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SOUL-COMMUNION TIME-TABLE.

The 27th day of each month, and from 12 m. to half past 12 p. m., being the time fixed and inspirationally communicated through THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT for Soul Communion of all who love their fellow-men, RE-GARDLESS OF RACE AND CREED—the object being to invoke, through co-operation of thought and unity in spiritual aspiration, the blessings of universal peace and higher spiritual light—we give below a table of corresponding times for entering the Communion in various localities:

When it is 12 m. at Portland, Oregon, U. S. A., it is at-

Austin, Texas	1:43 p. m.
Augusta, Maine	3:03 p. m.
Boston, Mass	3:28 p. m.
Baltimore, Md	3:08 p. m.
Burlington, Vt	3:18 p. m.
Berne, Switzerland	8:41 p. m.
Buenos Ayres, S. A,	4:18 p. m.
Berlin, Prussia	9:09 p. m.
Buffalo, N. Y	2:55 p. m.
	10:11 p. m.
Cape of Good Hope, Africa	9:26 p. m.
Charlottown, Pr. Ed. Id	3:58 p.m.
Columbia, S. C	2:48 p. m.
Columbus, Ohio	2:38 p. m.
Cape Horn, S. A	3:43 p. m.
Caracas, Venezuela	3:46 p. m.
Chicago	2:20 p. m.
Dublin, Ireland	7:46 p. m.
Denver, Col	1:08 p, m. 2:38 p. m.
Detroit, Mich.	*
Dover, Delaware	3:09 p. m.
Edinburgh, Scotland	8:01 p. m.
Frankfort, Germany	\$:43 p, m.
Frankfort, Ky	2:33 p. m.
Ft. Kearney, Neb.	1:33 p. m.
Fredrickton, New Bruns,	3:43 p. m. 4:18 p. m.
Georgetown, British Gua	2:51 p. m.
Havana, Cuba	3:18 p. m.
Halifax, N. S.	3:03 p. m.
Harrisburg, Pa	9:51 a. m.
Honolulu, S. I. Iowa City, Ia.	2:03 p. m.
Indianapolis, Ind	2:28 p. m.
Jerusalem, Palestine	10:31 p. m.
London, Eng	8:11 p. m.
Lisbon, Portugal	7:49 p. m.
Lecompton, Kan	1:48 p. m.
Lima, Peru	3:04 p. m.
Little Rock, Ark	2:03 p. m.
Milwaukee	2:18 p. m.
Mobile, Ala	2:18 p. m.
Memphis, Tenn	2:11 p. m.
Montreal, Canada	m.
Nashville, Tenn	2:23 p. m.
New Haven, Conn	3:18 p. m.
New York City	3:15 p. m.
Newport, R. I	3:28 p. m.
Norfolk, Va	3:05 p. m.
New Orleans, La	2:11 p. m.
Omaha, Neb	1:38 p. m.
Ottawa, Canada	3:08 p. m.
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Rome, Italy	9:01 p. m.
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Springfield, Mass	3:21 p. m.
San Francisco, Cal	12:01 p. m.
Tallahassee, Fla	2:33 p. m.
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Vicksburg, Miss	2:08 p. m.
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MINE ENEMY.

I ABEL DARLING.

E was mine enemy but yester-year,
Happy and rich and strong:
For Loss, that crept to me across his hand,
Had left with him the things I held most dear,
And, while I ran afar off in the dark,
Fate brought to him the victories I had planned
And labored for so long.

I wished his ships might sink; his bankers fail;
His fields be struck with blight;
And in the world of commerce, where he dwelt,
His power might die; his very name grow stale,
Or be recalled as some forgotten dream;
But as his riches spread their wings he knelt
And praised their airy flight.

While men were marvelling I wished again,
More rashly than before,
That grief might desolate his home and heart;
That slow disease might rack with constant pain;
That he might learn how great a farce is life
And long, yet fear, to end his weary part,
And then I wished no more:

For when his loved ones drooped before my eyes,
I bowed beside him there
And begged him to forgive me for my hate,
Then told him all my wretchedness. Surprise
And pitying sorrow drew his hand to mine,
"Poor soul," he whispered softly, "why so late
In telling thy despair?

"I would have brought thee comfort had I known."
Amazed I turned away.

The pain I wished for him was mine instead.

Though he should walk the earth henceforth alone,
I could not harm him, nor have I the wish,
But pray for blessings on his saintly head—
My dearest friend to-day.

BY CONTRAST,

To is by contrasts or opposites that all forms are evolved. In the play between heat and cold, light and darkness, positive and negative, masculine and feminine, good and evil, all progress is evolved.

The ignorant fight and shun "evil" as if it were something to be hated, instead of transformed by the blending of the light with the darkness. If light shunned the darkness, the latter could never be transformed.

The perfect being, like the perfect picture, is a harmonious blending of the lights and shades, the transformation of the evil in man or woman by his or her complement.

Thus all is good, for all exists to ultimate in good. Perfection would be impossible if the positive spiritual force had not, for a seasonn, its contrasting force to act upon and bring the chaos into harmony.

Evil is the crude marble block in the hands of the sculptor; out of it he produces his ideal of perfection. It is the crude material out of which Wisdom fashions things of use and beauty. Without a contrasting element there could be no knowledge, no growth, no beauty, no harmony, no progress.

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The central feature of all organized worship is, and always has been, dependence upon money. No religious system was ever organized that did not grow into, if it was not born into, a scheme of sinecureism and money getting. The getting of material wealth is the primary thought upon which all schemes of "salvation" are built, and the immortal principles are given the secondary place. This explains why the earth is filled with the "abominations" of greed, and carking care sits enthroned in every home.—Lucy A. Mallory.

"THE LORD GAVE MAN DOMINION OVER ALL THE EARTH."

RECAUSE man does not control Nature from the spiritual side of his being, he is but a feather in the grasp of her physical forces. He can only dominate her spiritually. The sensual-material man regards the earth as a body of dead matter, not as a living entity; and yet he believes that the dead earth is more potent than himself-a living being. If "the Lord gave man dominion over all the earth," 'why does he not express that dominion? Why is he overcome by heat and cold, cyclones and earthquakes? Why does the earth not provide him with sustenance at all times and in all places? Why is it that he lives in daily dread of death; and never knows what is going to overcome him the next hour? It is because he has only developed the matter consciousness. For the first time since man has inhabited the earth there is now and then one who is beginning to unfold the spiritual consciousness; just as the infant's consciousness of material things gradually builds up.

Man's body is the earth in miniature, and he radiates through it by the cultivation of Love, light and growth; while cultivating hatred he generates therein darkness and decay. Now mankind, collectively, by the evolution of their spiritual forces, can harmoniously regulate the action of the physical forces of the earth, or they can, through their ignorance, allow these forces to regulate themselves, and create destruction and chaos.

Mankind's responsibility for the cyclones and earthquakes is exactly the same as the individual's responsibility for the destructive force that inspires his body when he allows angry passions to dominate him.

Every man's body is his part of the earth; and every man's mind is his part of the Heavens, for his body is composed of all the material elements, and his mind of all the spiritual elements. He redeems the earth from its chaos and inharmony just in degree that his mind harmonizes his body.—Lucy A. Mallory.

LOOK WITHIN.

HE sun is the center of our solar system, and it is a good representation of the Spiritual Self that is meant when we say, "Look within," Clouds do not put out the sun, but they keep the earth from receiving all the benefit it might from it.

Thus it is in regard to the Spiritual Sun of Being. For the greater part of their lives people have generated cloudy thoughts, and these hide the Sun of Being from their spiritual sight. If after several efforts to dissipate them, the Sun of Being does not shine in upon their spirits, they give up, concluding that the interior Sun is all a myth. But their attainment of the Immortal State of Consciousness is dependent upon their beholding the Sun of Being, for it is the Source of Immortal Life, just as the natural sun is the source of physical life. Therefore, do not be discouraged if the life-long clouds are not immediately dissipated, but keep on exercising the spiritual nature until they are all gone, and the Sun of Being shines forth in all its effulgent glory.

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The great mass of those who call themselves Reformers, or who are supporters of the different reforms, do so because it has become quite a fashionable pastime to pretend to be interested in some reform. It gives a pleasant sensation to be spoken of as "one who is kind-hearted and charitable." But those who can let birds and animals be murdered so they may deck themselves with their plumage, and eat their dead bodies, are not really interested in anything but their own selushness.

"On the Infinite Sea of Being We sail in the prison of self."

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As long as men are slaves to error they must of necessity maintain those internal and external parasites who profit by their errors. Truth needs no priest nor preacher, no more than health needs a physician.—Lucy A. Mallory.

REAL PROGRESS.

HENRY HARRISON BROWN.

Tr is the custom for the thinker on all the planes of the external, to extol the wondrous progress of the race. From this point of view it is wonderful; but there is another point from which there is a question, as to there being any real progress. Have not all past conditions been simply the preparation for the real progress that the next century will see well begun? We have changed the cave-man's habitation for a palace, his skins for garments of cotton, wool and silk; his superstition for science; his miracle for law; but we have not changed his primal thought. What he thought we think still; as he lived we live still. That thought was: "I am body." He lived as body and all care was for body. The same is virtually true of the present civilization. It was for the caveman the very best possible affirmation that he could think thus, and marked the line between him and the brute. He lived in the recognition of body. Body dominated his life, for he only lived for physical pleasure. His descendants have added to these intellectual, ethical, esthetic and social aims; but they center in, and end, as his ended—in the physical life. He did not know how to produce food; he left this problem for this century to solve. It has solved it. The means of production are such that no longer is there any danger of the race dying off in the struggle for life. Man has learned the problem of supply, now he has to learn that of distribution; but he cannot learn this until he steps off the plane on which the cave-man lived, and lives from the affirmation, "I am Spirit."

Man has not turned his attention to himself as a factor in life's manifestation; therefore, he has brought down upon him the same bodily tendencies to suffering that primitive man had. To-day, in the midst of all his civilization, he shivers with cold; blisters with heat; suffers from hunger; agonizes with pain; weakens with disease; and dies, as did his naked ancestor five hundred thousand years ago.

Beside the Neanderthall skull we place that of Darwin, and, as animals, we can say "both were slaves to stomach and nerves." Did the later suffer less? The later had intellectual power, but did he use it any more wisely from his plane, than the earlier did? Did Darwin work with any radically different purposes? were not both limited to, and by, body? Unless "there is a Spirit in man and the Lord God giveth it inspiration," there is no gain to the savant over the savage.

"I am Spirit," will solve the question. Belief of primitive man in his body, was as false as his beliefs in gods and demons, and the miracles on which he rested for relief. Body, pain, disease and death are as false as his belief, that crystalized in the statement, "The sun rises." It was an apparent but not a real fact. So with these, they appear, but they are shadows, and, in the Light of the Spirit, man turns from them to the real. By affirming body, by living body, the body has dictated conduct. Now by affirming Spirit, by living Spirit, Spirit will decide conduct; it becomes the master of life. The coming man will affirm his unity with the Over-Soul and live in the Eternal Life that knows no pain, disease, or death, but will at his own desire ripen out or the body, for the clearer life of the Spirit in quiet, peace and joy. The heritage of the past will have gone, and the Man will have come to his own,-the Oneness with the All, where All is his, and he is All.

Man has been coming all these centuries of time! With the twentieth he arrives! Mastery of the external is won! He will now learn to master self!

THE MAN FROM VENUS.

From a private letter from Robert J. Burns, the man from Venus, as it will no doubt interest many of our readers: "Your question as to why I have never suffered the indignity of death and all on this planet up to the present time have had to die, is easily answered: The regular inhabitants of this planet have self-de-

termined a long cycle of dualistic manifestation; and their 3-dimensional organisms, being the exact objective correspondents of the dualistic ideals invested mentally by them in the inception of the cycle, are subservient to those ideals and act in accordance with their dictates. Dualism invests the ideals of life and death, and in conformity thereto the organism lives and dies.

"I am not a regular denizen of this planet, and up to the present incarnation have lived under Uniism, in which the ideal of Life only is invested; consequently, the organism is perpetual; or is decrystalized by rapid translation—very enjoyable, if the individual animating it desires to plunge into the Impersonal for an indefinite period.

"I wish to return to Venus by translation, and take as many of the Uniists with me as are ready. Be it known unto you that outside of the 'regulars' belonging properly to the cycle of dualism, there are a few hundred thousand planetary stragglers here, who on incarnating—mainly out of curiosity—became submerged by the dualistic vibrations, and suffered memoric lapse, and lapse of identity. These stragglers will embrace Uniism very easily, because they are not deeply sunk in dualism.

The design of the Hierarchy is to save these stragglers many weary incarnations under dualism, and, therefore, I am here; and I am authorized to announce that some time in the coming century the first harvesting will take place, and the Uniists will be translated by the Hierarchy bodily to Venus before all beholders."

CONFIRMED BY ONE OF THE WORLD'S SPIRITUAL THINKERS.

DEAR FRIEND AND SISTER:—To your remark or "key thought," that earthquakes, cyclones, floods, etc., are manifestations of diseased conditions in the world,"I would add, famines, pest lences, droughts, untimely freezes, cutting of the fruits, potato bugs, currant worms, canker worms, army worms, grain

wevil, locusts or grasshoppers, that destroy crops necessary for human subsistence, diseases of fruit and of vegetation in general, thistles and thorns, and stinging, poisonous insects, poisonous reptiles, and hurtful wild beasts, I believe are permitted, and to a large extent, caused by man's malicious hurtful practices, evil dispositions gratified, and habitual violations of righteous laws.

Man being created to represent the Creator in this earthly sphere, to administer law and direction to all orders of life inferior to him, and to co-operate with the Powers above him in bringing the elements into order and holding them there, it is plain that the more power he is invested with and the more elevated his office, the greater confusion and disorder would result from a heedless, irresponsible, and malicious use of that power to injure others in lieu of promoting their welfare and happiness.

It is said, and it seems true, that God made man and man makes the hells. It may be asked: Why did the Supreme Wisdom permit human beings to go wrong in so important a matter? Because it is necessary that man should be a free agent, within a limited sphere, that he may be endowed with reason, judgment, and the power of self-action from motives that appeal to his reason, and which are approved by . his judgment. Otherwise he would be but as a machine, having neither reason nor judgment, nor conscience, nor responsibility, nor power of self-action, above or beyond the rest of the animal creation. That is, enough to procure subsistence, which must be provided for animals or they would perish.

A free agent, is free to experiment, to test different courses of conduct, and learn by what he suffers; for it is the inevitable law of his being that he shall reap what he sows, whether to happiness or misery. If he sows to pride, lust, injustice, and hate, he impresses that character on so much of the life sustaining elements as are subject to his control, or are within his reach. The destruction caused by the hurricane, the hail storm, and the earthquake, bears

close resemblance to the malevolence and destruction man himself sends forth in sanguinary warfare.

Some do not see any connection between human desires and the action of the elements. Because they do not see the force back of the elements which causes their movements, such as ether, electricity, and magnetic attractions and repulsions. Neither do they see the forces emanating from the human will exerted to its utmost tension; nor perceive its power to affect the ethereal and magnetic forces that control the elements. But if electricity, which pervades all matter and space, is the connecting link between mind and matter,—as believed and taught by some—why does not the force escaping from the action of the human will, expend itself in the elastic and ever changing elements in the character of the motives which send it forth, whether benevolent and helpful, or material and hurtful?

Swedenborg taught some things that seem wise, among which are evil uses (creatures animate and inanimate), are not created by the Lord, but by influx from the hells. That is, the evil, pernicious and baneful properties existing in certain creatures, that make them pests to the human race, are derived entirely from the hells, and not from the All Good Creator of man. What we desire to show is that man probably has it in his power to abolish all these injurious things that perpetually operate adversely to his interest by rooting out all evil and malice and selfish greed from his heart, and cherishing ever kind thoughts and deeds and good wishes toward his neighbor, and never delighting in actions that give pain, nor causing needless destruction of sentient life; but keeping his heart perpetually beating with love and good will; preferring rather to increase than diminish the enjoyment of any creature.

I have sent you some books for your free reading room. May send y you her my of

publications. A copy of the former, in its first or second edition, was sent to Thomas Jefferson, twice president. He wrote back that he had read it carefully three times three, that it was the best epitome of ecclesiastical history that had been written and that if its principles were maintained it would banish false religion from the earth or overthrow it."

Secretary Stanton spent a week with us after the anti-slavery war closed, and read the Millennial Church through. He is reported to have said: "Calvin Green has done the greatest work of any man that ever lived."

A. G. HOLLISTER.

FACTS FOR ALL HUMANITY.

A. C. DOANE.

Taure's Law is our schoolmaster, for all intelligence is evolved by this Almighty Law. And Nature's Law is the schoolmaster on all planes of Life, and to obey the Law in the various departments of our organization, is to be in harmony with life's forces; and this constitutes the Kingdom of Heaven. Why then should we be led by the voice of man or spirit, or Bibles, when the voice of Nature's Almighty Law is ever present to teach and guide us?

Don't suppose for a moment that some personal God made the Law. Law is its own creator. Through his fear and selfishness man has created all his creeds and Bibles.

In this materialistic age mankind sits watching for gold, and the wolves of greed are destroying the lambs of innocent thought in the human mind; hence no star guides them to where the New Dispensation is dawning, and they remain under the Old Dispensation of material senses, contending about the body of Moses, as Michael the archangel and the Devil did, in the occult allegory, about the body of the mystical Jesus. There is only one way to settle those mysteries satisfactorily to each one's mind, and that is by the revealed light of each one's own unfolded spiritual nature and

THE STUDY OF TRUTH.

J. H. LUCAS.

portance than that of the study of Truth; because our advancement along the lines of permanent progress depends upon our discoveries of Truth, the mutual relations of its different phases, and the necessary application of its immutable principles. But, in order to make a proper beginning, and continue our researches successfully, we should establish right personal conditions, and maintain an unbiased mental attitude toward all questions claiming our notice.

Prepossession is often very strong; coming, as it frequently does, through a long line of cherished ancestral traditions, and being further strengthened by early teaching. Grave errors are thereby powerfully fortified and blind prejudice shuts out the sight of Truth, and the poor victim of falsities moves along his uncertain way in the midst of doubt and gloom.

Under such circumstances the progress the soul should make is utterly impossible. Therefore, in order that the fadeless beauty and lifegiving energy of Truth may come to us in abiding power, we should cast out all the accumulated rubbish of previous years, all prejudice against the Truth, and all bias in favor of error, and endeavor to attain a mental state of passiveness and receptivity. In this condition we shall be able to discern the Truth, and maintain a joyous freedom therein, and every faculty of the mind will feel its transforming and expanding radiations.

In our pursuit of Truth, finding all obstructing conditions and influences removed, and having crossed the threshold of the Immortal Temple of Truth, we are prepared to profitably investigate and accept Eternal Principles as displayed in the material and spiritual Universe. And, as the awakened mind proceeds to consider its high relationship to the great First Cause of all things, the thought of the eternity, immutability and love of that First Cause will bring an abiding satisfaction. And the sten

ORGANIZATION.

WALLACE YATES.

Tr is a striking feature of the present age of ransition that no organization can be pemanent. They all carry within them the fatal leaven of creed, and perish by fermentation, only to give rise to new forms. Wonderful was the work of Madame Blavatsky in shaking up the dry bones of Christendom, and introducing the element of Justice in the consideration of the soul's relation to the great All, in opposition to the damnable tyranny inherent in the "plan of salvation," and the character of the Christian Jehovah. But the organization she founded has split and re-split on the rock of personality, and the great Theosophical Society will soon be only a name. Its day is past, and all we can hope for is new growths from the seed sown. Hence one should not worry at what seems like retrogression when organizations, started with the noblest aims, wither and die by the wayside. It is not a retrogression, but merely a weeding out of the unfit and a survival of the fittest. As man is at present constituted, the seed "falls upon stony ground, where there is not much depth of earth;" or, more often, "the cares of this world choke the word and it becometh unfruitful." But some seed will fall upon good ground and bring forth fruit in its season.

When one thinks of the "living issues" over which men and women have stewed and fought in the past, and which now are the deadest of "dead ducks," one is inclined to sarcastic laughter at

"The puppet and the raree show That occupy mankihd below.',

But all these things had to be, and are the corpses over which we tread to the inspiring slogan of

"Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more!"

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Only he who would not be a Despot is fit to be a Freeman.

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LIFE'S SCARS.

HEY say the world is round, and yet I often think it square,
So many little hurts we get
From corners here and there.
But one great truth in life I've found,
While journeying to the west—
The only folks who really wound
Are those we love the best.

The choicest garb, the sweetest grace
Are oft to strangers shown;
The careless mien, the frowning face,
Are given to our own.
We flatter those we scarcely know;
We please the fleeting guest;
And deal full many a thoughtless blow
To those who love us best.

Love does not grow on every tree
Nor true hearts yearly bloom—
Alas for those who only see
This cut across the tomb!
But soon or late, the fact grows plain
To all through sorrow's test—
The only folks who give us pain
Are those we love the best.

ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS.

Thinker"), Andrew Jackson Davis, in relating a conversation held with a spirit, James Victor Wilson, says: I asked him, "Do not these persons (sages) travel in the spirit world?" My angel-brother replied: "They bring the whole universe down to their feet and comprehend in truth every world and all the planets I have visited, with infinitely more potent thought and spiritual accuracy than I can understand even now."

"You make a curious statement," said I.

"Perhaps you can explain it so that I may get the image of your thought."

"Happy word," he exclaimed. "Images and likenesses are but forms of ideas within the great minds of this existence. The realm of objects and forms is the educt of the world of ideas. The sensational sphere they regard as the sphere of effects; the causes being inherent to mind, or Vasciel, which is what you term spirit. Only he travels who knows not the contents of his own spirit. That every sun and fixed star, every world or Heaven of worlds, that latitudes and distances, objects, forms, time, are contained in man, passeth yet my understanding."

We once asked a friend, in spirit life, who did not believe at all in the idea that so many express, that there is neither time nor space to spirit, if he was still environed by time and space? and he replied: "I am time and space. Separateness is a condition of the mental mind; the spirit sees all, feels all, knows all in itself, just as you know two and two are four."

This agrees with what James Victor Wilson tells Mr. Davis, and when we understandingly realize this wonderful truth we have attained to Godhood.

The next generation will begin to realize what a benefactor A. J. Davis, the founder of Modern Spiritualism, has been to the world. The communication that he established with the world of spirits, and the messages that he received and published to the world, has incited all the wonderful progress that has taken place since. It was by this light that mankind began to find the way to mental freedom. A new force was introduced into the world through this medium, that dissolved old crystalized ideas and started new life currents into being, and this force will keep on increasing until humanity has learned to know itself.—Lucy A. Mallory

SEEKING FOR EVIDENCE.

that center of orthodox superstition, Toronto, Canada, for "practicing a species of witchcraft." The inspector of police said that the crowd seeking the services of the mediums and palmists was so large that the detectives had to wait a long time before they could obtain admittance to get evidence.

It seems by this that mediums and palmists came in answer to the wants of the people. Where there is a great demand for anything, and the people are willing to pay for it, there are always plenty who will undertake to supply the want.

The flocking of the multitudes to consult mediums, or any who claim to have occult powers, is the surface indication of the soul's longing for spiritual guidance.

A new catechism has been issued by a committee of clergymen of various sects, in England, for the use of sixty millions of Christians, which leaves the Devil—the chief corner stone of orthodox sectarianism—entirely out. If "Jesus died to save sinners from Hell," and there is no Devil and no Hell, the Christian scheme of salvation falls to pieces. The "Freethinker," says that "the British clergy are now everywhere preaching Love." This is the reason the Devil has disappeared. No Devil can live where Love is.

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Church, State and Society have their specified moulds, into which the minds of the young are run, and when the individuality asserts itsself the mind has become ossified and cannot take in anything new.—L. A. M.

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If every one would make the same effort to get good that they make to get rich, we would not have to die to get to Heaven. In fact it would put an end to death.—L. A. M.

THE TWO STATES.

HE material scientist tells us that the vegetable feeds upon the mineral; that the animal feeds upon the vegetable; and that Black Death swallows up all forms of the animal. But what to the material scientist is a process of endless annihilation is to the Spiritual Evolutionist an eternal cycle of life. When the former gets beyond the external forms, in the inner light of the soul, he will see the life currents flowing into and through the crystals, into and through the plants, into and through the animals-broadening, deepening, purifying as they flow-and bearing back to the Central Fountains the perfected results of all the developing stages passed through. All is life to souls conscious of the universal movements; all is death to souls self-bound in matter.

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The instrument may be perfect in every part, but it is valueless as a means of producing music until some one knows how to manipulate it to produce that harmony; and the instrument may be ruined before there has been given any harmony through it. So with the human body; it may be ever so perfect for the manifestation of the progressive being, but unless the thinker knows how to produce harmony through it, it will only give out that which is disturbing and unpleasant.

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It is by feeding upon inharmony that "evil spirits" maintain their existence on the plane of evil—ignorance. Every time we manifest inharmony we are helping to maintain "evil spirits."—L. A. M.

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As long as men and women are slaves to error, they must of necessity maintain those internal and external parasites who profit by their errors. Truth needs no priest nor preacher, no more than health needs a physician.—Lucy A. Mallory.

GREAT MAN OF THE HEAVENS.

F. P. WAGNER.

Tr has been affirmed repeatedly, by those who can see on the Celestial plane, that the com-Universal race thought creates an organism as perfect as that of the perfect man; but this bit of truth has been taken by the masses of the people to be only an assertion, having no proof from a material point of view. In astrology the human form is used to illustrate the symbols of the twelve signs. It was not wholly from imagination that this form was adopted; the early astrologers doubtless were familiar with this Heavenly form. In this age many of our ministers, those who live much in devotion to the inner promptings of the spirit, see glimpses of this giant form; but from a false theological training they give the Great Man a wholly false mission. I have a letter from a minister who says he has seen this form many times, and thinks it is Jupiter, holding himself in readiness to destroy those who have disobeyed God's laws. He described the form as to proportions correctly, but says the expression of the face is terrible. How could it be otherwise to him than the face of a hardened executioner, as he gives the form that occupation?

Many of the world's mystics have spoken of this form, seen in the heavens, and have given the reason for its existence. The people have not understood these facts, or even comprehended the meaning of their words, being accustomed to measuring all proofs from a wholly materialistic point of view.

There is a tribe of Indians in Alaska that believe in the existence of the Great Man, and attribute all their misfortunes to this personage. An Indian belonging to this tribe, who was injured in some unknown manner, who was found alive, having many of his bones broken, said "the Great Man injured him." These Indians describe this form as immense, being miles in height and proportioned as other men.

It has lately begun to dawn upon the minds of those who think that the Spiritual counter-

part of every form is in fact the real, while the material form is fleeting, stays in form but a few days, dissolves its parts, and is gone for ever; while its spiritual form remains permanent. "The World's Advance-Thought" goes to the far East, and to the remote islands of the sea; is it not possible its many readers can give more light on this subject; mere assertions count for nothing. Many anxious hearts are asking the cause of these Heavenly phenomena. Can not the answer be given?

The Convention of the International Metaphysical League will be held in Lorimer Hall, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., from October 24th to 26th, inclusive. This gathering promises to be one of the most important in the whole history of this remarkable spiritual evolution. Contributions toward the necessary expenses should be forwarded to the treasurer, Mr. W. E. Uptegrove, 1175 Bergen street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Send all communications, except those containing contributions, to Warren A. Rodman, secretary, 201 Clarendon street, Boston, Mass.

With the Fall Fiction Number of "the Saturday Evening Post," of Philadelphia, that journal will be enlarged from a sixteen to a twenty-four page weekly magazine, with a double number every fourth week. The Fall Fiction Number will have a handsome colored cover and thirty-two pages of short stories and entertaining articles by well-known and popular writers. It will be on all news stands September 28. The price has not been raisea.

The seventh annual convention of the National Spiritualists Association will be held in America Auditorium Hall, Chicago, Illinois, from October 17th to 20th. Ask for certificate tickets to National Spiritualists Convention. Special hotel rates have been secured at the Leland Hotel, Michigan, and Jackson Boulevards, at two dollars a day, two persons in a room,; fifty cents extra for single rooms, American plan.

THE SECOND COMING.

DEAR MRS. MALLORY:—As a spiritually enlightened weman, you have from time to time given me the chance in The World's Advance-Thought, to give out what light I have been privileged to offer on the question of the "Second Coming of Christ,"—a question that the Christian world (through such as specially make a study of this promise), believes near its fulfillment in these "latter days."

Different ones have arisen in our broad land crying, as Jesus said they would, "Lo, I am the Christ!" These have put forth doctrines more or less true and have gained a following more or less large in each case.

To one "Free Love" formed the social doctrine; to another celibacy; one taught that only through study of the constitution of man could we find the true solution of the social question; another that we live upon the inside of the earth, and that the sun is at the centre within our globe. Schlatter did his work as a divine healer faithfully and well and aimed to illustrate in his personality that of the Saviour of Galilee.

These have all fought, and with the exception of the last, are still fighting the preliminary struggles that prepare the way for the final personal reappearing of "the Christ."

The Divine Agent to voice the will of the "Most High," instead of standing alone and seeking a following, aims to become a part of that great movement which already lives in recognition and open communion with the world beyond, and is prepared through the knowledge and experience acquired, to understand and receive the Christ

Spiritualism, as an organized movement, is falling into line as the final "ism" that shall complete the chain whose first link was forged in Rome; and to this most radical of spiritual reovements the church must look for the coming again of her Lord. Not literally from the "clouds of Heaven," and as He ascended from the "Mount," but out from among the clouds of modern conflicting doctrines, beliefs, teach-

ings, theories and vagaries, and through the doorway of a religious movement that has its foundation in Fact.

The Spiritualist movement constitutes the "rock" on which we may firmly stand and look outward for the future that is for us. masculine to the feminine of Christian Science, and will come out into the light all the brighter because of its dark background. Jesus came out of Nazareth, a place of ill-repute, in the olden time; cannot he come again from a movement unsavory to the world at large, but one fast crystalizing an orderly body and open to a recognition of any needed reforms within its midst. What the world needs to-day is to know the essential Truth. Jesus gave this in his day; shall another be permitted to give it in this age. W. J. Cushing.

Dr. Woolsey recently performed a new sort of operation on an idiot child's skull at Bellevue Hospital, in this city, for the purpose of curing idiocy. The child died and the Dr. said: "The operation was entirely successful from my point of view. The only trouble was that the child had not sufficient vitality to stand the shock." The only trouble was that the opera-Now, if Christian ation killed the child. Scientists are to be prosecuted for manslaughter whenever a patient dies on their hands, notwithstanding that the patient wants to die that way, and that the healer does nothing to kill him, what shall be done with Dr. Woolsey? We might say of the Christian Science patient that he might have lived had it not been for what the healer didn't do to him. But in the other case the boy would certainly be alive today had not it been for what Dr. Woolsey did to him. Custom is a mighty thing and habits of thought are hard to break.—Positive Thought.

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INTERPRETATION OF SOUL COMMUNION VISION.

through "The World's Advance-Thought."
It is a well executed piece of workmanship, typographically. It is clean and neat and inviting in appearance. And it betrays no small fund of talent vested in the editor. I almost envy your your lot. No, no; I envy no one; only I would like a chance such as yours to mould the sentiments of a constituency according to may own judgment of truth and right,

My own views in the main all are as squarely opposite yours as well may be. Therefore, in view of the fact that we cannot meet each other on the same platform, nor discuss these premises from a common foundation, I shall refrain from offering any criticism. But you know from your own constitutional make-up, undoubtedly, that a mind bent and cultivated in a certain direction, will follow its own bent in spite of all that would endeavor to restrain it.

You are an extensive reader, I judge. Have you searched into the claims of the Anglo-Saxon Israelitish origin, and if you have, what do you judge of it?

For myself, I deem it both wise and fair to give an ear to every pronounced line of thought that asks a hearing, else how shall I know for myself of their value? And how else shall I be able at all to do them justice?

But I use this question chiefly as a convenient introduction to a suggestion relative to your pretty "Prophetic Vision,"—a suggestion of a brief and simple and withal sweeping and comprehensive interpretation from my point of view. Would to God it were yours. You would find in it the solution of an endless series of past and present and future perplexities, which have taxed the ingenuity of well wrought minds in all ages, and still continue to do so, and will continue until the only true solution shall be grasped. It is as follows:

The spotless "Lamb" shall in due time bring harmony and peace not only to the "Eagle" of Mannasseh, and to the "Lion" of Ephraim (re-

spectively the United States and Great Britain), but to all the less royal nations of the earth as well. And the "Child" from "Bethlehem—Judah," the "Prince of the House of David," verily shall lead them!

I marvel at the beauty of this little "vision," and at its exact fitness to the gist of the entire scope of the prophetic future, as the Bible gives it.

This solution is incomparably simple, and to the watcher of the "Signs of the Times," from a Bible standpoint, the links of the chain of time and event necessary to lead up to the consummation of the "desire of all nations" will soon be completed, thank God!

And some "blind evidence" of His everlasting veracity abounds on every hand to the eye and ear trained to listen for the still small voice and to detect the tracings of His finger.

JOHANNA SOMMER.

We cannot too highly recommend to all of our readers "The Logic of Vegetarianism," by H. S. Salt. It is one of the most logical works on this important subject, and presents the arguments for the adoption of a Vegetarian diet from all points of view. Mr. Salt is one of the founders of the Humanitarian League, of London, and the great work he has done is a mighty monument to his ceaseless energy and unwavering faith in the cause of the New, the True, and the Good. The price of the book is forty cents. Address Manager Ideal Publishing Union, 33 Paternoster Row, London, E. C., England, G. B.

We acknowledge the receipt of the "Spokes-man-Review Quarterly," containing seventy-five pages of handsome photographs of Spokane, Wash., and the leading mines and mining towns of Washington, Idaho and British Columbia, and matter descriptive of them. The "Spokes-man-Review" is the leading daily paper of the state of Washington and one of the most enterprising on the Pacific coast. The price of the "Quarterly" is 35 cents a copy; \$1.00 a year. Address the "Spokesman-Review," Spokane, Washington.

HORRIBLE BUT TRUE.

THERE never was a time in the world's history when philanthropy was so popular, but it remains a fact, that man's inhumanity to man is excelled in intensity and general meaness by his inhumanity to the dumb brute that serves him. Dumb animals are ill-treated, tortured, starved, to an extent that is disgraceful to a civilized nation.

Let us consider one of our noblest animals—the horse; thoughtless suffering is inflicted on it constantly by nominally kind-hearted people, who forget to feed and water it, who keep it in dark, badly ventilated stables, who leave it unblanketed in cold weather to shiver through long, cold hours of waiting, with its head checked high in the air, who whip it up hill, and who leave wounds made by badly-fitting harness to fester until they are open sores.

Take many working horses harnessed to drays, carts, and cabs in our towns and cities; they are overdriven, kicked by brutal drivers, and generally abused.

Even our carriage horses do not escape from cruelty; they are forced to endure the agony of docked tails, clipped coats in the severe cold of our winter, the over-drawn check rein, and other atrocities; and almost all horses, as they grow old and less serviceable, are sold into worse than slavery, to owners who feed them as little as possible, who work them until they become mere skeletons or drop dead in harness, to find in death a merciful relief to their sufferings.

Such daily exhibitions of ingratitude the ignoring even of justice, are a reproach to society and a blot on civilization.

To such cruelty add, first, the countless miseries endured by animals in transportation by land and by water.

Second, the wholesale murder on the plains of the Western States of thousands of animals from the unapeakable horrors of slow starvation.

Third, the butchery of millions of birds annually destroyed to provide hat trimmings for women in this century of boasted civilization.

In this connection, travellers in Southern

forests tell us that wagon loads of half dead, bleeding birds pass along the roads; and the whole mass rising and falling like waves from the writhing of the suffering birds, while the air is filled with the beseeching cries of the nestlings, left to perish for want of food.

In Florida there is a little bird called the heron, from which the sprays called egrets or ospreys are taken.

Many ladies who turn with horror from wearing wings, birds, etc., but who wear ospreys in profusion, might be interested to know that for every spray in their bonnets the life of at least four baby birds has been taken.

These birds are killed in the breeding season when the plumage is at its best (in fact these ospreys are the nuptial plumes of the birds). The nestlings are left in the nests to starve, and in traveling through the swamps of Florida at this season the air is filled with moaning cries of the dying birds—all for the sake of a handful of feathers—a matter for contemplation on the part of these women who boast of their tender-heartedness.

Add now the anguish endured by the wild things caged and trapped, who die by inches, that of wild birds robbed of their young, pets of various kinds left to the tender mercies of careless and ignorant children, and to this appalling sum the nameless tortures inflicted on living animals in the name of "scientific research."

"No civilization is complete which does not include the dumb and defenceless of God's creatures within the sphere of justice, charity and mercy," and there can be no true progress when people's senses are blunted to suffering.

To this end humane education must begin with children—the future men and women of the world.—The Realm, Toronto, Canada.

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WORTHY OF THE MIDDLE AGES.

parents, in Needham, Mass., died of dysentery last Friday after eighteen days' illness. It was thirty-six hours before they could get a physician to sign a certificate of death, and then it was signed by Dr. Mansfield, of the Board of Health. He gave as cause of death, "dysentery without medical attendance."

Now, "dysentery without medical attendance" is a new disease, and it's no wonder he died. What would they have named it if he had had a doctor, and then died? Boys do oft-times. I don't see why a proper anti-toxine to that disease might not be, "dysentery with medical attendance."

I know nothing about this case, at least have no positive knowledge of it. Neither have you, nor perhaps anybody competent to judge. He may have died from Christian Science stupidity for aught that I know. It is something not susceptible of proof one way or the other, and so something that should not be meddled with by any living human being. What might have happened if he had had a doctor can only be a matter of conjecture. And so the vote of all the doctors of the town "to collect all the facts possible regarding the death of the boy and lay them before the district attorney," is unwarrantable interference without a shadow of justice behind it. It is bigotry worthy the Middle Ages. It is positive cruelty to the parents so sadly bereft, to intimate that, because of their fault, their boy lies dead.

If the physicians can show me one single gain to science, one single thing that can be proved concerning this death, beyond the shadow of a good deal of doubt, I will concede that they are justified in harrowing up the feelings of the bereaved for the sake of others.

But their own science is built upon conjecture; there is nothing exact about it, and the best of them admit it. And their action in this matter must be characterized as the densest ignorance or the most cruel selfishness.

And, besides, he did have medical attend-

ance. A Christian Science physician attended him. And, whether he did or not, if parents are to be forced to furnish medical attendance against their own faith or the dictation of the state, then God help the state and all the children in it, for Liberty is gone—The Rockland, (Mass.) Independent.

The late Mr. Lawson Tait, whose skill in surgery had established many operations which have proved of immense benefit to sufferers, was a consistent anti-vivisectionist. He would never allow that vivisection had done the least thing to advance science, and he himself would have died rather than to have saved himself at the cost of the suffering of some animal. In this connection it is instructive to note that the Pennsylvania Hospital has declared that its anti-toxin treatment for tetanus has been a failure. The "Medical News" reports a case of a healthy child dying suddenly after the injection of diptheria serum.

WE have received from the Librarie du Magnetisme, "Application de l'Aimant au Traitment des
Maladies" (The Magnet Applied to the Treatment
of Disease), by Prof. H. Durville; and "Principes
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WOULD BE FOR MINE TOO SMALL.

It is not blessedness to know that thou thyself art blessed;

True joy was never yet by one, nor yet by two possessed;

Nor to the many is it given, but only to the all,

The joy that leaves one heart unblessed would be for mine too small.

And he who holds this faith will strive with firm and ardent soul,

And work out his own proper good in working for the whole.—Wisdom of the Brahmins.

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