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THE THINGS THAT ARE UNSEEN.

"Blessed are they that have not seen," said the Master of old. And one reads later: "When He who is unseen is seen He disappears."

The piteous cry of our civilized pietists is for a physical demonstration of the existence of the unseen. They beseech the heavens for evidence to satisfy their senses of the reality of that to which they pray, and those who have no faith demand the testimony of the laboratory before they take up the search for themselves. Could the proof be given them the result must be disappointing, for the mere satisfaction of the brain-intellect almost invariably destroys the finer and real powers of the intuitive perceptive faculties.

"No man hath seen God at any time," nor has any man seen the God-like, which is only to be known by its manifestations. No man has seen gravity, or chemical affinity, or polarity, or electricity, but we know these forces exist from their effects, and the operations we conduct through their control.

But we can have no effect without a means of manifestation: we can have no exhibition of power without an appropriate vehicle. There is neither heat nor light in the interplanetary spaces, and the great currents which radiate from the sun do not become heat or light until they meet the resistance of that kind of matter which we have evolved on the earth. There are many forms of material which are transparent to heat, and it is easy to conceive of planets, like Mercury, perhaps, higher in evolution than ourselves, and nearer the sun, yet not offering resistance to the grosser forms of force, and consequently generating no physical heat,

while higher and more ethereal forces may be brought into manifestation by the resistance of conditions of matter existing elsewhere, and to which these forces correspond. Glass, which is transparent to radiant heat, is impervious to reflected heat, and glass of some colours will transmit chemical rays while other colours bar their passage. So also of electricity whose magic current speeds along the wire, exhibiting neither light, nor heat, nor force, until it reaches the carbon-points, the slender filaments, or the ingenious dynamos, where it finds the means fitted for its manifestation.

What is true in this way of the physical planes of nature, is true also of the psychic and spiritual. And as Professor Routgen, of Vienna, has recently demonstrated, we cannot set any limitation to the possible advance of science in the domain of physics, so neither can we set up limits to our investigations in higher regions. Professor Routgen has shown that it is possible to generate light of a quality as penetrating in the case of ordinarily opaque substances, like wood, cloth, human flesh, etc., as sunlight is in the case of glass. A ray of this light thrown on a bullet wound enables the bullet lying underneath imbedded in the flesh to be photographed. This result, astounding to the layman, is quite simple to the scientist or the occultist acquainted with the etheric nature of the basis of matter, matter being only the vibration at different rates of the ether itself.

The deduction to be made must be that these varying vibrations do not destroy or neutralize each other, any more than that one particular quality of