

By an individualized spark of the divine flame, is by no means to be understood a portion walled in and to be devoted to special personal use. Even in our material bodies there is no such thing as separateness. Those bodies themselves are in a state of continual change; the aura which is the rarified invisible part of them extends several feet in all directions, and those who approach us become literally and physically a part of us and we of them.

The animating life principle is common to all that live, and interchanged at every breath; and in the same literal sense the higher principles, thought currents and finally spirit itself—all are universal and interchangeable, all drawn from a single source.

The man, therefore, who scorns his fellow-man and shuts himself up in an imagined superiority has not rid himself of the human flux which makes all flesh one, because this can never be done. But so far as in him lies he has cut himself off from the great general supply of sympathy and love, the health-giving, happiness-bestowing principles which construct and hold intact the wholesome human being. Certain higher parts of himself must suffer, pine and die, as surely as the limb dies when amputated from the body. His attempt at isolation is not so much an injury to humanity as to his own misguided self to whom it means an attempt at suicide. Still more unhappy, still more fatal to him who commits it, is a wrong against a fellow being; injurious thought recoils upon the perpetrator with augmented power—for thought-forces move in an elliptical orbit, returning with increased momentum to their source. The words "fatherhood" and "brotherhood" in this wide application are both inadequate and misleading, expressing a relationship which is but a little farther extension of personal selfishness. The final truth is *All Life is One*. All injury recoils upon the actor whether expressed in deed or not, whether against humanity or lower grades of life.

Helpfulness, sympathy, love, these are the great sources of happiness.

"Kill out all sense of separateness," this is the great lesson.

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NOTES ON THE MAGAZINES.

Mr. Hargrove's report of the Crusade work in *Theosophy* is exceedingly concise and comprehensive. The extensively circulated report originated by certain geosophists that Mrs. Tingley claimed to be a reincarnation of Madame Blavatsky is met with Mrs. Tingley's own statement that Madame Blavatsky has not reincarnated. "Nature's Veils" is a wise and simple statement of the aids and adversities that are to be found in the debateable ground between reason and faith, or expediency and wisdom, or doubt and action. A number of interesting short articles complete the contents.

The Irish Theosophist reports the convention of the T. S. in Europe, and has some excellent articles from Charles Johnston, A., Vera Johnston, James Duncan and Mrs. Tingley. It has a beautiful monochrome with a poem for child-men.

Isis is one of the best of the month's magazines, Dr. Coryn's two articles, and Dr. Keightley's on the "Lost Mysteries," being timely and suggestive. A good portrait of the President of the new Theosophical Society in Germany, Dr. Hartmann, supplements a note on Paracelsus.

The Metaphysical Magazine sustains its recent standard with the conclusion of Prof. Gates' interesting report. The Professor does not appear to know anything about reincarnation, but those who do will find his facts most conclusive as to the power of the inner will over its vehicles. The question as to what power decrees the choice of the subjects who are to be improved by the Professor's methods, is one also that can only be settled by karmic considerations. Dr. Wilder contributes an article on "Paracelsus as a Physician." In "The Psychic Club" an account of the performance of a ceremonial magician is given, embodying a sneer at theosophy, which, if it does nothing else, will serve to draw a distinction.

Lucifer approves the researches of Prof. Frank Cushing, and admits the ancient civilization of America. A few fragments by H. P. B. are given, in