can vouch for the truth of the  
following incident, which can be  
attested by the principal actors in  
it.

Some years ago, in a village in  
Gloucestershire, a little girl was  
strangled in her cot by getting her  
head wedged between the rails.  
Her father was so deeply affected  
by the circumstance that he was  
never the same afterwards, and,  
since passing over, he is supposed  
to haunt the little cottage.

After some time the cottage was  
let to a family, one of whom I know  
very well. They did not believe in  
hauntings or ghosts and therefore  
were not afraid. In the room in  
which the child was strangled and  
in a cot in the very same corner,  
they put their little girl, five years  
of age, to sleep, and in a bed in the  
same room her brother, ten years  
of age, slept. The little girl was  
covered with an old blanket of  
four thicknesses, which she called  
"my four times blanket." The  
door of the room was locked on the  
outside, lest the children should  
walk in their sleep and fall down  
stairs. The lock could not be  
opened from the inside of the room.

One night, about twelve years ago,  
the mother heard the little girl  
screaming and called from her room  
to ask what was the matter. "Sister  
is out of bed and says a man  
has taken her out and put her on  
the floor, and taken away her  
blanket." The mother shouted out  
that the child must have been  
dreaming, and ordered the boy to  
lift her back into the cot. When  
she went into the room the next  
morning she found the little girl  
covered with pieces of carpet off  
the floor. On being asked the  
reason the boy stated that his sister  
had declared that the man had  
taken her blanket and that she was  
cold, so he had covered her up.

Upon going down stairs the  
mother found the blanket at the  
foot of them. The girl, who has  
now grown up, still avers the truth  
of this account, and says she re-  
members seeing the man with the  
blanket in his arms going thru the  
door, and recognized him as the  
man whose child had died in the  
same cottage, and who had himself  
died about six months previously.  
—E. M. A. Hook, in London Light.

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## PROFESSOR HOWISON.

## He Claims That Men Are Kin to Beasts.

"Immortal man," they used to say. Now it is "immortal animal."

Prof. Howison, of the University of California, at Berkeley, Cal., argues that, since intelligence is eternally existent, and since animals have intelligence, ergo the beast of the field is immortal.

Furthermore, the professor thinks it passing peculiar that any one in the twentieth century should be startled at the idea. For startled many were; as illustrated in the student audience which gathered in his class of ethics, where animal immortality was declared, and who lingered long thereafter to discuss the sensation.

Those who are startled by the declaration, supposes Prof. Howison, perhaps are the least fitted to comprehend what is signified thereby, all that it entails, on what it is founded. He bases his argument for the immortality of animal life, on the same considerations that he would use in defending the immortality of mankind. And these considerations are so complicated, involving so many ramifications over so large a territory in science and philosophy that nothing less than many volumes would be required to give it a sufficient statement.

But granting immortality to man as based on the fact that it is intelligence that lives forever, what is amazing in affirming that intelligence in an animal is immortal?

It is the result, says the venerable philosopher, of the

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that has its foundation in such language as "the beasts of the field that perish." And what is considered commonplace by men who occupy their minds in research along these lines comes as striking innovation to other classes of people who are unaccustomed to such study.

"Whatever mind is found, the immutable, unchanging mind, the mind which is not the result of processes but is part of that mind which is absolutely unchanging, and so makes man responsible legally—wherever that mind is found in man or beast, there is immortality. To this mind death is merely an experience, and like all other experiences, serves simply to remove hindrances to the intellectual faculty."

Man is the mental superior of the animal simply because a greater number of these hindrances to intelligence have been removed. This removal of hindrances constitute evolution. Not an adding to but a taking away from. Animals are gifted with intellect, as are men. The difference in intellect, is measured by the differences in the obstacles to the free exercise of the intellectual faculty. With the increase of intelligence comes an increase of control, a perfectionment of control.

Has animal life the reflective faculty of mind? Without doubt they have. Here is the basis for the argument of their intelligence. For intelligence must be there if the power of the reflection is present. Once it is granted that animal life has intelligence the recognition follows that it must exist eternally just as men will exist eternally. Are animals capable of

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to the free exercise of the intellectual faculty?

The savant of California answers yes, which scouts the materialistic idea of the soul as a product of matter.

Reverting to the sage of California the religion of the Buddha was cited as an example of recognition given by a great religious teacher to the lower animals. Alone does the doctrine of Buddha embrace a recognition of the dignity of the lower order of animals.

The Buddhist forbears to slaughter animals, be it for food, sport or scientific purposes; he discredits the theory of men, and taught that every human being, high or low, animal or human while transmigrating in any of the material, semi-material, or non-material worlds, is subject to alternate misery and bliss is found only in Nirvana. He saw that the will to live to enjoy was the cause of transmigration with its miseries, and that when thru enlightenment this will ceases, Nirvana is attained and transmi-

gration or incarnation in earthly bodies ceases.

While Buddhism does pay more attention to the animals than Christianity, observes the professor, yet the spirit of Christ toward the animals was the same. Christ's reference to the sparrows that fell denotes the kindly, sympathetic relation in that regard.

Buddhist or Christian, the world do move toward a recognition of the dignity of the animal kingdom, toward his claims for sympathetic treatment at the hand of man. Christians and Buddhist appreciate the presence everywhere of that divine life.—Exchange.

## A Vanishing Faith.

It is hardly worth while to mention that the scientific teachings of the Bible are not credited in our schools, colleges, and universities. There has been published in England an encyclopedia of the Bible. The articles are by eminent divines. In that work the authors give up the very foundations of Christianity. They say that Genesis is not history. The story of creation, the garden of Eden, the deluge, crossing the Red sea, commanding the sun to stand still, Jonah and the whale, the tower of Babel, etc., are fables and mythical legends, and not actual facts of history. Of course if the garden of Eden was a fable, an allegory, or a myth, away goes the fall of Adam and the damning of the world, for without the fall there was no necessity of a redeemer. The first Adam being a myth, the second Adam, Jesus Christ, was in that character a myth also. A myth could never demand a later fact.

The idea of Virgin-born demigods can be traced to India, Persia, Egypt, thence to Greece, where it had been in existence for a thousand years. It is from some of these sources that the inventors of Christianity obtained it. The crucified savior of the Hindus furnishes almost a complete parallel to Jesus Christ. We only need to read the two accounts to recognize that with very slight modifications the history of Jesus was taken from the history of Christna. It is apparently a fact that the paintings of Isis and Horus, the virgin mother and child of Egypt, were taken to Rome and sold for the most artistic representations of the Virgin Mary and Jesus.

The traces of the pagan origin of Christianity are too plain to be mistaken. We see part of it in Christmas, the 25th of December, claimed to be the nativity of the son of God. But Christmas belonged to Paganism. The sun had apparently reached his greatest journey south at this time. The days became the shortest of the year. They now began to lengthen. The Pagans celebrated this period with joy and festivities as the birth of their god, the sun. Christians borrowed this ceremony. As they could not easily change the rites and ceremonies of the Pagans, they adopted them and placed them under another name. Chamber's Encyclopedia says that Christmas was not the nativity of Jesus. The twelve constellations, twelve signs of the zodiac, and twelve months of the year correspond very well to the twelve apostles. When the sun-god was passing thru the sign of Virgo, the celestial virgin, he was said to have been born of a virgin. Easter is a personification of Spring, and was celebrated as a resurrection of nature into renewed life. Christians borrowed Sunday from the Pagans. That was the one day out of the seven upon which they worshipped the sun. Priestcraft was instrumental in obscuring this nature-worship. They made all the circumstances apply to a personal being. They could thus more easily deceive and enslave the minds of the people.

The Jews who lived at that time rejected this superstition. They knew that Isaiah had been falsified and that there was no prophecy of such a character as Jesus was represented to be. They had the best means of knowing what their own books meant.—Truthseeker.

## Rational Reflections.

Be ashamed to let your prejudices dominate you.

Learn to live right. You'll be able to die all right.

Few men are often right, and no man is always right.

With some men policy assumes the dignity of a principle.

Science slays superstition, but it never destroys sentiment.

## Lake Helen.

On the surface of the lake,  
Friends and comrades of the camp,  
Sits a queen of dreamland,  
And reflected by her lamp.

Often when the day's departing,  
And the night hangs threatening o'er,  
I have watched the shadows darting  
Here and there, from shore to shore.

And I've wondered as I sat there,  
Listening to the good, old song  
Of the robin and the bluebird  
Who would thus the day prolong.

If their minds were just as active  
As the minds of mortals given,  
If their words were full of meaning,  
And we only were forbidden

To interpret what they say,  
By the cloud that lies around us,  
As the cloud enshroud the lake,  
As the gates of heaven bound us,

When we would hear silence break,  
And commune with those who love us,  
Press the hand and feel the heart-throb  
Of the world that lies above us.

Josephine P. Holland.

## Editorial Ramblings.

From a Southern Paper.

This week catches us without editorial correspondence, as Mr. ——— has just returned from the hospital which means that he could not be among the mills. He turned to the writer for some editorial contribution for this issue. There is no lack of willingness to offer some thought if such were forthcoming, but what can we write about that will edify, interest or amuse the readers of the Mill News? Having passed one month under the shadow of man's greatest earthly loss and being all this time more or less depressed with grip, our pen is of course, not in most facile mood. This though is not written as a bid for sympathy, however sweet and consoling in times when the heart is aching, but rather to deny any lack of interest in making the Mill News a most welcome visitor to the homes of the people who are now the instruments of the South's most prosperous era. The theme to which we would rather listen, the words of the wise, the learned and the devout, would be the immortality of the soul, its condition and sphere of existence while the mortal part is sleeping in the grave, but we feel inadequate to handle the subject ourselves and it is generally unsafe for one to pour out freely his burden of thought upon others lest they shall find it necessary to make due allowance for the fact that it is "on the brain." And yet we feel that had we the skill and the gentle touch wielded by some of our esteemed contributors to the woman's page we might be of service to some one passing through the ordeal incident to such a large proportion of humanity. It is not unusual for persons to attempt to drown sorrow with the intoxicating bowl, the absorbing novel, or (if a degree more refined,) with the poetic page, but there is a solace about all these that reveals to us a joy in every sorrow, a blessing in every apparent stroke of chastisement, a precious sense of presence in every time of loneliness, a hope that drives away despair, a light that dispels the darkness in our pathway. This boon is not new and strange to attentive church-goers, to close Bible students, to the well grown in grace, and the humble faithful believer, however foolish it may appear to those without spiritual discernment. "Earth has no sorrows that Heaven cannot heal."

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PROFESSOR HOWISON.

He Claims That Men Are Kin to Beasts.

"Immortal man," they used to say. Now it is "immortal animal."

Prof. Howison, of the University of California, at Berkeley, Cal., argues that, since intelligence is eternally existent, and since animals have intelligence, ergo the beast of the field is immortal.

Furthermore, the professor thinks it passing peculiar that any one in the twentieth century should be startled at the idea. For startled many were; as illustrated in the student audience which gathered in his class of ethics, where animal immortality was declared, and who lingered long thereafter to discuss the sensation.

Those who are startled by the declaration, supposes Prof. Howison, perhaps are the least fitted to comprehend what is signified thereby, all that it entails, on what it is founded. He bases his argument for the immortality of animal life, on the same considerations that he would use in defending the immortality of mankind. And these considerations are so complicated, involving so many ramifications over so large a territory in science and philosophy that nothing less than many volumes would be required to give it a sufficient statement.

But granting immortality to man as based on the fact that it is his intelligence that lives forever, what is amazing in affirming that intelligence in an animal is immortal?

It is the result, says the venerable philosopher, of the

OLD RELIGIOUS SUPERSTITION

that has its foundation in such language as "the beasts of the field that perish." And what is considered commonplace by men who occupy their minds in research along these lines comes as striking innovation to other classes of people who are unaccustomed to such study.

"Whatever mind is found, the immutable, unchanging mind, the mind which is not the result of processes but is part of that mind which is absolutely unchanging, and so makes man responsible legally—wherever that mind is found in man or beast, there is immortality. To this mind death is merely an experience, and like all other experiences, serves simply to remove hindrances to the intellectual faculty."

Man is the mental superior of the animal simply because a greater number of these hindrances to intelligence have been removed. This removal of hindrances constitute evolution. Not an adding to but a taking away from. Animals are gifted with intellect, as are men. The difference in intellect, is measured by the differences in the obstacles to the free exercise of the intellectual faculty. With the increase of intelligence comes an increase of control, a perfectionment of control.

Has animal life the reflective faculty of mind? Without doubt they have. Here is the basis for the argument of their intelligence. For intelligence must be there if the power of the reflection is present. Once it is granted that animal life has intelligence the recognition follows that it must exist eternally as men will exist eternally. Are animals capable of

OVERCOMING THE OBSTACLES

to the free exercise of the intellectual faculty?

The savant of California answers yes, which scouts the materialistic idea of the soul as a product of matter.

Reverting to the sage of California the religion of the Buddha was cited as an example of recognition given by a great religious teacher to the lower animals. Alone does the doctrine of Buddha embrace a recognition of the dignity of the lower order of animals.

The Buddhist forbears to slaughter animals, be it for food, sport or scientific purposes; he discredits the theory of men, and taught that every human being, high or low, animal or human while transmigrating in any of the material, semi-material, or non-material worlds, is subject to alternate misery and illusive happiness, and that lasting bliss is found only in Nirvana. He saw that the will to live to enjoy was the cause of transmigration with its miseries, and that when thru enlightenment this will ceases, Nirvana is attained and transmi-

gration or incarnation in earthly bodies ceases.

While Buddhism does pay more attention to the animals than Christianity, observes the professor, yet the spirit of Christ toward the animals was the same. Christ's reference to the sparrows that fell denotes the kindly, sympathetic relation in that regard.

Buddhist or Christian, the world do move toward a recognition of the dignity of the animal kingdom, toward his claims for sympathetic treatment at the hand of man. Christians and Buddhist appreciate the presence everywhere of that divine life.—Exchange.

A Vanishing Faith.

It is hardly worth while to mention that the scientific teachings of the Bible are not credited in our schools, colleges, and universities. There has been published in England an encyclopedia of the Bible. The articles are by eminent divines. In that work the authors give up the very foundations of Christianity. They say that Genesis is not history. The story of creation, the garden of Eden, the deluge, crossing the Red sea, commanding the sun to stand still, Jonah and the whale, the tower of Babel, etc., are fables and mythical legends, and not actual facts of history. Of course if the garden of Eden was a fable, an allegory, or a myth, away goes the fall of Adam and the damning of the world, for without the fall there was no necessity of a redeemer. The first Adam being a myth, the second Adam, Jesus Christ, was in that character a myth also. A myth could never demand a later fact.

The idea of Virgin-born demigods can be traced to India, Persia, Egypt, thence to Greece, where it had been in existence for a thousand years. It is from some of these sources that the inventors of Christianity obtained it. The crucified savior of the Hindoos furnishes almost a complete parallel to Jesus Christ. We only need to read the two accounts to recognize that with very slight modifications the history of Jesus was taken from the history of Christna. It is apparently a fact that the paintings of Isis and Horus, the virgin mother and child of Egypt, were taken to Rome and sold for the most artistic representations of the Virgin Mary and Jesus.

The traces of the pagan origin of Christianity are too plain to be mistaken. We see part of it in Christmas, the 25th of December, claimed to be the nativity of the son of God. But Christmas belonged to Paganism. The sun had apparently reached his greatest journey south at this time. The days became the shortest of the year. They now began to lengthen. The Pagans celebrated this period with joy and festivities as the birth of their god, the sun. Christians borrowed this ceremony. As they could not easily change the rites and ceremonies of the Pagans, they adopted them and placed them under another name. Chamber's Encyclopedia says that Christmas was not the nativity of Jesus. The twelve constellations, twelve signs of the zodiac, and twelve months of the year correspond very well to the twelve apostles. When the sun-god was passing thru the sign of Virgo, the celestial virgin, he was said to have been born of a virgin. Easter is a personification of Spring, and was celebrated as a resurrection of nature into renewed life. Christians borrowed Sunday from the Pagans. That was the one day out of the seven upon which they worshipped the sun. Priestcraft was instrumental in obscuring this nature-worship. They made all the circumstances apply to a personal being. They could thus more easily deceive and enslave the minds of the people.

The Jews who lived at that time rejected this superstition. They knew that Isaiah had been falsified and that there was no prophecy of such a character as Jesus was represented to be. They had the best means of knowing what their own books meant.—Truthseeker.

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Lake Helen.

On the surface of the lake,  
Friends and comrades of the camp,  
Sits a queen of dreamland,  
And reflected by her lamp.

Often when the day's departing,  
And the night hangs threatening o'er,  
I have watched the shadows darting  
Here and there, from shore to shore.

And I've wondered as I sat there,  
Listening to the good, old song  
Of the robin and the bluebird  
Who would thus the day prolong.

If their minds were just as active  
As the minds of mortals given,  
If their words were full of meaning,  
And we only were forbidden

To interpret what they say,  
By the cloud that lies around us,  
As the cloud enshroud the lake,  
As the gates of heaven bound us,

When we would her silence break,  
And commune with those who love us,  
Press the hand and feel the heart-throb  
Of the world that lies above us.

Josephine P. Holland.

Editorial Ramblings.

From a Southern Paper,

This week catches us without editorial correspondence, as Mr. — has just returned from the hospital which means that he could not be among the mills. He turned to the writer for some editorial contribution for this issue. There is no lack of willingness to offer some thought if such were forthcoming, but what can we write about that will edify, interest or amuse the readers of the Mill News? Having passed one month under the shadow of man's greatest earthly loss and being all this time more or less depressed with grip, our pen is of course, not in most facile mood.

This thought is not written as a bid for sympathy, however sweet and consoling in times when the heart is aching, but rather to deny any lack of interest in making the Mill News a most welcome visitor to the homes of the people who are now the instruments of the South's most prosperous era. The theme to which we would rather listen, the words of the wise, the learned and the devout, would be the immortality of the soul, its condition and sphere of existence while the mortal part is sleeping in the grave, but we feel inadequate to handle the subject ourselves and it is generally unsafe for one to pour out freely his burden of thought upon others lest they shall find it necessary to make due allowance for the fact that it is "on the brain." And yet we feel that had we the skill and the gentle touch wielded by some of our esteemed contributors to the woman's page we might be of service to some one passing through the ordeal incident to such a large proportion of humanity. It is not unusual for persons to attempt to drown sorrow with the intoxicating bowl, the absorbing novel, or (if a degree more refined,) with the poetic page, but there is a solace above all these that reveals to us a joy in every sorrow, a blessing in every apparent stroke of chastisement, a precious sense of presence in every time of loneliness, a hope that drives away despair, a light that dispels the darkness in our pathway. This boon is not new and strange to attentive church-goers, to close Bible students, to the well grown in grace, and the humble faithful believer, however foolish it may appear to those without spiritual discernment. "Earth has no sorrows that Heaven cannot heal."

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BY S. P. PUTNAM.

Gottlieb died. He had been a good sort of man in his way. He rather expected to go to heaven, tho, to confess the truth, he had never spent much time considering the matter. He had enjoyed his earthly lot, loved his wife and child and taken good care of them. He always gave the beggar something, tho he did it in the same way he ate his dinner; it never occurred to him to do otherwise. He had no idea of being paid for it in some future world; he simply liked to do it. He was a respectable citizen and kind neighbor. His funeral was a large and quiet one. People said but little about him, and he was apparently forgotten in a few days. Still he had always been so willing to "lend a hand" that he was silently missed in various ways. There was a certain brightness gone from the earth and sky to many a toiling one, but none were rich enough to build a monument.

But Gottlieb had never troubled himself about what would happen after his death, either in this world or the world to come. He did not care for a marble slab here or a white robe hereafter. He lived in a free and easy way. He did not concern himself about the immortality of his soul. He believed in it because everybody else did, but had no vivid conceptions of it. He did not deny himself an earthly enjoyment for the sake of a heavenly one. He took hold of this life with the whole-heartedness and simplicity of a child, and made the most of it as a child does "nut-gathering" or "trout-fishing." He had no metaphysical puzzles or theological speculations to bother him. The sky, the flowers, the grass, the waters were so exquisitely beautiful that he never queried about any other place than the sweet and living world in which his lot was cast. He was not afraid of death any more than of his night's sleep. He was perfectly satisfied with the present, while he made no fuss about quitting it. He knew he couldn't help dying! The same power that made him took him away, as on the whole it made life pleasant, no doubt it would make death equally so. At any rate indigestion would not trouble him, and so he would not have any bad dreams. If he slept a sleep that knows no waking, his nap would be a comfortable one; he would not even be bothered by flies. If he made a good meal for worms, he would be so gently devoured that no bones would be broken. He would be eaten up as delicately as a bit of confectionery, with no pain to himself and with great pleasure to the worms. If one thus forms a part of the universal feast that nature spreads for all, why should he complain, seeing that he has had his turn at the table? A fair exchange is no robbery. Death is a settling up of accounts, and one gets off quite cheaply if he can pay for the privilege of living by giving a square meal to a company of worms. Surely nature is an easy creditor.

Gottlieb's wife and child both belonged to the church, and were quite orthodox and respectable. Gottlieb loved them with his whole soul, but he himself did not belong to the church. In a vague sort of way he considered it a humbug; still, if any one could find comfort in it he did not object. He paid a good round sum every year to keep the minister fat. He considered them a rather lazy set, and if he could have had his own way without trouble would have set them all to work. But other folks seemed to think so much of them that he did not care to overthrow these somewhat serviceable nonentities. They were bugbears and playthings for children. Children like to be scared by ghosts if it can be shown them that the ghosts do not really mean any harm. So hell-fire is a nice thing when one sees an easy way to get rid of it. The two-fold occupation of the clergy is, first, to scare people out of their senses; second, to show that there is no need of being scared—that it is the easiest thing in the world to be saved. Thus people have the luxury of being frightened almost to death, and in the nick of time the still greater luxury of being snatched as a brand from the burning. Thus the clergy,

on the whole, are useful mountebanks they help to lift the simple-minded out of their common place, and give them the romantic satisfaction of being "lost and saved," "a quite harmless delusion," thought Gottlieb, "seeing that they are not capable of a greater stretch of imagination. It is all the poetry and fireworks they can have, and it is a pity not to help pay for the exhibition. Of course the clergy make asses of themselves, but as that is all they could do, most of them under any circumstances, and as asses must be fed, why, I'll chip in," said Gottlieb, all to himself though. He did not consider it wise to give loud utterance to his heretical sentiments.

He could not bear to pain any one—his comfortable and darling wife above all—by any outbursts of a destructive spirit. He was not an iconoclast. He thought it better for one to worship even the image of a monkey than to be so self-sufficient that he cared for nothing but his own welfare. If the image could not be replaced by an idea, then stick to the image. Better have a golden calf occasionally than nothing but the almighty dollar rattling in one's own pocket. Gottlieb believed in the good time coming, when common sense and neighborly kindness would carry the day, but he felt that it would not do to hurry matters; that common sense without kindness was not perhaps quite so good as idolatry with it. Therefore monkey-worship, if it made a man a bit more generous, was better than nothing. It must be confessed that occasionally Gottlieb felt like cursing the foolishness of people and tearing down their tawdry idols, but his good nature prevented and he consoled himself by muttering "Poor things; God is good, and they'll know better sometime. I don't run the universe, and so I'll mind my own business; behave myself, and the ages of God will knock these things to flinders much more effectually than I can. The sunshine and rain are much better image-breakers than I can be."

Still, if any one did knock an image over Gottlieb was thankful for the "kindling-wood" thus furnished and cooked an extra beef-steak and plum pudding in honor of the event. It gave him a better appetite to see one humbug the less. However, Gottlieb tried to see good in everything and to look upon both sides of the question. He affirmed that spiders and snakes had rights, why not idols? We should not kill a snake simply because he is poisonous and might bite; only when he tries to bite and will bite unless we knock him on the head, then of course knock him. So with idols; they have some good points; they are generally well painted, and "wooden enough to do no hurt; when the paint is off people quit them and we can chop them up without any disturbance." Nothing is totally bad; the "Devil" is "God" turned inside out. Turn him back again—that is the best way. Then the wrinkles will come out and all be smooth and bright.

Gottlieb seldom "got mad" but when he did he hit straight from the shoulder; and he had considerable muscle, which is the best gospel in the universe sometimes. It settles things splendidly, provided, after it is done one "forgives and forgets" as Gottlieb invariably did. He never cherished a bitter feeling; he did not even remember his good deeds; they passed away into sunny forgetfulness; they lived in vague delightful reminiscence, and did not crystallize into one bit of spiritual pride. On the whole Gottlieb did not think much of himself; he was vain only of his wife and child.

To the outside observer he lived a kind of animal life; he did not pray or read the Bible. He went to church, but he also went to sleep at the same time. He never talked with the minister about "the chief end of man," or the "blood of Jesus." He had no tough text to explain; if the scriptures said a good thing and he understood it, all right. If they said an obscure thing, a mean thing, he passed it on as unworthy of notice. He went to the theatre occasionally; smoked his pipe placidly after dinner; drank a glass of beer now and then, and chatted about the weather, and other common-places. Indeed, he was very much like a dog in his serene enjoyment of the physical world. The Ministers whom he helped to support looked upon him with something of contempt, as they

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## Horoscope and Outlook for March.

J. N. LARSON.

The earth is in Pisces until the 21st, when it enters Aries, geocentrically. The general horoscope is very strong, owing to the favorable positions and aspects from Saturn and Jupiter, who are in the 6th and 5th aspects to the earth respectively. Venus is in conjunction with Saturn in Virgo, and is the ruling star of the earth until the 8th, when it enters Libra. Then Saturn will rule our destiny from the 8th to the 21st, when Venus once more becomes ruling star from the 6th aspect to the earth, and will rule until the 28th, when Venus lets go and enters Scorpio, there to remain until April 14th.

The mysterious Uranus becomes the ruler of our destiny on the 28th, and will continue in power until April 1, just four days, when the highflyer Mercury dashes into Aries in conjunction with the earth and becomes the ruling star from the 7th aspect, which is undoubtedly the strongest aspect one planet can hold to another.

The diseases that will affect the inhabitants of the earth up to March 21st will be rheumatism, gout, and troubles with the feet; but after the 22nd the trouble will be principally spinal trouble and mental derangements.

Children born from March 1st to 8th will be particularly ambitious, great workers, and fitted for any kind of retail business, as well as stock raising and farming. Those born from the 8th to 21st will be still greater intellectually, but great grumblers and fault-finders, tho at the same time very kind. The boys should have a business training and the girls should be educated for teachers and nurses. They will be great readers and natural students. Those born from the 22nd to 28th will engage in business also, but of a different nature. The boys will become railroaders and traveling men, the girls will do well at office work and the millinery trades. They will be no good at housekeeping and ought to marry wealthy men so they can afford to hire the housework done.

The general business of the world will be very great in all lines, but the retail trade will be most favorably affected. Books and all kinds of literary work will be in great demand. There are indications of much unrest in labor circles from the 8th to 28th, and no doubt some severe strikes will take place about that time.

I expect considerable cold weather and snow storms pretty much all thru the month.

The stock markets will be weak and declining up to the 8th and 10th, when the bottom will be reached. Then stocks will turn right around and go up to beat the band until the 22nd. That date money will become very tight and a high rate of interest will be charged by the money-lenders in Wall street. This will seriously affect the price of stocks and down goes values again, until April 9th and 10th, when another upward movement is due.

### Items From Galveston, Texas.

The Spiritualist Temple, of Galveston, Texas, stands a power of influence in the "City by the Sea." Its regular services are always well attended, its reading room is visited by many to read and study of the occult and when special meetings are announced the public freely responds with a full attendance, for they have learned to depend on the judgment of the society as to the reputable workers.

From Feb. 14 to, and including Sunday 18, Max Hoffman of Des Moines, Iowa held seances for clairvoyant descriptions in the Temple, to large and interested audiences. Seldom has anyone made so favorable an impression on the Galveston public as Max Hoffman. His work was carefully watched by the public and they were moved toward Spiritualism. Two meetings were held in Houston, where great interest was aroused, and on Wednesday the 21st the Temple was packed with a most appreciative audience for the last seance, which Mr. Hoffman gave as a benefit to the Temple-fund. People of every denomination and line of thought flocked to these meetings; and one Catholic priest sent for Hoffman that he might have a reading, with which he was perfectly satisfied, although dumbfounded.

February 25, 1906 Miss Rosa Baumann and Arthur Behrends were married in the Temple, and March has promise of two other weddings.

Elaborate preparations are being made for a proper observance of the Anniversary the last of March. Anyone who will be kind enough to send articles for the bazaar to be held, will assist in the worthy work of the Temple. Address care the Spiritualists Temple, Galveston, Texas. Mrs. K. Mc Graw.

Mr. John W. Ring, regular speaker for the Society, because of having been appointed National Supt. Lyceum Work has decided to accept a few camp meeting dates for the coming season, although the society very much objects to Mr. Ring's absence from Galveston. Those desiring to secure Mr. Ring's services should address him at the Temple, that dates may be arranged.

### Wonderful Photography.

Photography, which has caught the railway express train in full motion, has also been brought into use to depict, with equal fidelity, action so slow as the growth of a flower. By exposing a plant to a camera every quarter of an hour for sixteen days it is now possible to watch a bud open gradually, to see the blossom close at night and reopen in the morning, to see the leaves increase in size and the stems peep out. And all in the space of a minute or two.

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Suggestions for the improvement of the paper are invited.

THE SUNFLOWER, P.O. Box, LILY DALE, N. Y.

We have a number of calls for the January numbers of the SUNFLOWER. We cannot send them as our supply is exhausted.

Elizabeth Barber, Vanhorneville, N. Y. is the first one to receive an Uncle Sam Fountain Pen for renewing her subscription and sending a new subscriber. Will you be the next one? This offer holds good during March.

Higher Vibrations, published at Pittsburg, Kan., is a new aspirant for patronage from the Spiritualist and New Thought public. Subscription 50 cents a year, published monthly.

The First Spiritual Religious Association of Clackamas Co., Ore., will hold its annual campmeeting on its grounds at New Era from July 7th to July 29th inclusive. We have not yet procured our mediums and any good platform medium who wishes engagements for the specified time please correspond with the president or secretary. We have good hotel accommodations and the most beautiful ground in the West and one of the most beautiful in the United States, as nature has provided us with good water and a natural shade of the mighty forest trees of Oregon known as the Fir. The nights are always cool and one who needs a rest and a change cannot do better than to join us during this camp, where you will be welcomed by all.

Address all communications to Liddle Quint Irwin, Sec'y., or Rev. G. C. Love, 427 6th St., Portland, Oregon.

E. R. Fielding writes from Washington, D. C.: Oscar A. Edgerly of Lynn, Mass., is the speaker for the First Association of Spiritualists, assisted by Mr. Emil Nabbe, with messages after the lecture. Mr. Edgerly meets with the Auxiliary every Thursday evening, he gives messages and teachings to large audiences assisted by local mediums. Mrs. Mary T. Longley, Secretary of the N. S. A. will be speaker for the month of March. Mrs. Longley is our favorite speaker. We will be glad once more to hear Mrs. Longley under the inspiration of spirit Pierpont. Miss Susie Clark, the well-known author will deliver a lecture one Sunday at the Masonic Temple for the First Association of Spiritualists. Miss Louise M. Farrow daughter of the president of the Temple League gave a Valentine party to her friends. Miss Farrow has called the club the "Sunflower," the girls and the flowers and the men are the sons.

L. A. Munday writes from Rochester, N. Y.: The members of the First Spiritual Church of Rochester, N. Y. had the pleasure of attending a reception Thursday evening last, at Mrs. Joslyn's, 55 Comfort St., given in honor of Mrs. Greenamyer, who is at present serving as pastor for the First Spiritualist Society. Dr. and Mrs. Austin were present and the Doctor added much to the pleasure of the evening by his always interesting narratives of physical experiences. Mr. Allen Oberg, who has an exceptionally fine voice, favored us with two solos and Mrs. Addie Frick sang very sweetly "Beckoning Hands." After refreshments were served, we were pleasantly entertained with recitations by Mr. Poynton. We feel that we have been very fortunate in having Mrs. Greenamyer with us. There has been a newly awakened interest, not only among

the members, but many out side are being brought into the truth and knowledge of our beautiful philosophy. We not only feel proud of Mrs. Greenamyer as a medium, but we love her for her sweet and charming personality.

A. F. Melchers writes from Charleston, S. C.: The day I read your notice about raising an ice crop, I planted morning glory seed.

We have had so many letters from our readers praising our Vegetarian Edition that we cannot think of making any special notice, or publishing any extracts from them. Already several hundred copies of this edition have been ordered. We will supply them at one cent a copy, ten or more copies in a lot, and will mail them in a bunch, or to those whose names you supply us with. We have a lot more of Vegetarian matter that we will use as opportunity presents. Try the recipes, some of them are excellent as we know by experience.

Mrs. Montgomery writes from Williamsville, N. Y.: Inclosed find \$1 which you will please credit me, for THE SUNFLOWER is one of the brightest visitors I have in my home. We came to Williamsville from Buffalo last spring and finding that there were no Spiritualists here, for a time we only tried talking with those with whom we came in contact. Then seeing there were some who seemed quite interested in the work I opened my home for test circles, our dear pastor, Mr. Hulbert, and Mrs. DeWolf and Mrs. Miller coming at different times. Our circles are well attended. My earnest prayer is that "The God of love and truth and the spirits hosts of heaven may help us to sow some seed that shall spring up and bear fruit."

Mrs. R. W. Barton writes from Elmira, N. Y.: The First Spiritual Church of this city are holding meetings every Sunday and Thursday. The attendance has been very good. The Ladies Aid hold weekly meetings every Wednesday. The 14th of February the Aid gave a supper and a Tom Thumb wedding, music and recitations. This was well attended; and so successfully did the little ones perform their parts, the entertainment was repeated the following week, with the same success and a larger crowd. It is with regret the pastor of this church who is the writer of this notice has to say her engagement of nearly two years ends April 1st. I would like to hear from societies and camps as I have some vacant time to be filled next year. Mrs. Irenia Harris and John L. Appleton were united in marriage by the writer at the home of the bride, February 6th, 1906. Address, 361 Walnut Street, Elmira, N. Y.

R. writes from East Aurora, N. Y.: Miss Victoria Moore of Dryden, N. Y. conducted meetings for the First Spiritualist Society of East Aurora on Wednesday evening February 7th and Sunday morning and evening of February 11, and altho she has but recently undertaken public platform work yet her discourses were scholarly, logical and instructive. In psychometry she did excellent work; first leaving the room while articles were brought forward to be read so that she could have no knowledge of their ownership; and yet her readings were clear cut, quickly recognized and very satisfactory. She seems to be well equipped for this work and especially so to come before people of education and refinement. We hope to have her with us again.

**Pointed Paragraphs.**

A woman makes a rival happy by envying her.  
Thrift and stinginess are similar, but, oh, so different.

A lazy man's idea of success is to be unable to find work.

Some donkeys have long tails and others smoke cigarettes.

Never hit a man when he is down—unless all of his friends are down.  
Some of our greatest joys spring from sorrows we have almost forgotten.

Occasionally the world blazes with genius—but the flickers are innumerable.

Judge a man's charitableness by the way he acts when his wife asks him for money.

If the world owed every man a living it would have been declared bankrupt long ago.

It is easier to induce two hearts to beat as one than it is to induce two mouths to eat that way.

**LAKE HELEN LETTER.**

February 1st, 2d, and 3d, brought quite a large number to our camp. Among them, Prof. I. Peck and his niece, Miss. Grace Hawten, of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Peck to fill his engagement as speaker and worker, and Miss Hawten as soloist. Mrs. Duncan as organist and will also furnish music for social functions, assisted by Mrs. Florence Hedrick.

Mrs. M. E. Clark, a speaker from Syracuse, N. Y., and Mrs. Carrie Curran and husband of Toledo, O., have apartments in the Emerson Bedell tenement house, just outside the gate. Mrs. Curran is well known as former president of the Ohio State Association of Spiritualists. Mrs. Colleen, of Jacksonville, a well known writer of psychic subjects. Mrs. L. M. Hulbert, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Martin, Miss Gertrude Martin and L. F. Farrell, of Elyria, O., J. W. Potter, of Fredonia, N. Y., J. O. T. J. Robinson, of Rochester, N. Y., Mrs. L. J. Bennett, of Newark, N. J., Charles M. Ruggles, Watertown, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. D. Ramke, of Orlando, Fla., W. H. Harrington, Lenoir, N. C., are at Hotel Casagada. Late arrivals at the Spencer, Walter McLane, of Marion, O., and Mrs. Ireland, of Tampa, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bishop, of Edwardsburg, Mich., and their niece, Miss Maude Edwards, of Gray Lake, Mich., are domiciled in the Kellogg cottage on Bond St. Captain Elmer E. Smith, of Springfield, Mass., and F. S. Barker, of Hinsdale, Mass., have been interested visitors for a few days. In a former letter, your correspondent made the mistake of writing the name of Mrs. Fannie Spalding, of Norwich, Mrs. Ida Spalding.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth, of Montgomery, Ala., were obliged to return to their home because of the serious indisposition of Mr. Woodworth. They have the sympathy of many friends.

Saturday evening, February 3d, Mesdames Bartholomew and Norman tendered the Ladies' Auxiliary a benefit in the form of a pop-corn social, which was a great success. The well arranged program was carried out in a very satisfactory manner and the receipts were a surprise even to the originators.

February 4th, opening day, was a day to be remembered. Nature was all abloom. Mrs. Alger and her willing assistants had decorated the auditorium with roses, jasmine, palmetto, and pine, and the flags of all nations, and the harmony and the beauty of the surroundings made one think of the word "rest." A surprise excited the audience, some weeks ago Mrs. Dr. J. H. R. Matteson, of Buffalo, N. Y., had sent to your correspondent a large vase, nearly three feet in height and beautifully proportioned, the work of her own hands, to be presented opening day to the association through Pres. Hilligoss. Your scribe spoke of the little woman in the "Queen City of the Lakes," who, unlearned in medicine, had healed thousands, of the ills of the body, and who, unlearned in art, had planned and executed that which was the work of an artist, a "mosaic" that will delight the eye when the hands that created it are dust. Dr. Hilligoss responded in a few well chosen words, thanking her in the name of the association and expressing the hope that we may again see her at the camp, who has so kindly remembered us with a token of her love.

After congregational singing, Mrs. Spalding offered an invocation. The morning hour was devoted to short speeches. The president introduced ex-vice President Bond, who spoke feelingly of his interest in the camp and said he would do all he could for its continued prosperity. Vice-Pres. H. S. Kellogg said when introduced that he could not talk but he could work—remarks were made by Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Twing, Mr. Peck, and Hon. Alonzo Hubbard, of Vermont. The afternoon service consisted of an invocation by Mrs. Laura G. Fiken, a duet by Prof. Peck and Miss Hawten, after which J. Clegg Wright was introduced to the audience. The trend of thought clustered around these words, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for." In part he said—"Churches were invented to enslave the human race, and you will never have that liberty men pray for until the religions of the world are dead. Men fight about things they know nothing about, but they never fight about the multiplication table. Truth is the

savior of the world. Let us pray for mediums, not persons. When this great movement becomes a priesthood it is dead. Get back upon the basis of 1848 when the rap awakened the world. Know what you can, but—Faith is the substance of things hoped for. I have faith that way out yonder, beyond the farthest imaginable limits of this marvelous universe of glowing suns and worlds are spheres of inconceivable glory such as no tongue can describe or imagination conceive. I have faith that beyond the limits of time and sense, beyond the reach of human understanding exists an Infinite Intelligence, guarding and directing the mighty universe, shaping and moulding the lives and destinies of men and nations toward some wise and beneficent purpose but I do not know. I have my faith, I do not teach it as a knowledge."

On Tuesday afternoon, Prof. W. F. Peck took for his text, Mr. Stevenson's remarkable story of Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde as conveying a striking lesson of the conflict between the Angel and the Demon in man's nature. Intelligent people no longer believe in the personality of God and the Devil—nor in evil as an entity or principle. Yet the old theory of the war between God and the Devil over the souls of men had a basis in truth. Love is the Angel and self is the Demon who strain for mastery over every department of mind and body. Under the guidance of the Angel, man's instincts are controlled to the highest and best good, while the Demon uses him to degrade and demoralize him. Mr. Peck illustrates his points by citing a number of well authenticated instances of double and antagonistic personalities occupying the same body and said the question of individual responsibility, was a most difficult problem. The germ of a human being doubtless contained a record of generations past and gone, and the promise and potency of generations to come, yet no one without the aid of the most powerful glass, could distinguish the germ of man from that of an oyster. A speck of dust, invisible to the naked eye, may disarrange the movement of a fine watch. What minute influences then may operate upon the infinitely more delicate mechanism of the human brain, and wreck the whole man physically, mentally, and morally? To attract the angelic influences and repel the demoniac power, should be the aim of everyone; we must strive to be angelic."

On Wednesday, the 7th, Mrs. J. D. Bartholomew gave the seance which was largely attended and very satisfactory.

We have conferences on Monday and Friday afternoons. Afternoon seance, every Wednesday. Lectures, Tuesday. Thursday, services at the "Indian Village." Every Saturday afternoon, social function. Monday evenings, progressive euchre. Tuesday, camp dance, with small admis-

sion. Wednesday evenings, dramatic entertainment, under control of Prof. Peck. Friday evenings, a dance in the pavilion, with the best music obtainable. The masquerade ball of last Friday evening, netted the association the neat sum of \$55.

This is a Spiritualist organization, and it is the facts of Spiritualism that we desire to demonstrate and emphasize, but it is necessary to have amusements for the young, and to add to the financial aid of those who for years have striven to place this association on a strong financial basis.

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## BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS.

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ception of the God they worship. The location and attributes of heaven and hell vary in the mind of the believers with climate and conditions. Mr. Van Norden says, "And speaking of the Eskimos, one is reminded that, to them, heaven is below, in the warm regions of the under-earth, and the saints go down, while hell is above in the icy chill of the upper air, and the wicked go up. In general, hell is fiery to people living in fierce heats and icy to people suffering from endless winter. Just so, satan is pictured by whites black, and by black races, white." Religion, morals, laws, are a matter of geography. Our mode of life is governed by its surroundings. No man is sufficient to divest himself entirely of his race, time an environment; he changes with his surroundings, occupation and interest. A corporate body of men will do what they would not dare do as individuals. The acts of states and nations are not held to the same grade of morals that private persons are.

"For a crowd hideth truth from the eyes, society drowns thought. And being but one among many, stifleth the chidings of conscience."

Men make distinction between public and private morals. "They charge me," says Napoleon. "with the commission of great crimes. Men of my stamp do not commit crimes."

In vain, in any department of life, do we look for consistency. What a man preaches is one thing, his real self is another. It is easy to generalize theories and principles but difficult to put them in practice. Mankind is continually in search after the unattainable. There is always a charm, a fascination around social and intellectual positions beyond our reach. No one is satisfied with his condition. There is a somber beauty about the past, a glory over the future, it is only the present that is unsatisfactory. We love that ideal character which we fail to realize in our own lives. It is this desire, this aspiration, this longing for something better that lifts the world up. If a man communes with great minds, lives in their atmosphere, he finally feels, speaks and thinks in their language.

"Angels grow white from looking at the throne."

Some teachers, like Emerson, inspire more minds with their doubts than others with their affirmations. It is said if there was no dust in the air there could be no beauty of sky, of sunrise or sunset. The same substance become either nutritious or poisonous according to their mixture and proportion. The brilliancy is not in the diamond but in the light. It is the light that brings out its radiance and beauty. After the rule is learned the solution of the problem is easy. Physical science teaches that the whole universe is but a huge machine. There is nothing about it supernatural, abnormal or mysterious. If all the laws of nature were defined, the greatest regularity and simplicity would be observed. Whatsoever is taught in science, philosophy, or religion today has been foreshadowed in the past. There has been no added power to the mind from the days of Solomon until now. No greater men exist in the present than lived in the most ancient time. Nature does not always put forth her best efforts, but in her perfection, art cannot exalt her.

Could art have added anything to the oratory of Fred Douglass? or the schools have improved upon Shakespeare? They dwarf a giant but increase the stature of a pigmy. To the observant ear and the reverent mind all nature brings a message. The birds that sing, the flowers that bloom, the earth, filled with animate and inanimate objects, all speak to man. The painter sees pictures, the sculptor, statues, the orator, orations, and the preacher, sermons; it is only the dull eye and deaf ear that cannot see and hear.

"The poem hangs on the berry-bush When comes the poet's eye, And the whole street is a masquerade When Shakespeare passes by." The world is a great university.

Even adversity has its blessings. Suffering and sorrow have done more to beautify life than pleasure, tears than laughter. Sorrow has given inspiration to the pen of the writer, the brush of the painter, the chisel of the sculptor, and voice of the singer. The most exalted works in literature and art have been produced by genius born of suffering and sorrow. Dante and Hugo wrote their masterpieces in exile, and others from garret and prison and under the most adverse circumstances have given to the world immortal works. Elocution can be studied, learned, but oratory is not found in books or teachers. Real music comes from the heart, and not from the vocal organs. Nature furnishes the medium for the transmission of melody but it is the soul's experience that gives it its power and richness. Life is such a mixture, such a medley, that the poet says even the most perfect state of happiness is tinged with sadness. Nature exacts heavy penalties for all her gifts; her favors are not lightly bestowed. The peacock, the most showy of birds, was not given the grace and melody of song. The great orator is not the great thinker. Aaron was gifted with words but Moses was chosen to lead the people. For every great cause there is a leader, for every great work, a workman. The instinct of a people settles who this shall be, though we cannot define by what law. Whatever man does, individually, is mechanical; he works by rule, by precedent; but there is a higher power that controls the collective thoughts and actions of men. Those wanderings of the mind which the thoughtless call imaginary, illusive and ideal are the prime factors in history, and the main springs of action. All material creations of man fade; words are more lasting than granite and bronze; the monument crumbles, the epitaph becomes dimmed, the works perish, but the essence and spirit of his life lives. "It is probable that the oldest records of man's presence on the Earth," says Henry George, "are to be found in words yet current, and that nursery rhymes and children's games antedate the most massive monuments. It was no idle boast of Shakespeare, that his voice would outlast marble and brass." The world is made up of trifles. The earth consists of single grains of matter. The smallest insect has a purpose; each thought, a mission, and every act a history.

"We scatter seed with careless hand; And dream we ne'er shall meet them more; But for a thousand years Their fruit appears In weeds that mar the land, Or fruitful store. The deeds we do, the words we say. Into still air they seem to fleet; We count them past, But they shall last; In the dread judgment they And we shall meet."

### Queen Alexandra.

It has just leaked out that a few weeks ago Queen Alexandra was actually present at a Spiritualistic seance. There is in London, a very exclusive Spiritualistic set known as "The Inner Circle." They meet usually at an artist's studio in Regents Park. Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir William Crookes, the famous scientists, who take an interest in Spiritualism, have often been to these seances, where spirits have "materialized" and phenomena have occurred which no one can explain away on ordinary grounds. A great friend of her majesty's went to one of the seances about two months ago. The medium generally employed is a delicate little man about thirty-five years of age, but he is extremely independent, and will often refuse to take any interest in the proceedings so that the seances are often cancelled. The one at which the queen was present so impressed her majesty that she told the king about it and a "command" was given to the medium to appear at Buckingham palace. So many instructions, however, were given to the medium to insure secrecy and so elaborate were the directions as to the particular door he should enter the palace by that the medium flatly refused the "command."

Vegetarianism promises to become as fashionable as bridge.—The Lady, London, England.

### The Zuni Indians Great Feat.

The medicine men among the Zuni Indians perform a feat at the annual "corn festival" which surpasses the famous mango-growing trick of the Hindu. Many scientists have been present to witness this strange ceremony, but have never been able to fathom the mystery of it.

In front of the southern opening of the medicine lodge a large square of clean sand, carefully smoothed and packed, is spread. With a ceremonial arrow, figures, representing the Great Spirit, the earth, sun, sky and rain, are drawn. There are also the symbols of the corn and a bountiful harvest. The indentations made by the arrow are then filled in with pigments, blue for the sky and clouds, black for the earth and chrome yellow for the harvest. The middle of the square is left vacant. This picture in sand painting is a most pleasing specimen of barbaric art.

The hour for the ceremony arrives, and at the right moment the medicine man comes forth from his lodge and takes a seat in the opening of the lodge, facing the sand square. The warriors and chiefs arrange themselves around the square according to rank. The ceremonial pipe is then filled and lighted, and the medicine man blows one puff in each direction of the compass and two to the heavens. He then makes an address, going over the past history of the tribe and the kindness of the Great Spirit and his care. He concludes with a prayer for the continuance of this favor.

The great moment has arrived. With impressive solemnity the medicine man thrusts the sacred arrow into the sand, withdraws it and places a grain of corn in the hole thus made. Carefully smoothing the sand over it, he resumes his seat, while the assembled chiefs smoke their pipes in stolid silence. If the Great Spirit condescends to answer the prayer of the medicine man, and he generally does, the corn will sprout and send up a shoot. After an interval of fifteen or twenty minutes the sand seems disturbed where the grain of corn was planted and soon the slender green blades of the sprouting corn are seen above the surface. The plant continues to grow rapidly and naturally during the day, and by the next sunrise the silk and tassels appear. By noon the stalk and ear have reached full maturity and the ripening begins. Finally the blade and husks turn yellow and rattle when the wind shakes them. All this, we must bear in mind, has been done in thirty-six hours. On the morning of the second day the corn growing is complete. The medicine man now addresses the watchers who in company with him have watched the plant grow, for it is never left alone. With appropriate ceremonies he symbolizes the harvest by stripping the ear from the husks and placing the corn in his bag for future use. The stalk is pulled up by the roots and hung over the door of the lodge.

### Human People Should Never Forget.

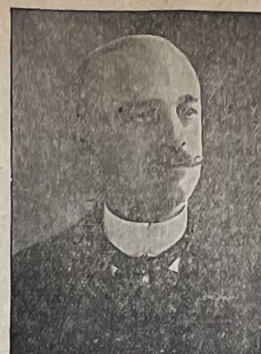
Humane people should never forget that human minds are so constituted that some will be Catholics, some Protestants, some Unitarians, and so on to the end of the chapter.

One of our life members thinks there is great cruelty to animals in keeping them at the Zoo, another life member equally earnest is perfectly delighted with it, and thinks the animals vastly better off than in their native wilds. One good lady cannot understand how any one can believe in the immortality of animals, another [one of the most religious women we ever knew] fully believes in it, and sends us a long article written by a learned Doctor of Divinity, advocating her views.

They are all equally honest, and perhaps there is much to be thankful for in what we once heard an eminent clergyman say, "that it was lucky for him that all did not think alike, for if they did everybody would have wanted his wife and he could never have got her."

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