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> Written expressly for THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT. THE DESERT FLOWER. \* BY LUPA.

STOOD on the plain when the day tegun, When noon crept by with its burning sun, And still was there when the eve came on, With nothing to show for the day. My eyes were tired of the blinding glare. The sand was hot and my feet were bare, And I had wearied of standing there, And cried to be taken away:

For God, or Fate, call it what you will, With force that burt, but refused to kill. Had wrenched by hands, that were trembling still. Away from their lingering hold On precious things that had been my own, Had turned my voice to a wailing moan, And left me there on the plain alone. Exposed to the heat and the cold.

My vision, (dulled by the quivering heat That glowed 'twixt me and the vanished sweet), -With shortened range, at my very feet (Held fast in a circlet of thorns). Espied a promise of rosy hue, A lovely bud that since morning grew. Though neither rain nor the cooling dew Had moistened that circlet of thorns.

A tender message the flower brought. A soft reproach that was all unsought And yet seemed praise as my spirit caught] The thought that was blossoming there: I, too, perhaps, like this desert flower, Might suit my needs to the present hour. In battling trial might gain new power And hope that would save from despair.

Removed from fountains where many drink, Each hand must dig or life will sink-In voiceless deserts each brain must think: The effort will conquer success, And greenness come where before 'twas gray, While wells of water and thought some day Refresh the thirsty who pass that way With draughts that flow only to bless.

INSPIRATION THE KEY TO INSPIRATION.

NSPIRATION is required to interpret inspiration, and continuing inspiration is necessary to earry past inspiration on into living faith. Allowing the inspiration of one age to crystalize into a definite belief is like being guided by a dial with but one time-mark. and it to the rear of the advancing light. Swedenborg received truth according to his own law of correspondences, by analogue and symbol; and they who receive the letter of his revelations without having the understanding opened to their spirit are as dead to the truths transmitted through his soul as are those letter-worshipers he came to unblind. He never taught as absolute truth that the Infinite God or organic manifestation of Deity is subject to qualifying lines and bounds. Life Completeness or Whole Life is a sphere; and, rightly understood, Swedenborg's "Divine Man" idea is not inconsistent with this truth. Emanuel Swedenborg is of the Heaven-and-Earth Unity that is now growing up to bring Divine Truth into human life realization, to illuminate this world with Universal-Celestialism: and in that light it is most clear that what he represents as spirit life or existence local to various parts of an animal-man configuration are but relations of quality to the first or supreme degree Space, place, and form, are not involved in the correct understanding: these are only assumed as a necessity of comprehension to the matter-locked mind-which, taking the human body as the highest formal expression of intelligence, recognizes in its structural plan superior and inferior parts, ranging from the centers of reason and sensibility down to the lowest functional offices. For those who cannot hold in thought the idea of existence or being transcendentally through and over corporeal limitations the figure is necessary to impressing the truth that from the soul-center, where all is held in essence, the spirit-forces radiate out uniformly until the measure of the individual sphere is filled. Only when the view is taken away from the Center-among conditions that are partial, broken, fragmentary-is the God-Form reflected upon the finite mind with irregularities of outline and conflicts in spiritual temper. Man's structure. like the structures of all expressions of life around him, is adapted to environment; and environment being temporary, his physical structure cannot symbolize eternal truth in its fullness-it is but the earth-measurement thereof. Worlds of matter, which are the shadow-forms of spiritual spheres, present themselves to us in their entirety orbicularly; but exploring them in detail, without regard to the relationship of parts to the whole, discloses inharmonious proportions everywhere. As the solar center uniformly diffuses its light throughout its field of radiation, thus defining a sphere of energy, so the Divine Essences, in effluent and refluent tides, involving and | could and would explain that Central Character or Master Medium evolving at all points, constitute the eternal rounds of Creative Energy. The Divine Essences being everywhere, the soul makes its own heaven and fixes its relation to the Universal Center according to its aspiration for and attraction of good, as the sun-glass attracts entirely under the conscious guidance of the invisible or spirit world! and focalizes light and fire from the sun. Why should we travel for light to distant parts when we are spiritually constituted to be "clothed with the sun" at will? Or what different and distant parts can there be to the whole-life experience that embraces all?

STILL We hear of the "incomprehensibleness" of THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT. When it is said through a medium, for publication in a journal specially devoted to external evidences, that a departed soul will continue to draw elements from the body it has vacated until the dissolution of that body is complete, do you comprehend this? You comprehend what has been said of an alleged truth; but the truth itself, if truth is indeed the predicate of the and growth, they would hear the Father's voice in their own souls. saying, you comprehend no more than you did before; and that what of spiritual truth is intermediately transmitted through a mortal medium on inducement or special solicitation is more or less alloyed with the prejudice or private opinion of both medium and investigator is now well established. As the gift is, so each works; and the task allotted us is not the lightest, be the responsibility of others ever so great. It is the mission of this journal-of it, and no person in particular-to resurrect the human consciousness from the false exterior life to the true interior life-the life of truth self-consciously realized.

SINCE the first issue of THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT, three years ago, the march of events have confirmed what it then stated to be its mission. The confirmation of events will grow stronger, until the grand culmination shall have been reached with an evidence life of the offspring. "The sons of the fathers (and mothers) shall and the outer manifestations and conflict: but here is one devoted that will startle the world of moral thought and scientific investiga- be visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation." to the interior and the development of the soul." tion as it was never startled before. Again we say, those who have not consecutively read and studied the issues of The World's Ap-

[Written expressly for THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT:. SPITIRUAL FREE TRADE. BY E. M. W.

IN the "Golden Age" of the primitive childhood of the race, while the virgin gold of affection and innocence still retained its EDITED AND PUBLISHED BY H. N. MAGUIRE AND LUCY A. MALLORY | lustre, spirit communings were of a heavenly and even a divine character. "The Lord God walked in the garden at the cool of the day," and the Adamic, counterparted man, standing in the primal unity, could feel Him, could see Him as a man, could hear His voice as a man's voice, and talk with Him face to face.

But the world has lost the heaven that lay around it in its inancy; nor has it yet gained the greater heaven that shall embosom it in its maturity. Those halcyon days were not destined to last; this blue of heaven gathered blackness; evil began with the separation of counterparts, and the bright angel fled the ungenial clime. Yet however low man may have fallen from the gift of innocence as enjoyed by his Celestial Ancestors in the Saturnian Age of Gold, this commerce with the world invisible must always have existed in some shape or other; the only difference being that at some periods, notably so in the early Hebrew epoch, it has been more rigorously watched over than at others. Thus, to come at once to our own era. if during the midnight hours of this New Day, spirit-communion was all but suspended, it was because the spirits who would have ruled at such a time would have preponderated on the side of evil. For the same reason, too, if at the present hour of daybreak we see these prohibitions relaxed, it is because the scales have turned in favor of higher Spiritism.

This resumption of free trade is, as every one may see, a cheering sign of the times; and though of course this newly inaugurated traffic has all the rough, jolting confusion of a halt-organized trade, the friends of progress may satisfy themselves that in the nature of things, like the chick in the shell, it cannot but assume shape and extension as it proceeds. The error of the primitive man who bartered his innocence and counterpartal state for civilization, and the "knowledge of good and evil," will be repaired by those of his descendants who, through struggle and agony, have liberated God's evolutionary force in man from structural suspense, and have opened the door for the race to enter once more into bi-sexual humanity.

For oneness, two-in-oneness; each to its own. Even in the present inchoate phase of spirit communion, as an engine of conversion, it has turned over the dense sub-soils of society. bringing the Atheist and the Materialist out of their graves into the broad light of day; and if; like a goodly steed, its head is kept straight, and never permitted to swerve from the posts, ropes, and with sated senses, see not the end toward which ye are blindly stakes laid down for its course by the highest Reason of the race, it drifting! will carry its rider like the wind, distancing all those who are too straight-laced, in an eor indolent to adopt it. In this sense the Science of Spirit, so far from offering any violence to revelation, is a powerful lens or microscope which, held over its texts, will bring out a volume, a detail, and a finish, which no naked eye of man will

Among the many anomalies ever cropping up in the Babel of the professedly religious world, there is no one which more freshly excites our wonder than the rejection, or more than this, the virulent opposition, to Spiritism on the part of the quaint, prim, and highly respectable sect professing the doctrines of the Arch-Clairvoyant Swedenborg. It was this High Priest who, in these latter days, brought down the facts and fires of spirit intercourse to earth: upon whom then, if not upon his Levites, should devolve the mission of trimming, feeding, and refining these sacred flames? To whom, i not to a party not only professedly Christian, but assuming to stand in advance and discreted from the old church, could it belong, if they saw those heavenly gifts reappearing, and struggling to reach the high pedestal which they occupied not only in the Apostles' times, but in those of the Adam-man-to raise again, Nehemiahlike, those grand walls, giving them their true Christian elevation and symmetry? Instead of this, proh pudor! they are found running away from them, and, foremost among an outer world, pointing with glee and derision at that bulging from the perpendicular which could not but arise when these labors were left to other than take refuge in the house of the stranger, "Mine old familiar friend. in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his

eel against me.' That in our eyes has always appeared to be a very questionable wisdom which looks at the sun only to detect its spots. Negative, suspicious, and prejudiced minds which are ever disbelieving, carping, caviling and rejecting every new thing that surges up before them, are only quarreling with their own bread and butter, and they deserve to be as lean as they show themselves to be. We fear too that the gall of jealousy and envy-those poor feelings that growl at any honor put upon another, and "will not go in to the dancing," have often as much to do with such criticisms as an honest love and quest of truth. We know nothing of this old Swedish Seer, as an honest, self-renouncing servant of God, if he-any less than the Apostle-would deny to others the right of "building on his foundation;" more than this, if he would not be the first to wish to see corrected some of those things in which he was not right. What can be more galling to him than to hear it said—as it often is—that "all he wrote must be true!" Save me from my friends

God speed then these orderly revelations, which speak according to the "law and the testimony," the reason and the soul, and which from time to time, and particularly at periods of age-transition, crop up as beautiful flowers above the dead level of a weedy world. Like the pharal lights which dot the coast at midnight, and so, like mun dane stars, apprize the straining eyes of Palinurus of his whereabout. so are these concentrated supernal illuminations the answer which God gives to those who, anxious and impatient upon their watchtowers, are asking, "What of the night?" They are the periodical summings up of a century of work, and the givings out of orders for the century to come. As expositions also and elucidations of the Word" they will turn to darkness the highest efforts of ordinary ntellects; nay, the Lord himself through these his servants, is drawing forth from his treasury many of those things which he had to tell. but which could not be borne in his time, and "would be known hereafter." What light is in the moon, when shines the sun? Time then is it for those who have ears, or who are not wrapped in deadly apathy, to be up, and clapping their hands, to go forth with harps, psalteries, and timbrels; yea, even though "Michal despise them in her heart," with this David of joyful song.

# WHO IS CALLED?

To the Editors of THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT: The various phases of mediumship lead up to one wherein the life itself constitutes the phenomena offered for man's consideration. Such a psychic "bears the sins of the world on his own shoulders," until, through the discipline of suffering, he realizes that he is one with God in verity and truth, one with the Spirit, (or as much of it as is organized for his development and constant control), and that henceforth it must be the Father's will that leads him in all things. and not his own. At this point of growth in a spiritual cause (its phenomena, mediums, unpopularity, and development from among the lowly, like the conditions that preceded the dawn of Christianity) it would seem natural that there should be one in readiness who upon whom the Christian world has thought so long, and regarding whom it is still in such perplexing doubt. What is the Spiritual Cause to-day but a flock without a shepherd? and what would any ordinary man be to lead it, compared with a "Man of God," acting

Spiritualists, generally speaking, have left the church, its set forms of belief and its restraining power, to think for themselves, and in so thinking to become individualized sufficiently to be inharmonious one with another. It needs something more than the ordinary phenomena and lectures to bring them into a concrete body-there must be one who is a phenomenon in himself, one whom their preleader out of the wilderness into the land of promise and usefulness life, if the race would set the thought-forces in this direction,

A study of Oahspe shows us that all persons who occupied the osition of a Messiah or special moral teacher in any of the world's reat religious movements, were of necessity spiritually unfolded until through crucifixion of the flesh, and other means of discipline Jehovah spoke to them audibly-spirit communed with them without the intervention of a medium. So they were "one with God." even as Jesus himself claimed. That all were just alike we cannot say, but this much is reasonable to claim, that each one fitted into the time and race for which he was raised up, or "born of the Holy Ghost," to use a term misunderstood by the Church; for there is only one real way of bearing children though conditions may differ as to physical, moral and spiritual development-the higher the con-W. J. CUSHING, ditions the higher the result. Brooklyn, N. Y. March 16.

When all the atom-intelligences of our inner being are angels we will be immortal, and our offspring will be angels. Now the children

VANCE THOUGHT had better secure back numbers while they can. has really been needed, a leader has never failed to come.

LOST AND FOUND ON THE DESERT.

STRETCHED out before us was a vast desert expanse, save spots here and there where a very few green sprouts were just beginning to creep out from the dark earth to be kissed by the vivifying sunlight and drink in the invigorating dews of heaven. Of multitudes of weary pilgrims around one of these spots, all seeking resting-places, one mated pair discovered the tiny bursting germs, and would wander no more. They set about curtaining off the promise-spot from the view of their fellow-pilgrims. Only thinking of shutting themselves out from those who were, in their relation to that one point, moving on in advance or coming up in the rear, they stretched screens in front and behind, but left themselves exposed from the sides and above. Then, in their fancied security of exclusion, they caused proclamation to be made to the outside world,

When the harvest is ready we will call you; watch and waitfor us." When at last they thought their right, by priority of claim and long-maintained exclusive possession, was firmly established, they withdrew the curtains to receive the homage of a worshipful world, when, behold! they saw they had been shutting themselves in, instead of shutting others out; the world had been moving right on, and they alone had sapped moving; their self-bound Eden now presented itself, by contrast with the surroundings, as a sterile waste in a landscape of living bloom-their screens had shut out the blessed sunlight, so the little sprouts they had discovered on the desert could not grow. To brandish high our light in a spirit of self-glorification, or to "hide it under a bushel" in a spirit of exclusiveness, is in either case unspiritual and soul-dwarfing.

### THE ANGELS' WARNING.

E seek for precious stones and gold, and long nights pass in 6 racking thoughts how best you may obtain the shadow-symbols of gem-sparkling Wisdom and sun-glowing Love Divine. Ye have no use for jewels of the heart-the diamonds of the

Away with your gauds! away with your pride! The agony of countless thousands cries to heaven for aid and sympathy, while ve.

Up with your sleeves and go down into the very dregs of society to redeem the wayward and the fallen. O, blinded humanity, your trust and faith are built upon the sand, and by-and-by, when the lightning of the Celestial strikes your temples made with hands your idols will crumble into nothingness, and the inner consciousness will alone remain to bear witness to your fruitless, wasted, and misspent lives.

#### [Written expressly for THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT]? KING SOLOMON.

BY ALONZO. MAN in his body is like Noah's ark. In him are all beasts and birds and creeping things. In him are also the sea and the dry land In him in the morning the birds of the night fly to their perches, and the beasts of prey lie down in their lairs. In the evening the toiling millions lie down to rest in his bones.

The house of many mansions is the body of a man; the spirits of the dead have their habitations therein, and the races of the future ie dormant in his undeveloped structures.

Take a hollow globe of darkened glass: there may be light inside and light outside: but neither can penetrate or blend. The glass itself is darkness; and such is the undeveloped mind of man, and such the earth we live on. The ultimate atom is a hollow cell, transsun is transparent, and the light from within shines through. The earth is opaque, and the light from within is suppressed. Such also s the mind of the natural man, living by refracted and distracting light. The ethereal space supposed to be void is alive. It is living conscious intelligence; it holds the worlds in its grasp. It is attraction, and it is repulsion. There can be no collisions of worlds haphazard in this solution, for it is elastic and alive. If suns should strike together they would rebound as rubber balls. But they can't collide: they rebound before they collide, as the atoms of a gas, or blend and coalesce.

The atoms in a piece of iron or air-bubbles shoot through one another as suns and stars through space, held in the elastic ligatures of Living Law. Law is elastic: consciousness and conscience are elastic; time and space are elastic. A billion miles may shrink nto an inch, or out of sight altogether; a billion years may be compressed into a moment, and a minute is an eternity to the microcosmic ephemera whose generations rise and sink within its compass. Time and space are illusions of the consciousness: there is no time or space only as the consciousness is limited thereby. Nations rise and fall; suns and systems spring into being, run their courses, and disappear in the atomic universes that circulate through the body of a man. Yet all these things are vanity, for we know not yet what man is in reality, or what life is in truth.

As the universe is reflected in the interior of the eve. so the macocosm is reflected in the microcosm, and thus the world appears to us as we are ourselves. If thy eve be single, thy whole body is full of light; but if thy eye is impure, thy whole body is full of darkness. Look well for the inner light of the soul, for that is thyself, thy rue self: having found this, thou hast found the only treasure that

s thine own, and in it thou findest all things. Seek thy heaven in littleness as well as in greatness, in humility as much as nobitity, for heaven and hell are condensed in the mi crocosm, and their energies are sublimated there. The tree that grows highest roots deepest in the earth, and the greatest soul goes down the furthest in the deeps of human suffering.

#### From the Boston Herald, February 251. GENERATION OF THOUGHT-FORCES.

Yesterday, at the First Spiritual Temple, Mrs. H. S. Lake gave an address of a metaphysical character, upon the generation o thought-forces. She said the topic is one which may be somewhat difficult to elucidate, inasmuch as but little attention has, as yet, been given to the philosophy of thought, most persons supposing, if they think at all upon the subject, that thought is generated wholly by the effect of outward environment upon the physical senses, when the spiritual fact is that there is a vast realm of the soul, to which the faculty called intuition bears the same relation as do the five physical senses to the material world. Into this realm may the daring spiritual explorer penetrate, and draw therefrom vitalizing thought substance with which to repair bodies and reinvigorate brains; the efficacy of these thought-forces, on the outward plane, will be proportioned to the soul-power of him who generates these elements. To will to be, or to do, is essentially the projection of soul-power into the realm of matter-so called-the using of thoughtforces to construct conditions, just as hands are used to change wood and stone and mortar into a substantial edifice. This willpower is the workman, and thought is the raw material out of which all things are made. Back of these appearances of bodies and buildings lies the unseen architect-yourself-thought-generator and thought-regenerator.

Seeing how the world is deluged with crime and misery and death, you can realize how thought-forces are being used. It is scarcely to be wondered at that disease is in the world, and death triumphant, when the race has so long generated and fed upon the contemplation of decay and dissolution, as the fiat of an Almighty vious experiences have prepared them to recognize and accept as a God, who would more readily co-operate with youth and health and

#### RESULTS MARVELOUS. Abraham P. Miller, who has contributed to American poetry some

of its brightest thoughts, writes thus of Universal Soul-Communion: "This Universal Prayer Meeting is an organization extending to every country and people on the globe. On the 27th of each month thousands of people sit at the same hour and raise their thoughts elevation of the race. No selfish aspirations or prayers are in place rection. in this Communion. The results have been marvelous in visions, revelations, exaltations, etc., and it is believed the influence has already been very great in turning the hearts of rulers toward peace and preventing war, and that an organization has been formed through which angelic and divine influences can reach mankind and gradually flood the earth with spiritual light and power. The Ap-VANCE-THOUGHT, as we have at various times intimated, is a unique born into the world are physical or composite embodiments of spirit and remarkable publication, and we again commend it to all who intelligences predominant in our material natures at the time of their wish to read a truly spiritual paper, without the ism and the spirit conception, and these spirits will rule, for weal or for woe, the future of controversy. There are many journals devoted to Spiritualism

> First ignore; then ridicule or persecute; then accept and glorify. here and in Boston. Many advance-thought You are following the old circle around, worldlings.

PROGRESSION OF ADVANCE-THOUGHT IDEAS DELAIDE JOHNSON, of Washington, D. C., has sent forth a flash of light in the form of a neatly printed pamphlet on the subject. " Harmony the Real Secret of Health, Beauty, Happiness, or Vegetarianism from Principle." It is spiritual and elevating in tone, and instructive in argumentation. The following quotations will strike the readers of the Companion-Papers as familiar

"If I am asked how this Universal Intelligence performs its appropriate acts, being divided into so many parts, I would suggest that the most advanced of these parts as a center may swing the rest, just as the sun swings other worlds which are a part and parcel of the one system, or as among us a very strong mind may swing almost all the rest of humanity.

"Now what does the killing of any living thing do? It calls to action and predominance the baser emotions, the "lion and the tiger"-ferocity, revenge, hate, anger, etc., being their extremes. You may argue that people do not think of such things. Certainly they do not stop and reason about them, else unnumbered cruelties of our civilization would cease. But does thoughtlessness excuse or relieve from the consequences of something which has become so habitual, so incorporated and incarnate, as no more to be observed or thought of? To resist the mute appeals of a dumb creature, all the gentler emotions must first be stilled; and no one can strike a blow without this battle with its subjugation and destruction within

"I do not wish to be understood here as giving evil any power in and of itself. On the contrary I regard the idea of its personality, agency, power, so considered, as absurd. That it is a power as a result of mental causation I do not deny, but rather affirm. Evil is the absence of good, just as darkness is the absence of light, cold the absence of heat, disease the absence of health. It seems to follow that a little more study of light, and a little more study of health, would compass a better end than so much darkness and disease. One the appearance, the other the reality."

Sara A. Harris, of Berkley, California, makes the key-thought of a Golden Gate article the statement that "all the forces known in nature are modes or differentiations of the one Primary Force"that " as man comes into harmony with universal pulsation (the object of Whole-World Soul-Communion] he will find all power his

#### A WATCH-TOWER VOICE. OCTOR JOHN PULSFORD, the able and brave New Dispen-

sationist of London, writes thus:

1 identify myself with no nation, with no church, with no poitical party, with no section of Spiritualists or Theosophists. For the present I am simply of the seed of the Sun-Clothed Womanhood of the Heavens, in the desert, travailing, along with many other lonely ones, with the Child of the Future, and in pain to be delivered. But the Child who will break to shivers all the pottery of the natural man's civilization, and of his self-constituted religious institutions, is not yet. But the multitudinous Child of the Divine Womanhood is forming and fast coming to maturity. For "Her seed," here and there, is in all nations. But the seed of the great red Dragon. namely, the whole lust-generated nature-race of man, are at war with Her seed; and for yet a little while will have the upper hand. But ' Michael and his angels " will more and more make one with " Her seed," and lead them on, "conquering and to conquer," to final

The Dragon of the race, the Serpent, called also Devil and Satan. deceiveth the whole world;" but "the seed of the Woman" he hates and desires to kill, because them he cannot deceive.

It is impossible to doubt that the New Coming of Christ, as the Spirit of Universal Humanity, is rapidly becoming the inner and soul atmosphere of our planet, and "every creature" is inbreathing, more or less, and will inbreathe, its Spirit of Life and Love, which will bring us all into harmony with our Father-Mother God, with the

I perfectly agree with you that there must not be a word or a thought of a sectional character in this New Gospel of the Unity of All Nations."

#### WHO ANSWERS? To the Editors of THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT.

"Let us reason together," sayeth the Spirit of all Good: not in a tpirit of controversy but of brotherly and sisterly love. We would ask the question. Is the genealogy of Jesus from Abraham or David so Joseph intended by the writer as literal fact, or is it a figure to illustrate the laws of spiritual involution? Truth will stand investigation; seek and we shall find it. Knock at the door of Truth's temple with spiritual zeal, and she will open to you her storehouse of spiritual blessings. To increase spiritual light and true friendship I ask the above question. Please give us your opinions through THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT. Santa Ynez, Cal., March 16.

# APPRECIATED.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT is a new Portland publication with a mission as different from ours as can be, but its editor expresses his ideas in regard to the religion of evolution in a way that proves he has an individuality of his own in the realm of thought. The complimentary reference to this journal in the editorial referred to we appreciate as a home notice, for strangers visiting Portland from distant parts have not always been informed of our place of business when inquiring therefor of citizens. It requires courage in an editor these times to extend even ordinary professional courtesies to a cotemporary whose lines of thought are new and reformatory. But being the only publication in Portland that takes in the whole world for its field of patronage, (a necessity of support), it has carried her name, and the name of the State of which she is the metropolis, to parts and peoples where and by whom they had never before been known.

EMPEROB FREDERICK'S soul was open to Soul-Communion when e first heard the call, and he was privileged to participate in sev eral observances before translation. A person who saw him at Charlottenberg, a short time before his death, preserved a paper whereon he had written the following: "One of the most consoling circumstances of my severe trial is to be shown what is being said of me in the French papers. I certainly endeavored, by every means in my power, to mitigate the hardships of war when I was at Versailles; but still war was very rigorous, as it must always be to the conquered. It gives me fresh faith in human nature to find how the French forget the evil I had to do them, and only remember wha, was good. Their present state of feeling makes me hate war more

A PROMINENT New Dispensationist writes thus: "My seer friend recently saw a great light fall from heaven, and heard a voice sav. 'Thus shall the light shine on the Pacific Coast.' The spiritual clans are surely gathering there for a mighty movement upon the works of Daakness or 'Old Night.'"

THE thing that is formed or accomplished is ever subordinate to the force and intelligence that forms and accomplishes. The soulmeans are ready for you just as soon as you are ready for the means make or effect anything good.

ASPIRANTS for the Messiahship, male and female, are rapidly multiplying. This is right-God, or Divine Law, is absolutely impartial in executive methods. The Messianic Crown is for all who fit them-

WE must put thoughts in our minds to develop mentally, the same as we put food into our bodies to sustain and develop them. and souls in prayer and desire for universal peace and the spiritual It is the food we assimilate within that causes growth in any di-

> WE understand the leading spirits of what is called "the Esoteric movement" are coming to the Pacific Coast to select a location for an "Esoteric College," or contemplate doing so.

MAN is inverting the truth trying to know the universe through

the material senses, and seeking to satisfy himself of immortal existence through matter phenomena. WE possess within ourselves the germs of all the powers in the universe, and to learn the mysteries of life we have only to learn to

PORTLAND AS A PUBLISHING CENTER.

ONE of the publications now going forth from this city. save THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT and THE UNIVERSAL RE-PUBLIC, depend upon a patronage as widely distributed as the English language is spoken. But why should not Portland, in Oregon. with a population of 50,000, circulate as great a volume of home-produced literary matter as Portland, in Maine, with a population of only 32,000? True, the Maine city is in the most densely populated geographical district of the country; but this is fairly offset in making the comparison by the fact that she has powerful competing cities in the publishing business all around her, while Oregon's metropolis as a literary publishing center would have little competition north of San Francisco and west of St. Paul. Examination of the statistics shows that Portland of the East circulates monthly more than half a million copies of journals and magazines of a class

This is not as it should be; and it is not the result of wholesome and entertaining reading matter being less in demand on the North-Pacific seaboard than on the North-Atlantic seaboard. Nowhere in the world, in our judgment, is there a greater average of periodical and book readers than on the Pacific Coast and in the western mountain regions.

not represented at all in Portland of the West-literature that en-

ters all the markets of the world patronized by English readers.

This is a matter involving Portland's prosperity and fair fame at east to as great an extent as grand hotels and extensive metallurgical works, and it is high time interest in the matter was being swakened and substantially manifested. The next issue of the Companion-Papers will be in magazine form, and it will find its way to reading rooms in all the great cities of the world. Shall we expect such home appreciation as will encourage others to come hither to build up publishing enterprises of national character?

#### [Written expressly for THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT]. GENESIS AND REVELATION. BY DANIEL FRASER.

GHE same fatherly spirit manifested to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden was manifested in the various communications to the seven churches of Asia. It is worthy of notice that the first prophecy given, "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head," finds its fulfillment in "the seed of the woman clothed with the sun, etc., ruling the nations with a rod of iron."

The lust of the flesh which prevailed in the garden of Eden prevails to-day in the nations; and, as the potter's vessels are broken, so shall the lusts of the flesh and of the mind be broken by the seed of the Divine Woman.

The connection between Genesis and Revelation leads to the inquiry, Do the old and new testaments manifest a oneness of spirit and of design? They do. The old testament throughout expresses but two ideas: Do no harm to yourself, do no harm to others—live righteous life, keep bygienic and moral law. The new testament xpresses but one idea: Be ye beneficent—live a Divine Life, even as Jesus Christ did. The prophets throughout sustain these

Revelations have been considered a dark book, and the extrardinary statements therein render it so to the mere animal man. For instance, "I have the keys of hell and death:" " to him who keepeth my word I will give him power over the nations." Such language may seem extravagant, yet it is precisely true. Adam had all the nations in himself, hence we have. He who is rising into newness of life, and bearing a full cross against all the workings of his lower selfhood, has not only the keys of hell and death in his possession, but he closes hell forever, and rises out of death into the newness of the Divine Life, and breaks the nations of the earth promising self-denial. The statement, "Time shall be no longer," is understood by those who live in newness of his. With them eter-

The appearance in heaven of a woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, etc., is read and passed along by almost every reader as a mere dramatic representation. This is falling into a mistake of no small magnitude. The advent of the incarnated Divine Motherhood among confused and distressed humanity opens homes of redemption on our planet from all the evils of time and eternity. This opening constitutes the grandest spech in human history.

"The woman clothed with the sun," with divine creative about the declaration, "Behold I create all things new, a new heavens and a new earth, in which shall dwell righteousness." The heavens with one acclaim respond to her support, and the powers of evil are stirred up to their lowest depths. "The dragon," "the old serpent the devil," the old man, the lower human selfhood, is roused to war and to fight. He claims that he has a right to live in heaven; that the lusts of the flesh, under certain restrictions, are allowable. Michael and his angels declare that the old heavens, the Messic dispensation, made not the comers thereunto perfect; that it is the mission of the woman clothed with the sun to open the holy of holies to the pure in heart of all nations; that all the essentials of the Law. its justice and beneficence, would be retained but that man and women's lower selfhood could have no place in the holy of holies, in the Angelic Order of human life. Its place was with the earthly man, and to the earth it was cast out. Then broke forth the grand anthem, echoing throughout the arches of all the heavens. "Now is come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the anthonity of his Christ! The tabernacle of God is with men. He shall be with them, and they shall be His peoples." To them the pure fountains of the river of life is now open; and to him who is athirst the waters of life are freely offered. All things are created new; and he who overcometh, being redeemed unto God by the testimony of his Christ, shall inherit these things.

The object of the first appearing of Christ was, that millions night be as he is—at one with the Father—and be saviors of men; and that sign in the heavens, "A woman clothed with the sun," divine creative energy, is a sign that all women may be so clothed.

The great want of the day is Divine Women-women who have risen above generative impulses, women whose affections embrace humanity. Where Divine Woman is not, divine homes carnet be. It is the Woman's Day, and the call is, "come forth." But sias! the millions of earth are wandering in the dark after the sensualities of the beast within them, and desire to drink from the golden cup in the hand of her who sitteth on the many waters, is arrayed in more costly clothing and decked with more gold and glittering stones than was the woman of iniquity of old. To sustain herself she uses force and fraud and dominates over and barters in the elements of human subsistence. She is a dealer in slaves, in the souls or lives of men. The earthly man is morally poisoned with her corruptions, so much so that throughout the length and breadth of the land hardly a family of means can be found that is not drunk with the wine of her iniquities, fattening in idleness upon the products of human toil. "Come out of her, my people. Have no fellowship with her sins, that ye receive not of her plagues."

Let there be on earth a pure church, a body of people who, unitedly and personally, and under all conditions, shall manifest to men the justice and beneficence of God, keeping his commandments and the faith of Jesus the Christ; and just in proportion to its unfoldment will be the fall of Babylon, the drying up of the sources of evil.

A. C. Doane, Santa Ynez, Cal., writes: "When we speak of spiritual planes and celestial planes the earthly mind supposes we refer to localities somewhere in space, just as heaven and hell have been given a locus by so-called teachers who claim to be Christians or followers of Jesus; when in reality they are but book-worms, subsisting on the letter of the bible, as the tobacco-worm does on the leaf of the plant, many of them not knowing the Power from whence these symbols come any more than the worm knows by what law the leaf grew it feeds upon. The blind leading the blind; preaching Christ and crucifying him instead of following him. Is not Christ the power of God made manifest in the flesh? Is not God Spiritual Light? How can we become spiritually enlightened otherwise than by developing our spiritual nature? Light cometh not by crucifying Christ: but by crucifying the "old man" with his unlawful deeds, and resurrecting Christ, or developing spirituality within ourselves

From The British (London, England) Weekly !.

We have received a number of THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT. published at Portland, Oregon. It opens with a poem contributed by Caroline Corner, of London, England, and contains as a leading feature a letter by Parker Pillsbury. It closes with an announce ment that its circulation amounts to 3,000 copies, "but we have little or no advertising patronage—the very life-blood of even many ethical prints-and are not making money. Our labors are com-

manding steadily increasing attention."

IJ. W, Mack in The Golden Gate]. The A-B-C of Spiritualism has been a stopping-place too long; it is high time that its letters were used to form words and spiritual action, for any movement that tends to spiritualize humanity is break-C. E. WYATT, Worcester, Mass: "The good work is progressing | ing the way towards the breaking up of all schemes of injustice, the poverty and inequality in the Brotherhood of Nations.

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DIVINE INFLOWINGS AND OUTFLOWINGS. ATURE is a constitution of Universal Refining Operations. She is progressive and retrogressive in alternating order, with the balance of producing energy ever on the side of the advance movements, thus ever making headway despite seeming relapses

The vital principle or soul-force of the crystal casts off, as it advances, what is useless or encumbering, or has become repugnant to est to greatest, thence proceeding. its higher purposes of unfoldment, until, potentialized and glorified

into grander possibilities, it gives form and tint to plant and flower. The soul of the plant, having assimilated as abiding life-wealth all there is for it in the vegetable kingdom, then transfuses its energies into the animal structure—thus becoming monarch of a more opulent and splendid empire.

There is nothing the human mind may cogitate upon more profitably than these creative processes, which are repeated all along the Mr. Blodgett asserts, the Earth "may find feed in its yearly travels" evolutionary line. Through leaf-fallings, off-castings of bark, exudations of gums and oils, and in still other ways, the plant relieves own eternal soul-life, as it had absorbed the crystal life-essences be-Life Principle in the animal kingdom.

By analagous processes the soul of the instinct-animal organism outworks its destiny by casting aside hundreds of pounds of gross elements, to single pounds of finer elements that are retained and assimilated; and then it resurrects itself into the rational-man form.

Here the visible expressions or outward form-signs of progress cease; but the essential operations, invisible and intangible from the beginning, continue right on. Thoughts enter the mind as crude food enters the stomach; and thoughts that are of eternal truth are assimilated by the soul, just as the needed elements for purposes of bodily structure are assimilated from the crude food taken into the stomach: while thoughts that relate only to the animal wants and with them. Unlawful indulgences (using the term in the spiritual sense) and

excesses of the animal passions, are "death dances"—they are immolations to the fiends of that which is intended for angelic environing conditions. The essences of all experiences, represented by corof higher and purer enjoyments. Though love-linked to Archangels, sponsibility attaches to every vibration of atoms it induces. Every atom within its radius of influence is there to subserve a purpose terial in the Divine Plan for higher structural uses-to flow out and down through the foul channels of man-animal abominations! Lettered or unlettered, the wise will comprehend us; and our earnest pravers are given to the unwise, lettered or unlettered, for their conversion—their turning around in the right direction.

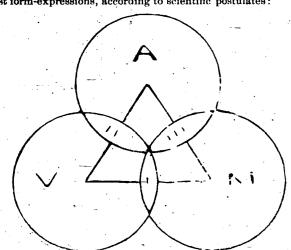
The notion that life at any point in these eternal processes, or its consciousness, is annihilated, comes from the negative or mattor side of being, where all is shadowy and misleading. The consciousness of the crystal is not lost by absorption in the plant-nor of the plant by absorption in the instinct-animal—nor of the instinctanimal by absorption in the rational-animal, or man-nor of the hu-t man by absorption in the spiritual; but in each stage of advance the consciousness of the preceding experiences are simply held in abeyance to, or are suspended under the influence of, the dominating selfhood of such stage—that is, so far as it relates to such stage.

This is necessary to the soul's distinctive unfoldment in each particular stage. But every soul securely holds in essence all that has gone before, though consciousness thereof is dormant in the intermediate stages; and as each soul reaches its ultimate of unfoldment in the Celestial, all past experiences become the living subjects of its kingdom, obeying its, will, and through it the will of the Infinite, to the end of highest realizations of happiness to constituents and unities of constituents.

salvation together [individualizing it] while it is being carried up through the storms to the summit of Universal Love and Wisdom, the bonds of selfishness are severed, when the Divinely rescued and preserved inmates [the different states of consciousness, now harmoniously unified in will-impulse, while illuminated in all their diversities to the Supreme or Celestial Understanding] go forth to possess and extend their dominion with Divine sway over a New World.

What is the Highest Principle of causation or effectuation in these creative processes? Ponder that question well, for here, where night closes around the mere Material Evolutionist, it is glorious Sunrise for the Spiritual Evolutionist and Involutionist. Aside from the abounding evidences we find in a study of the living natures around us that the essential principles of life are constantly unifying from lower into higher individualizations of character, (man standing at the apex of the animal pyramid as the composite representative of all below him, and poised for loftier flights), the science of Darwinism itself is based on structural evidences of the same truth, applied by the same reasoning methods; beginning with simplest organic forms, it proceeds, by more and more complex combinings, until it ultimates in physical man. The conclusion is inevitable that there must be an Overbrooding and General Directing Power of Intelligence to call and carry to its proper place in the line of higher destinies each individual, as each completes a lower cycle of development and unfoldment. Infinite God, or All Powers Harmonized into Unity, is an indispensable support for every form of rational

The reader's attention is now invited to the explanation of the rough diagram below, intended to illustrate the genesis of life, or its earliest form-expressions, according to scientific postulates:



The circles respectively represent the Animal, Vegetable, and intersection of the circles; "I," in the mineral circle, stands for the first manifestation of crystalizing energy, as shown in the simple cleavage-line of the stone; "II," in the vegetable circle, stands for sponges, the lowest of vegetable organisms; \* " III," in the animal circle, stands for simple polyps, the lowest of animal organisms.

\* The fact that the sponge has lately been classified as animal does not affect the argument: the scientific postulate is that all organisms branch out from the

Thus it is scientifically held that all forms of life branch out and are lerived from a single source. "The position of the plant-world in rank and office," writes Prof. Alphonso Wood, the eminent botanist, is intermediate. While inferior to the animal in respect to perception and instinct, it is superior to the mineral in its vitality. In its office it constitutes the food and nourishment of the animal, the vesture and ornament of the mineral world, whence alone itself is fed. In other words, plants feed on minerals, animals feed on plants. In descending the scale," he says, "we recognize a gradnal approach in the animal and vegetable kingdoms to inorganic matter, and consequently to each other, so that in the lowest forms of life all traces of organization are lost to our perception, and the three kingdoms of nature, like converging radii, apparently meet and blend in a common center."

seeking to suppress the voice of inspiration and destroy the natural, will be developed and brought to the work as it progresses. and therefore reasonable, hope of immortality, by appealing to the assumptions and conclusions of scientific research and reasoning here presented! Where is the evidence of Infinite Love and Wisdom stronger and clearer than at the very initial point of evolutionary processes, as fixed by the Materialist himself? Right here, where, to his view, the chaos of "inorganic matter" is encountered as "the beginning of things," is presented the most stupendous and sublime of the evidences of Infinite Wisdom-here the Deific Will-Power manifests that differentiates the infinitely varying life-expressions and holds in harmony with its Primal Thought all, from small-

#### NOT MERE CURIOSITY.

STRONOMERS say meteoric matter is every hour falling upon the earth, and the Norwegian navigator and scientist Nordenskjold reports having found metalic iron and nickel in the snow at Stockholm in 1871, on the Polar ice, and in the snows of Finland. and others claim to have made similar discoveries—so it seems, as

It is not unreasonable to suppose that great cosmical changes, if

not "irreparable physical harm," might result from the canal conitself of surplusages and excrescences as it advances, these being the | nection between the two oceans across the Isthmus of Panama. corpses of constituent atom-souls that have become absorbed in its | We know that vital or spiritual changes are taking place these times such as never before cocurred on the planet; and we further fore; and will in turn be absorbed by and subordinated to the ruling know that these renovating spiritual energies will not fail to have, and that they are having, corresponding effects in material nature. As the spiritual perception of man is quickened to comprehend the universal relationship of things, the operations of nature proceed in parallel lines—she universalizes too. She breaks to pieces to fuse into greater aggregations. In all the Pacific seaport cities the forces stored away zons of years ago in the coal measures of nearly all the continents are being unchained in the furnaces of industry to be again diffused and directed from the Universal Planes. In Persia, and other localities that must have been historic in the infancy of authentic history, oil wells are being opened-their very existence unknown to the ancients-and their products are going for consumption to most of the commercial centers, where their dormant forces, sensual propensities rise and decline in vitality and at last perish like those of the coals brought together from widely distant quarters. will be discharged in the atmospheric zones for other uses-for the eternal conservation of all force is a scientific postulate. In line with the same revolutionary movements the oceans are being made to more activity and intimately mingle their waters, for the spiritforces, acting from the Celestial Plane, move all things together, as responding material conditions, are for uses and purposes in states | move the suns and stars. The human migratory movements are in accord—the races have met in Western Europe, in America, in the human soul is also akin to the lowest, wherefore a solemn re- Australia, and they are meeting in the isles of the sea. The lower lines of animated nature are likewise migrating and coalescing into new and wider life-spheres, the singing birds ever leaving their Divine, and Celestial joys will not be attained until, by wisely sub- native forests in the Old World to pour forth their spiritualizing ordinating the lower impulses to the higher, all movements are in | melody in the forests of the New World. All nature pulsates in harmony with the Divine Will. Terrible is the penalty of allowing sympathy with the aspirations of the human soul for Universal the essences of life-preciously selected and stored as all worth sav- Brotherhood; and the Fraternal Spirit and Love Nature of the ing out of painful years of lewer-life assimilations, and the raw ma- New Race will require a New World. One is being prepared for the

It will be seen before many months roll away that mere curiosity has not brought to the surface the question of the vitality of the earth. Thought will call forth thought on the subject, until, following the general course of scientific investigation, the secret will at last be given up. The Earth is a living organism, receiving and discharging at the poles, and she is undergoing a New Birth along with her children. She will spring forth into beauteous New Life, a World of Light, carrying forward with her all who are ready for the charge and leaving behind the broken and cast-off shell for future

Readers will be pleased to know that the first of a series of articles on this subject will appear in the first issue of the magazine form.

# THE DIVINE MANHOOD.

NOTICE in your March number a line from the Golden Gate— "the spirit world is centering its power here on the Pacific Slope for a great work "-with a note of comment by you. It may be of some interest to your readers to learn in this connection that the writer of this has been informed from spirit life that a vast city has grown up within the past few years in the spiritual world, and upon this Pacific Slope. The name of this city is Urania, from the Greek word Ouranos, (Heaven). It is the largest city in the spiritual world, one other excepted, viz., Spiritual Rome, of which it is the spiritual, Thus, having served their uses in holding the ark of the soul's as it is in a measure the geographical, Antipode. Urania comprises the most intensely active, radical and progressive elements in the spiritual world-political, social, religious, philosophical. It repreents freedom and progress in all their forms in the future.

Spirit Rome represents the past. It is the reactionary, conservative, non-progressive and despotic element in the spiritual world, as in this. But its elements are not nearly so active, confident, daring, so full of zeal, energy, purpose and determination, as are those that are concentrating, organizing and preparing for the vast work toward which the spiritual world is now rapidly moving-the full, final and complete organization of the Divine Humanity in all its parts, organs, members and functions, so that it shall become in reality what it appears to be to the philosophic eye, the great WORLD OF RACIAL MAN.

The most intense, active and advanced elements of the spiritual world have selected the Pacific Coast for Urania's location, as it here finds the most advanced, free, active and spiritualized forces and elements to be found any where on the terrestrial plane. The location is the farthest removed from Spiritual Rome, and from that unhappy condition of chaos, conflict and war that everywhere exists in the Old World. It is the embodiment, the crystalization, of those mighty forces in spirit life that are in intense and active co-operation with the great Spiritual Sun to bring about the marvelous inspirations that are manifesting everywhere in the domain of mind—the wonderful forces that are now at work in the social, spiritual, political and industrial spheres.

This is par excellence the Organic Age of Man. All things run to the organic state.. All the industries in which the uses and activities of man find their proper expression are fast losing their individualstic nature and taking on their Social-Organic, the more perfect ultimate form. The vast limbs, organs, members of the Divine Humanity are taking form and force beneath and within the chrysalis of the old social, religious, political and industrial order. Society is about to rupture its chrysalis and emerge from the larvæ into the Psychic State. It is the New Civilization, and will realize in man's terrestrial environment all the forces and essences of the Divine

This is the Celestial or Holy City which in prophetic vision John saw "descending from God out of Heaven." For what is civilization but the social, moral, political, industrial and spiritual city that encompasses, enfolds, shelters and protects the race? It is the Divine Ordo, "novus ordo saclorum." What is the Divine Ordo? It is that order of society that obtains in the spiritual heavens—"descending upon the earth" at last to fulfill in due time all the hopes, longings and aspirations of the human heart. And by the great benign law of the differentiation and perfection of function each one does that only which he has learned well, and learned to love, havign a "natural selection" therefor by the innate law of his own interior being. Care, hardships, poverty, disease and death will be banished

from the earth. "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." What is Universal or Whole-World Soul-Communion but the Inspired Word-an utterance of that mighty organization of spiritual forces, a voice sent forth into all the world to gather up and bring into conscious unity and harmony of idea, purpose and action all those noble souls who are to co-operate with these grand arisen souls to bring in the reign of universal peace, love. harmony and fraternal industry among all mankind, and to inaugurate the immortal brotherhood of man in all those necessary Mineral kingdoms, the primal or first life-cell being centered at the uses, unities, labors, industries and societies that are destined to S. A. MERRILL, M. D., exist among mankind? Pomona, Cal., March 29.

> THE most unbalanced or immature of mental organisms are unloubtedly those who only see insanity, or symtoms of insanity, in belief in spirit communion. They are like bewildered birds in a room dashing against the closed windows when all doors are open

"IT IS FINISHED"-IN THIS FORM.

THIS is the last issue of THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT in this form. Thirty-five numbers have been issued, extending over thirty-six months, with one number due to close the third volume-which will be furnished in magazine form.

A feature worthy of special mention in this "brief, eventful history," is the specially-adapted contributing talent that has been attracted to the work from all parts of the globe, bringing to it fruits of thought and superior ability in expression which money, had we been supplied therewith, could not have secured. The leading contributors of this publication, though not one was known to us at its inauguration, have been specially inspired, each in his or her particular field of thought, to prepare their offerings for its pages; and they will continue to receive thoughts Think of platform declaimers and materialistic pamphleteers by inspiration to this end; and new instruments of inspiration

Since issuing the initial number, on the 5th of April, 1886, such remarkable changes and advances have taken place in the moral thought of the world as to impress upon all intelligent minds the idea of a New Era in the spiritual and social progress of the race. In our coming was aunounced a dispensation of piritual truth in advance of what had before been given, for ealization by mankind at large-an influx of Spiritual Light of Messianic character, that would manifest in multi-personal ways; and we foreshadowed the progress and mode of operations of this silent, and to the many mysterious influence, by saving it would be present at family boards, in all the churches, in all the social, political, fraternal and reformatory organizations, in the schools and colleges, in editorial rooms, in legislative halls, in international councils-that in all stations and relations of human life, and in all lands, it would be the power to check and impel, to plan and execute, to make triumphs and defeats. The few who are consciously in the Universal Life Current, their number now rapidly increasing, positively know that soul-forces are operating according to these forecastings, and with ever-increasing power. They are touching and commanding to their purposes, according to adaptability and capacity, instruments in all the relations of life-editors, novelists, dramatists, poets, educators, statesmen, scientists, philosophers, and the truest and best of the priesthoods.

"Out of Thought's interior sphere These wonders rose to upper air.

As we are now given to see, future inspirations will be fuller and ore complete-will be more in line with the thought of THE DIVINE-HUMAN CONSUMMATED. Thus far it has been largely necessary to onsider and treat the spiritual and material distinctively, for the same reason that the rules of arithmetical calculation must be separately learned before they can be applied in practice connectedly or complexly. The truth is, that the varying degrees of legree in which consciousness is centered. When consciousness s centered in the material, the inversion or negative conof sensual experiences. (The notion of a restored physical body is the offspring of this false conception). When consciousness is its uses and purposes as the physical organs respond to the mental impulses under har ronious conditions; and in this degree only is the matter, but is dominant over and through it—that the whole material | imagine various ways that the Earth might be nourished. universe is subject to its command according to its purposes and uses in the Divine Economy, which is to the consciousness absolute reedom and superlative happiness.

is no publication in the world more liberal and inclusive in spirit than | we have inspected. s, makes it as pearls under the feet of swine to the many, for few, even of those who loudly boast of their liberality of thought, have yet reached the true spiritual plane of mental freedom. The Light cannot be forced on individuals. Those who seek it will appreciate it when

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# THE TRUE SPIRITUAL TEACHER.

THE truth that saves is the truth that is felt; and it is only communicable and transmissible as a silent influence. Neither words nor actions, in and of themselves, are sufficient to establish the claim of the True Spiritual Teacher, however commendable one or both may be. He or she who does not know truth as a life experience cannot plant its germs in the minds of others: if it is not realized to the inner consciousness, its verbal expression will be as barren seed to sterile soil. The qualification to radiate Spiritual Light is a soul-gift-therefore unconferred and unconferrable by manestablished schools, and precious beyond world-wealth to purchase. There is no real spiritual power until this advance-line is reachedantil then all is empiricism, doubt, darkness. We must livingly ealize and use to the fulfillment of its purpose each stage of soulgrowth before the transporting joys and transforming powers of that stage can be realized in fullness.

#### [Written expressly for THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT] THOUGHTS ON MYSTICISM. BY CAROLINE CORNER, OF LONDON, ENGLAND,

N his lecture on Mysticism, at South Place Chapel, in connection with "Sunday Afternoons for the People." Mr. W. S. Lilly gave itterance to some sublime sentiments. Mysticism, as he defined it, is not nonsense, as many maintain, but sense of a higher or the nighest order;" and he might have added, the link that connects Man with his Maker. I will not endeavor to recapitulate in language literal what the lecturer had to say in that one hour's profitable discourse, but if, from memory, I recall a few of the fine ideas expressed, with comments and thoughts they gave rise to in my own mind, I trust I shall not be considered to be trespassing too nuch on your valuable space.

"Various are the channels which lead to the realm of Mystiism." said Mr. Lilly, "but each and all of these ascending paths, when followed up faithfully and earnestly, bring one to a region whence a grand vista opens out before one, broadening, expanding ever, more and more." And what are these channels or avenues? Firstly, the emotions. Emerson says, "we are but shadows-until the heart is touched," True: one can scarcely be said to have lived, or to live, "until the heart is touched:" who can give out sympathy until he or she has felt the need thereof? Love, (not in the kind man has with the moth and molluse, but in its supersensuous), anguish, fear, are powerful to effect this state of being; and having once felt, one cannot go back-never, for in that supreme moment the voice within has spoken, that "Deity within," as Aristotle called it. It may come about spontaneously, by some apparently outward effect of Nature, as it did, so the lecturer informed us, many years ago to himself, one sunlit autumn eve, while walking alone in the woods-something in sympathy spake to him, and the thrill of that new sensation lives forever. All of a poetic or philosophic temperament have had such experience, and the memory is alike living and treasured forevermore. Wordsworth had this in an eminent degree, a grand soul at one with Nature and with Nature's God. Poetry is another avenue whereby our souls are waited on winged words to this realm of Mysticism, as example, the genius of Tennyson, Keats. Shellev-all poets who deal not in the gross and physical, but in the supersensuous and spiritual. Art another; not in the sense though of mere pastime, vain-glory or worldly aggrandizementthat being degradation of Art-but Art as interpreter and exponent of God's wondrous works, Philosophy is a sort of ante-chamber whence branch these different corridors or routes, for by philosophy the human mind is prepared for the science of things super-mundane. and metaphysics is the junction where science (as understood of men) and the mystical meet. Religion, the outcome of our highest spirations, has its home and kind in the mystical, for "the letter which is dross) killeth," but the spirit survives and knows not decav. Somebody said to me a short time ago, "Oh, its all imagination: only imagination!" "And what is imagination?" I replied. Are not all inventions born in the realm of imagination? Surely ven imagination is not to be entirely contemned, if only on that matter-of-fact, every-day account! What would the great Edison be vithout imagination or power of conception?" But the average man revolves in his own little orbit as he lives in

the sublime, which is Mysticism, is nonsense, rather than the high-shan' papers." est sense—as it is to Mr. Lilly, and all to whom the " Deity within" FAITH is consciousness of the Infinite Power of Good in our own

TRUTH is the oil that supplies the lamp of the soul.

souls to find that which we seek.

PENINSULA STATE PAPERS.

(Written expressly for THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT). IS THE EARTH ALIVE? BY SAMUEL BLODGETT.

TT is gratifying to me that there is an interest awakening in this subject, for I am looking at it largely from its possible relation to human destinies, hoping that the opening up of this vien of thought will ultimately count for human well-being, as well as prove pleasurable mental recreation for those who love to delve into nature's mysteries. In one respect I am different from Mr. Collett, not feeling bound to any ancient record, and not caring a pin whether any new thought harmonizes with it or not. I have no doubt that "the condition of the earth and of man is bound up together," in a certain sense and to a certain degree, but not, I think, in the manner and to the extent held by him.

Moreover, I see no evidence that man ever fell, as related in bible nythology. All reliable historical facts, and all collateral indications, orce on me the conclusion that man, like every other existence, begun at the bottom and has been climing up. The Earth has been mproving with man, and while I believe that man's condition has eacted on the earth. I think it presumable that, as the earth is first and greatest, it has affected man far more than man has it. It hardly stands to reason that the product could be more effective than the

There is a kind of analogy between all organized life of which we ave any knowledge. There are also wide differences. I know of o way of accounting for certain phenomena connected with the Earth except on the assumption that it is a living individual, and hat supposition does not seem to me unreasonable, therefore I beieve it. But I have not studied the nature of that life much, and have made no attempt at clasifications.

The idea that the Earth takes nourishment through a mouth, like nan or beast, is not a necessary conclusion. Certainly all life is not continued in that manner. Some animal life receives nutrition in a manner very similar to the vegetable kingdom. All life that organizes crude matter does it through innumerable small suctionpumps, instead of one large aperture. Besides, we are all very enorant on the subject, as a little critical examination will show We can see a reason for eating—for the purposes of growth; but why we should eat after our full size is attained, except to supply waste from external friction, or why we should eat more while growing than enough to furnish the necessary material for growth, is something no one understands.

We say that action destroys tissue, thrown off when destroyed as dead or useless matter. Why should it not be immediately taken up and reorganized? When it is disorganized it contains exactly the same constituent elements, chemically considered, that is necessary to repair the wasted tissue. Why we were not so organized as to im. mediately use it over again, and keep on doing so indefinitely, is a mystery. It is certainly very easy to imagine an organization having such power and habit, and there is nothing more unreasonable or wonderful in the idea than in the ability to digest vegetable structure and convert it into flesh and blood, The earth may be built on that plan, for aught we know to the contrary. In general we may say that life means the destruction spirituality, from and including the material to and including the of other life. We cannot think of a single animal type or indi-Celestial, unify in all things, the grade of unfoldment being the vidual that does not find all its nutrition by that method. If herbiferous, it takes from the vegetable kingdom; if carnivorous, from the animal kingdom; and if omnivorous, from both. And if the Earth is a living organism, the whole vegetable kingdom lition of truth is represented, and in this degree, ere the exists by virtue of the same law. The elements of nutrition are real life has been experienced, the natural conclusion is that it first appropriated by vegetables, taken from earth and air: animals can only be realized through the ponderosity of matter—the perverted destroy the vegetables that they may live; and some animals live thought being that immortality of the soul is an indefinite extension on others. But no effete matter eliminated from an organism can be utilized in that state for nourishment, either by the same or another organism But its disorganization and decay just fits it for vegetable food: when it again starts on its endless centered in the Celestial, the only true and abiding vital principle, round, the ordained circle of life and death. The same elements, the life is then over and down through matter, the soul swaying it to through their various changes, sustain all life. These mutations may contribute to the nutritive life of the Earth, and it may find feed in its yearly travels. If we keep in view the fact that nutrition is not the absorption of different elements in kind but truth clearly and positively realized that the soul is not beholding to simply the changing of elementary conditions, we can easily

I have this to say concerning the great heat that is supposed to exist in the interior of the Earth. Man has penetrated hardly more than t rough the skin, so to speak, and the idea that it continues growing hotter towards the center is a supposition, not a No more sample copies will be sent out. The very fact that there demonstration. Think how this matter is in the animal organisms

> to me that the earth ever changed its axis. I am not aware that the relics of tropical productions have ever been discovered to wards the south pole, to show that the end of the earth must have once been under such conditions; and such evidence is certainly necessary before that point can be considered as established.

Suppose we imagine the Earth in its formative condition going through a process similar to that of other infant beings, occupying a relatively stationary position, with the north pole towards the sun. and that it was at this time that the tropical animals existed there. Then, in the fullness of time, it was released from its embryo state and swung into active life. When that took place the north region became frigid so suddenly, and has always remained so intensely cold, as to preserve fresh meat for any length of time. In its baby waddlings the north temperate zone, or parts of it, also became frozen up, and went through the glacial period, so vividly written on its surface: and when its mature motions and circulation became established, the heat of the Earth in its different parts became normal and subsisted living things adapted to it.

Or we may suppose the earth changed its axis from some severe njury it received, or from the effect of some planetary catastrophe. of which we have never had the slightest intimation.

I have an almost reverent tenderness for our Mother Earth, aside from the belief which I have that human weal or woe is indissolubly connected with her, and must run parrallel with her fortunes, and think it quite possible that we are able to do her irreparable physical harm. I suppose I shall be laughed to scorn when I say I have many times thought of one project with some misgivingsthe Panama Canal. It would be in close proximity to the main artery, and, though I would not expect any sensible injury, still think of the probability. Some years ago I read a statement that think of the probability. Some years ago I read a statement that the Soul. 3d Lesson—The Embodiment of the Soul in Human Form. 4th Lesson—the Water on the Gulf side stands higher than on the other, as son (Cont'd)—The Embodiment of the Soul in Human Form. 5th Lesson my memory serves me, about fifty feet. If that is really so, I certainly would not risk the opening of a ship passage.

This article is not an attempt to teach in detail, but simply o outline possibilities, and awaken thought. I do not wish any suggestion made as embodying my opinion except where I have expressly said so. It is a great subject, and some may feel like giving it years of attention.

ONE TRUTH AND ONE FLAG

To the Editor of THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT: On reading your paper I could not but think that it is destined to accomplish a great amount of good. Thousands of our brothers and sisters are hungering and thirsting for just the kind of food you are providing. We have so long been taught to look outside into some far-off place to find God or Good that it has become a second nature to do so; but as our needs are made manifest, the precious truth within us shines forth, revealing the Spirit of All Good-a God. The education of the past has been such as to impress on the mind the notion that earth-children are born in inquity and sin, asleep and lost to all good; but as the ages have rolled on there has come to mortals a Light that will penetrate all darkness, and in that Light we are beginning to learn that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and within us. This was told us by one of our best Friend's long ago. A few faithful ones accepted his teachings, and the world is the better to-day for those poor and despised disciples. The day has now come when the soul of man, the real man, begins to see and understand the teachings of this good Friend. Mankind are at last beginning to know that all-pervading Good is a God-gift to all-that not one is common or unclean, but

that all hold in their earthy casket the bright spark of Divinity. In the revealing of to-day we can no longer doubt that the Second Coming of Divine Good is at hand. The heavens are opening and the angels are ascending and descending, bringing such treasures that all of earth weigh as nothing in the balance. Incarnate Love is our Lord and our God. Let us no longer teach our children that hev are full of sin, born so, destined from the beginning to be so; but, on the contrary, let us teach them that they hold in the embrace of their earthly bodies God, all that is Good, and that it is for them to develop the Divine within until all will feel and acknowldge the power. If all parents would make it their duty to give such teachings, in

very few years how grand the growth would be! Parents let your hildren's education be to you more than any thing else in life, for you are the guardian of angelic spirits-clothed in earth's habiliments, but holding within the brightest of all jewels-immortal souls! Go on in your good work! you are reaching thousands whose ouls are in need of such teachings as you are giving. The Church is no longer the all-in-all. Progress is breaking down all partitions. One grand Truth and One Flag will yet wave over all the earth, for all nations will be as one in the glorious day that is dawning. ANNIE C. RALL.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Marh 20,

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[Written expressly for THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT]. HOPE.

BY ELLA L. MERRIAM. OPE is to the unfolding spirit what the sun is to growing vegetation. In its healthful glow our faculties multiply, expand and strengthen, and we thereby grasp much more of the beautiful and useful as we travel our earthly pathway, and may

contribute from the accumulating treasure to our fellow-travelers. Let hope wane or suffer a temporary eclipse, and darkness and chilling doubts and weakening fears creep in, and a lowering mental sky hangs like a pall upon our souls. Then the sweet melodies of pature seem hushed, and passing events, like muffled drums, seem only to beat the requiem of departed anticipations and prospects. But glorious inheritance of immortality-while yet in nortal habiliments know ye this: We have within us the undying power to not only preserve this creative, this sustaining, this inspiring principle, but to develop it far, far beyond our faintest conception. Rich or poor, high or low, learned or unlettered, this pure, bright spark of infinite glow has been placed within every breast, that unhappy conditions or circumstances might prove but shadows to be outshone by its superior radiance. Hope is the stimulus for every accomplishment, consciously or unconsciously applied. It is the beacon that shines through the darkness of night above the murky atmosphere of lower conditions.

For you it shines, and you alone can protect and preserve it. When the tempests war, when the dark waters of trouble surge high and threaten your peace of mind and health of body, keep your spiritual eye upon this Divine Light; it will never fail you unless you neglect and forsake it. If the organ of hope is deficient, don't be discouraged and give up to dispair, but begin at once the work of cultivating it, and I am sure the effort will speedily bring fruit.

O Hope! bright Hope! star of our earth night! we prize thee! we cling to thee! we would dispair without thee! Shine on! Shine even more brightly in the interior realms of our souls, that we may not only escape much suffering and needless disaster, but that the brightest, broadest and happiest realms of this life may be revealed to us for our enjoyment and unfoldment, for individual and mutual blessings, to brighten as we advance forever. Los Angeles, Cal, March 27,

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