

# The Lamp

Vol. II.  
No. 7.

TORONTO, FEBRUARY 15, 1896.

No. 19.

*The Theosophical Society, as such, is not responsible for anything contained herein.*

## THEOSOPHY AND GEOSOPHY.

In these days when Science is gathering all its forces to wrench, as it were, by one mighty effort, her secret from Nature, those who rank themselves as theosophists and talk learnedly of the laws of the universe, and numena and phenomena, and the forces of the Cosmos, may well bethink themselves of the old question put to those who consulted the appearances of things: "Do not even the commercial and worthless people thus? What do ye more than they?" Already Science can do with a machine what the clairvoyant vaunted himself upon through his superior development. Our astral gazers and phenomenalists of all grades ought to realize that Science may at any moment extend its domains into the very heart of the Astral Light. Tyndall saw elementals there, and when Röntgen's followers take up that line of research we may have photographs of more than physical objects. Already, in England, we hear that to photograph a "spook" it is not necessary to expose the plate in a camera. And in America we are told that drowned animals may be resuscitated under the influence of the wonderful *x*-rays. When the effect of these rays is tried, and gestation or germination, or the principle adopted of the prism, in aluminum or other substance, liquid or solid, for the septenary decomposition of the *x*-rays, who is to say where the scientists will stop?

It is well to recognize the fact that all our astral and psychic research is only

science, after all, a few stages beyond the mechanical and physical perhaps, but still only penetrating from without inwards, and depending for success on accuracy of observation.

And "the kingdom of heaven cometh not by observation." That kingdom is forever within, and He who dwells at the centre is forever remote to the wisdom that is from without. Says the Krishna: "I am to be approached and seen and known in truth by means of that devotion which has me alone as the object." And says Paul: "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung that I may win Christ."

So we have to make the choice. It may have been made in a past life, and we may be faltering. It may be that the turning point has been reached in this, and future lives will be swayed by the brief, yet endless, decision of today. Is our wisdom to be of the earth, earthy? Merely geosophists, shall we spend our substance on the show and glitter that passes with the coming of the night, and lose the life and light of that holy breath whose very word and being is truth?

Theosophists aspire not only to knowledge, but to life. The element of an eternal growth quickens in the deep heart of such, for the will and power of growth are there, for there the Master reigns unrivalled; there rules the Voice of the Silence.