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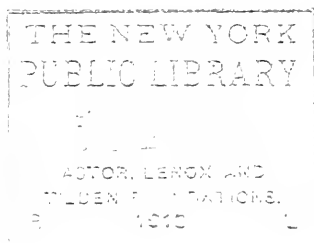
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To My Wife

TO MY WIFE
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FOREWORD.

THIS little book upon "Spiritual Applications of Some Facts in the World of Electricity" is the first of a series of studies in "Up-to-date Facts and Forces," Psychology, Astronomy, Surgery, Music, Soul and Soil, practically applied to the religious life.

The lessons drawn in these booklets aim to be evangelical and evangelistic, but non-sectarian. They deal with truths held in common by the great bodies of our Christendom.

If men and women shall be helped to look deeper than the surface meaning, and discover the hidden import of

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God's truth, and emulate the method of Jesus in presenting such truth concretely, rather than abstractly, we shall be content.

JOHN P. BRUSHINGHAM.

Rock River Conference.

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WE have had the stone age, the iron age, the age of brass, and the golden age. This is the electric age. Mr. Edison says the triumphs of electricity have just begun. Because of electrical industry, copper wire has become a greater factor in the world of metals than silver. We thought it almost a miracle when the Atlantic cable carried a message across the sea. The cablegram is received by flashes of light in a darkened room; flashes of light become flashes of thought; and men receive a message sent over the deep by liquid elements in a battery no larger than a thimble. Ah! wonder upon wonders, a message goes

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through space without wire or cable. Wireless messages go in all directions; yet no one hears except he who has the coherer to his ear; and that coherer must be in the same key as the instrument which sends the message. Spiritual potencies are everywhere present.

In Lowell's fine phrase we say, "God may be had for the asking."

Two Key
Words.

Only those in tune with the Infinite hear the voiceless message or see the vision celestial. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, neither indeed can know them,—for they are spiritually discerned." There are two key words in wireless telegraphy, viz., *capacity* and *resistance*. God will give us the capacity to receive His spiritual, voiceless message, and

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the power of resistance to sinister voices, although we may never have had the privilege of technical training along the avenues of higher education.

In London, one evening, five thousand people came through a drizzling rain and a London fog to hear two Americans speak, or one of them speak and the other sing. Three thousand of the five thousand remained to an after service; and there could be nothing heard but the murmur of voices and the rustling of leaves as the Bible was used with the inquirers by the Christian workers. The reporter stood amazed, not appreciating the work of the Spirit of God. He went to Mr. Sankey and asked: "What does this mean?" "What is the explanation of this deep impres-

No
Secret

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sion?" "What is the secret?" "O, sir," said Sankey, "we have n't any secret. It is simply the Divine Spirit of God at work upon the hearts of men and women." The preacher to that five thousand had never been to college. Dwight L. Moody did not have even a high-school education; but God the Holy Spirit was speaking through him; he spoke as the Spirit gave him utterance. "What is the rationale of all this?" said the reporter. "What is the explanation?" "There is no explanation; it is simply the work of God in the hearts of men." The same phenomena was repeated in Chicago in 1875. We have n't begun to fathom the possibilities of divine grace in the salvation of the world. There is power

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enough in the Eternal so that the past may be duplicated a thousand-fold; for Jesus said, "Greater works than these shall ye do, because I go to My Father."

Men are looking jealously at the forces of nature. It is a dream of the future to transmit power by wireless electricity; some of the best engineers believe this not to be impossible. If it were not so expensive, by the transmission of very high voltage, the power of Niagara Falls could be used to turn the drive-wheels of machinery in Chicago; this result is already accomplished in Syracuse, New York, and in Toronto, Canada, a distance of two hundred and fifty miles; in the latter case one hundred and ten volts are used in transmission. It has been decided to

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and Grace
Inex-
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extend the power of Niagara to Detroit, Michigan. The fear has been expressed that Niagara may become an extinct force, no longer endued with electric power; be that as it may, the spiritual power-house, which is the great heart of the Eternal, like friction electricity, is inexhaustible. You may strike a church bell and it will sound just as clearly thirty years, one hundred years, five hundred years from now as to-day. The resources of the bell are limitless; although every time the iron strikes, both itself and the bell are heated afresh. The blessing of God is infinite. Every individual may have a storage battery of divine grace in his heart, without money and without price. There is never anything wrong with the

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power-house. There is no charge for the transmission of this greatest of all forces. Whenever we desire to travel nearer the heart of the Eternal we will not be hindered by any demoralization of omnipotent spiritual transportation. Take the Celestial Electric at once! Keep going! Do n't start and then drop the journey. When a man starts to be a Christian, that should not be the end of it, only the beginning of it. A Christian! A member of the Church! That is only a start. Keep going, nearer yet nearer the central source of power and love. The potency of an electro-magnet varies inversely as the square of the distance from the object to be magnetized. The farther removed the less potent the magnet. Jesus

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Christ was and is the great magnetic center of the spiritual world. When Peter followed Him afar off, Peter lost out and denied his Lord.

Christ a
Magnet.

Dr. T. L. Cuyler testifies: "When I was in Princeton, Professor Henry had so arranged a huge bar of iron bent in the form of a horseshoe that it would hang suspended to another iron bar above it. Not only did it hang there, but it upheld a four-thousand pound weight attached to it. The horseshoe magnet was not welded or glued to the metal above it, but through the iron wire coiled around it there ran a subtle current of electricity from a galvanic battery. Stop the flow of the current, and the huge horseshoe would drop. Thus all the latent power of the Chris-

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tian comes from the current of spiritual influence which flows into his heart from the living Christ. The strength of the Almighty One enters into the believer. If his connection with Christ is cut off, in an instant he becomes as any other man."

It is quite common to use a great electro-magnet to lift pig iron. At our large steel works a massive lifting electro-magnet is used in handling huge sheets of steel. The characters in Harold Begbie's book, "Twice-Born Men," might all sing:

"From sinking sand He lifted me,
With tender hand He lifted me,
From shades of night to plains of light,
O, praise His name! He lifted me."

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**We
Become
Magnets.** When a piece of iron is under the influence of a magnet, it is itself a magnet for the time being. Let one end of a magnetized bar of iron extend over the edge of a table, a nail held over the projecting end will hold up another, and that another; if the bits of iron are not too heavy, a long string of them may be supported; each one of these bits of iron, for the time being, is a magnet and holds on to the next one; break connection with the great magnet, and the whole line fails. While the union lasts, each bit of iron becomes a complete magnet with positive and negative pole. Herein lies the force of the late lamented William T. Stead's interrupted remark, "Be a Christ."—Mr. Stead started to write, "Be a Chris-

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tian.” When he returned from answering the doorbell and took up his pen to write again, he found a quite startling, broken sentence, “Be a Christ”—. Mr. Stead said, “I will let that stand, as there is a sense in which every man should be a Christ, a magnet.” Jesus said, “I will draw all men unto Me.” He will draw one, and that one another, and that one still another, till a long, long line is brought under the sway of His magnetism. He fired the hearts of The Twelve; they in turn magnetized others; so that the power of His personality is extended down through the centuries and now sways the world. These things may seem elementary and even commonplace, yet they are so vital, fundamental, and

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practical that they need to be preached and re-preached until they are practiced by every follower of the Christ.

**Progress
in
Science
and
Salvation.** Mr. Edison is at work now upon a machine which will not only reproduce the voice in the phonograph, but will reproduce the face of the speaker or singer in the phonograph. The phonograph, even as it is, seems bewilderingly marvelous. A beautiful girl in a Chicago Sunday school, in the midst of a class of wild and careless youth, was so exceedingly good that she seemed almost Puritanically good. Presently she was called upon to pass through the shadows of a fatal illness, and as she lingered in the "twilight" her great desire was to speak some word that would reach her classmates. She there-

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fore sang in a phonograph the final words of "Nearer, my God, to Thee."

When she lay in the embrace of a beautiful death, and her face was the face of an angel, and people passed by to take a farewell look, the girls of the Sunday school came last. While they stood there by the casket and looked upon that white, sweet face, calm in the repose of death, the instrument began:

"Or if on joyful wing,
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon and stars forgot,
Upward I fly."

It was her voice speaking to them, and their hearts were melted into tenderness and tears. They surrendered to Jesus Christ as their Leader and Lord.

If Mr. Edison had lived before

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Jesus trod the hills of Palestine and taught His disciples, we could not only read the words of the Divine Preacher, but we could hear His voice speaking to them. Yes, the very same voice that uttered the words in sweet Galilee. But, thank God! if we can not reproduce His voice we can reproduce His spirit, and this is infinitely better.

Increase
of God-
Conscious-
ness. Rev. Dr. R. J. Campbell, of London,
England, in his recent visit to America,
said, "Our civilization lacks God-con-
sciousness." What inventions and dis-
coveries! what science and surgery! If
men were as eager to grasp the measure
and meaning of God's truth in the
spiritual world as they are in the ma-
terial world, our age would not lack
God-consciousness. There will come a

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reaction. The fierce struggle between moneyed interests and the toiling masses will be adjusted on some ethical and spiritual basis. The deeper truth, that "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceeds from the mouth of God," will assert itself. The spiritual world will prove just as full of surprises as the material world. The humble carpenter about his work, the farmer tilling the soil, will walk and live with God as really as did the prophets of old. Shepherds tending their flocks will hear the songs of the angels again and follow the star of victory for ever and ever.

There was just as much energy or force in the world in Adam's time as to-day. It remained unutilized. It is

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a question of apprehending and appropriating the forces. It is the energy that comes from the sun that makes continued physical life upon earth possible; and only through that energy is physical life possible upon the earth. The spiritual force which comes from the Sun of righteousness makes continual spiritual life possible upon the earth, and only possible through Him. Rev. William Arthur said in that great book, "The Tongue of Fire," Electric energy may be present everywhere, but it rarely makes itself visible in a flash. Heat may be present everywhere, but it is not manifested everywhere by fire. This is a question of the New Testament, viz., "Lord, how is it that Thou wilt mani-

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fest Thyself unto us and not unto the world?" God is everywhere, but is not seen by every eye nor heard by every ear. Just as the wireless message goes everywhere, but the "coherer" is not at every ear, nor is every heart in tune with the Infinite. Mr. Arthur^r further remarks: "It is no avail that an object is, unless our nature has a special faculty whereby we may descry its presence. A strong magnetic power may be acting on the compass whereon the steersman concentrates his attention; but eye, ear, hand, taste, smell, give no report of its presence to the mind; and he first learns it was there by the crash of the ship on the coast which he thought was far away."

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The Holy Spirit a Conservator. Dr. Daniel Steele declared, "The Holy Spirit is the Conservator of orthodoxy." The Holy Spirit keeps men thinking correctly along theological lines. He also keeps one acting correctly in the realm of Christian conduct. He is the Conservator of life as well as of thought. It is stated on the best authority that a piece of steel cooled eighty degrees below zero loses fifty per cent of its magnetism. Many Christians by prayerlessness cool off and lapse into what has been called the curse of our times, indifference. On the other hand, let a piece of steel become "cherry-red," and it will lose its magnetism. Any change in the temperature sufficient to disturb the molecular structure destroys the magnetism.

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Magnetized iron is made up of miniature compass needles, so arranged as to exert their united forces in the same direction. The iron is demagnetized by disturbing the molecular arrangement, so that the needles will no longer pull together. The coldness of indifference on the one hand, the heat of fanaticism on the other, disturbs the molecular structure, and destroys the magnetism of the Christian Church. The molecules do not pull together, but are at cross purposes. That was the condition of the ancient Church before Pentecost. Some doubted; some denied; others wavered; all were timid or cowardly; the disciples were scattered like a flock of sheep. At Pentecost they were all of one accord. After

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Pentecost they were a band of men whose hearts God had touched with spiritual power. There was no more cowardice, no more sordidness, no more doubts, no more divisions: they were Spirit-filled men who pulled in the same direction. Every age may have its Pentecost; every Church may have its Pentecost; every heart may have its Pentecost; and its own message of spiritual power and blessing. The Divine Spirit will keep us in the way of truth and life. The Divine Spirit will not only bless us, but make us a blessing.

“I worship Thee, O Holy Ghost,
I love to worship Thee ;
With Thee each day is Pentecost,
Each night nativity.”

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There are familiar phrases in our science known as the “Conservation of Energy” and the “Correlation of Forces.” There is nothing lost in all the universe. Things change their form, but are not lost. Light and heat from the sun helped bring the great trees to their perfection of growth. Embosomed in the depths of earth, they were changed to coal. Coal turned water into steam. The steam was turned again into motion; motion into electricity; then, electricity into light and heat. A building may burn and be reduced to its constituent elements—smoke, ashes, and débris—but there is nothing lost.

Perma-
nency of
Matter
and
Spirit.

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“The little drift of common dust,
By the west wind disturbed and tossed,
Though driven by the fitful gust,
Is changed, but is not lost.
It still shall bear some sturdy stem,
Some proud oak, battling with the blast,
Or crown with verduous diadem
Some ruin of the past.
’Tis changed, but is not lost.”

How much less shall spiritual forces
be lost!

“My own dim life should teach me this,
That life shall live for evermore,
Else earth is darkness at the core,
And dust and ashes all that is.”

There can be no eternal, ultimate
loss.

‘In the wreck of noble lives
Something immortal still survives.’”

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There need be no retrogression, but ^{Successful}
all progress. We can hold what we ^{and}
gain, and gain more. Men make tremendous, neck-breaking efforts in other directions. That man yonder is a financial success. It is a pity he is not a spiritual success. He may be if he will. Let him but covet earnestly the best gifts. Let him seek to gain and conserve spiritual forces. Let him learn lessons of eternal value. It is not a question of being *used*, but of being *usable*. If we are usable and not used, the fault is not ours.

Two bits of charcoal lay by the roadway one day when a royal procession was passing. In the king's crown shone a splendid diamond, and the bits of charcoal, recognizing that really the

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jewel was only carbon like themselves, both cried out in eager longing. The one wished that it might be placed in the crown next to its brother, the diamond. The other desired that it might become like the diamond in the crown. A fairy, hearing them, granted both requests. The first piece of charcoal found itself in the crown next the beautiful diamond. But a courtier, seeing it there—black charcoal as it was—plucked it out and threw it back into the dust. The second bit of charcoal, in accordance with its request, was changed into a diamond. The same courtier, spying the gem in the roadway, ran and brought it with great joy to his master and it was carefully placed in the very front of the crown.

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There is no need for haste. God can not use us as bits of charcoal in His crown. But when cut and perhaps polished by years of prayerful, careful preparation, as beautiful jewels, He can use us where most He needs us—it may be in the very front of the crown. He will take care of that if we are but meet for the Master's use.

Another suggestive phrase in modern science is *Transfer of Energy*. We have said that electricity or electric energy may be found everywhere. There is an invisible ether through which light, heat, and electricity travel in waves; the only difference between them is in the length of the waves. When Benjamin Franklin brought electricity from the heavens with his

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kite, he believed that lightning was a separate and distinct entity from light. Notice the interesting statement made by Professor John E. Snow, of Armour Institute, Chicago: "The molecule, eighty millions of which, placed side by side, span an inch, is made up of two or more atoms. The atom is the smallest aggregate of material that enters as a unit into chemical reaction. An electrically-charged atom is an 'ion.' The atom in turn is made up of smaller units called electrons. The electrons of an atom swing around the axis of that structure, as the planets of our solar system do, and are relatively as far apart. The diameter of an electron may be only one hundred-thousandth of the diameter of the atom, or

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of the electron's orbit. The electron has weight, but is so small that it would take eleven hundred and forty million, million, million, million, to weigh a gram. In fact, it is thought that in the ultimate analysis, matter itself is nothing more than an aggregate of electrons, and hence entirely electrical. It is now well established that chemical affinity is purely an electrical phenomenon. . . .”

“As regards the X-ray, if we take a highly-exhausted glass tube having metal terminals, sealed in, and connect it to a high-voltage induction coil negatively charged, particles or electrons are shot off from the negative electrode, or terminal. The velocity of these electrons may reach as high as fifty thou-

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sand miles a second. These particles strike the positive electrode, or terminal, are checked and set up a pulse, or wave, in the ether, called the X-ray. These pulses, or wave sections, are only about one-thousandth of the length of those of light. Ordinary light waves are absorbed by opaque substances and changed to heat, while, on the other hand, the particles of these opaque substances will not vibrate in unison with the higher speed X-ray, hence the X-ray passes through them.

“The X-ray, therefore, gallops through the same invisible ether with wave pulsations only a thousandth part as long as those of light. The longer, slower waves of light are arrested and absorbed in opaque substances; but the

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X-ray wave hustles through, giving a shadowgraph of a bone or a fatal gunshot. Bear in mind that the X-ray that goes forth from radium is still more powerful, and shadowgraphs have been taken through one foot of solid lead. 'I have a bit of radium,' said the professor, 'that will burn eighty thousand years.' "

When Joseph Choate was leaving the Court of St. James, as ambassador from the United States, he held aloft a copy of King James' Version of the Bible and said, "The Puritans brought but few jewels with them over the sea; but they brought this Book and read it each year from cover to cover; and it became the cornerstone of the American Republic." This Book is the radium

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of the moral and spiritual universe, the lighted torch of God's eternal truth, and will burn on and on and on,

“Till the sun grows cold,
And the stars are old,
And the leaves of the judgment
book unfold.”

The Son of God, the Word of God, the Spirit of God, mean a transfer of spiritual energy through an invisible ether, whereby divine light, heat, and power come to the souls of men most certainly and vitally. “In Him was Life, and the Life was the light of men.” “The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth.” The eye of the Eternal penetrates the motives of life and reveals, in order to heal, the deadly sin-wounds of the soul.

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Electricity does not travel as a stream ^{How} through a wire, after the manner of a ^{Electricity} liquid current which passes over its ^{Travels.} channel bed; but electrical energy is transferred from one molecule to another molecule, just as one block jostles another block until that falls, and that falling block jostles another, and so following until all are down. Like tenpins in an alley, one skillful stroke will cause them all to fall; a pin scratch at one end of a log may be easily heard when the ear is placed close to the other end of the log. To speak more technically, yet use the popular term "current," "Electricity is a stream of electrons traveling in a definite direction, by means of a conductor. These electrons already exist in the cir-

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cuit, and a generator, battery, or other means simply puts them in motion." There are multitudes in the circuit of spiritual possibility who only need to be started in the divine direction. A friend asked Mr. Beecher, "How do you manage to magnetize your great crowds?" "I do n't magnetize them. I just magnetize a few, and they magnetize others," was the reply.

How are we, therefore, to help souls to move in harmony with God's will? By the transfer of spiritual energy from one to the other. Samuel J. Tilden said, "It is the still hunt that wins in politics." It is the still hunt, likewise, that wins in religion. We are to influence one, that one another, and so the good work goes on to a finish. Let

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no obstacle intervene between you and the divine energy.

The relation between us and God ^{Delicate Relation.} is a delicate and sensitive one. You cut a copper wire through which an electric current passes; first file off the edges; and then put a sheet of paper between the two ends which have been cut; you will find the electric forces are dead and can not pass that thin piece of paper, which is a non-conductor of electricity. Put any non-conductor under the wire of the trolley, the street-car stops, the passengers are enveloped in darkness. We reach a standstill and are shrouded in spiritual darkness when some little obstacle, it may be some very small fault, intervenes between us and Omnipotent Power. We should

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permit no non-conductor to separate us from the power of the Highest.

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine ;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn my darkness into day.”

“Grieve not the Holy Spirit.” The Holy Spirit is a savor of life unto life. You can not afford to cut the current of Divine Life which may flow with constant succor to your soul. Touch a live wire carrying a high voltage with a naked hand, and death ensues. Take hold of the wire with a hand gloved in a non-conductor, then you are safe. The white life of Jesus and His atoning blood may come between you and the fatal currents of sin and death. A man does not need to be killed by a live

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wire if he will but stop and think. A man does not need to meet death by the forces of evil if he will but stop and think and take precaution.

It is not enough to be surcharged with Divine power; the potency must be retained. Retention by Insulation. In order to avail ourselves of God's keeping power we must not be in too close touch with the world which dissipates the electric energy. We remember the familiar experiments in our college classes. We clasped hands in a circle, and were in touch with the electrical machine in action. The one who stood upon a glass stool became thoroughly surcharged with electricity; so much so, that as you touched the hair of his head electric sparks flew from him. If he had stood upon the

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earth uninsulated, instead of upon a glass stool, which is a non-conductor, he would not have retained the electric charge. Our telegraph lines are strung on glass insulators, so that the current may not leak away. The spiritual worker is more effective when separated, in the best sense, from the world. It is not enough to receive power from the Highest, but that power must not be dissipated. There was a long period of drought in the Middle West. The farmers in that rural district were obliged to transport water from a distance, both for culinary purposes and also to keep the cattle alive. One evening the welcome raindrops were heard to patter on the roof. The people of the household rushed forth with old

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barrels, pails, tubs, and every receptacle which would catch the streamlets of liquid life which poured down from the housetops. Many of the wooden tubs and barrels were so cracked and warped by the long drought that the rainfall had nearly passed before they were in condition to retain the results of the much-needed showers. Alas! alas! it often requires weeks of effort in a campaign for spiritual awakening before the workers are sufficiently saturated to retain the blessing for themselves and prove a blessing to others. Spiritual insulation is vital to permanent spiritual success.

One of the interesting phases of electrical science is the "Induced Current." <sup>Induced
Currents.</sup>
The discovery was made by Michael

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Faraday and Joseph Henry that any change of pulsation in an electric current causes a similar change in another current not connected to the first, but parallel with it. No man can keep close to the Eternal without helping his fellow-pilgrim by the inductive current of Divine Grace. No man liveth to himself; no man dieth to himself. The man who walks close to God will make himself felt with his neighbor and friends. An association of men, therefore, such as a Church or Sunday school, becomes a character factory. Its finished product will become noble men and women. The opposite is also true; evil as well as good is contagious. Electricians often desire to weaken the inductive effect of a parallel current.

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They call this process "loading the coils." They put on an extra coil, so as to increase the capacity of the current, by counteracting the weakening effect of a parallel current. Whenever one is impelled by the spirit of mischief, he becomes an inductive current of evil tendency to impel others by a sort of magnetic, hypnotic power. This principle tends to make a penitentiary a school of crime. One loafer inspires a spirit of vagrancy among all his associates; one corrupt pupil in a boarding-school tends to demoralize every youth in the institution. Some seem filled with Satanic, as others with angelic power. Jesus came to not only neutralize, but to destroy the power of Satan. Jesus said, "Ye shall

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receive power, the Holy Ghost coming upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me [by spiritual induction] both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The inductive force of this Presence and Power was to make His followers effective and successful witnesses. The Church was born at Pentecost. It needs to be born again at a new Pentecost. When the people were gathered about the table at a love-feast not long ago, John Wesley said, "The time is coming when this will be an extension table, when we will put in additional leaves until the table girdles the world." At the Ecumenical Conference at Toronto, Canada, the other day, the principle of world-wide Prot-

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stant Christianity was realized. Thirty millions to forty millions were represented in that body, from England and America and South America, Australia and Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Islands of the Sea. The extension table has girdled the world. The one hundred and twenty who received the Pentecost in that upper Jerusalem chamber have changed the world's history. All the Churches which exalt our Christ inherit the promise which is unto us and unto our children and unto those that are afar off, and unto as many as the Lord our God shall call.

But will God interest Himself in our littleness? The electrons of an atom form a system which, in relation to its components, is comparable to our solar

“What
Is Man?”

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system, yet so infinitesimally small that it takes an inconceivably large number of them to become visible with the most powerful microscope. Our solar system forms a unit of the larger system, and that of a still larger one, on and on, beyond the grasp of finite imagination. If we conceive of an Intelligence capable of grasping and comprehending the universe as a whole, to that Being our solar system is no larger than an atom is to us; and our earth is no larger than an electron, and we, the inhabitants, are no larger than the inhabitant of the electron is to us. The Almighty is such an intelligence; and yet He has individual charge of each of us—us, the infinitesimal specks on the element of a universe atom. Truly, “What

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is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou visitest Him?" The psalmist can not refer to the physical man. It is not the physical man. It is not the physical man that is made a little lower than the angels, a little lower than God. It is the spiritual man, the immortal man.

This divinely-inspired view of man ^{God's} makes him worthy of consideration in ^{Way} any stage and all stages of his existence. ^{Worth} ^{While.}

Astronomers tell us how the telescope rests upon the earth's surface at a tangent. Its disc can only touch the earth's surface at one point, but the telescope itself swings upon an axis and can be set at any angle and pointed toward any star or sun, and then made to move about the circuit of the heavens,

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following that star through the darkness of the night, as well as through the brightness of the day. We may fix the telescope of our faith upon the star of God's mighty promise,—yea, upon the Sun of righteousness Himself, and follow on, resting there, up and down, through day or night, beyond the equatorial reckoning of prosperity or adversity by the dead reckoning of faith, and sing

“ With steadfast poise faith's telescope
Can read the stars to-night
And find the promised light,
While o'er my whole horizon softly sweeps
The rest of God who sweetly saves and
keeps.”

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