

THE PARABLE OF THE WATER FILTERS.

The question: If we have lived on this earth before, why cannot we remember past incarnations, has answer in the following modern parable:

Behold, a certain man had a large order for water filters. Now, each filter had two chambers, and into the upper chamber of each filter he caused to be placed, first, a disc of fine, porous stone, then a layer of coarse gravel, then a layer of charcoal, then a layer of fine gravel, and another layer of charcoal, and upon that a layer of fine sand, so that water, being poured upon the top-most layer of the filter, would percolate through all the various strata thus prepared, and finally collect in the lower chamber, ready for use.

But the demand for the filters was very great, and the supply of porous stone for discs small, so the master workman bethought himself and said:

"Behold, the supply of porous stone is so small, and the demand for the filter is so great that we must needs use in the filters the best material that comes to hand." So into some filters in place of porous discs were placed flint discs, and into some iron, and into others wood, and upon them all were placed the various layers of gravel and charcoal, each upon each. And it came to pass that those filters in which porous stone was used, gathered the pure water in the lower chamber in abundance; those in which wood was used, gathered but little and that tasted of the wood, and those in which iron and flint was used gathered no water whatsoever.

The mind in each one of us is the upper chamber of a filter filled with knowledge acquired in our past incarnations. If we have a brain constituted like the porous stone disc of the filter, knowledge from the store house of the mind, works, or filters, through it to our edification. But if, instead of such perfect conditions, we have brains of wood or iron, how can we expect to receive the higher knowledge?

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THE BEAVER THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

The Forum, Yonge and Gerrard Sts.,
ENTRANCE ON GERRARD STREET.

The local branch of the Theosophical Society in America, will hold the following meetings during

THE MONTH TO COME.

Friday, Nov. 20, 8 p.m., "Evolution and Reincarnation." Mr. Scott.

S. D. II., pp. 449-458 (*n.c.* 470-480).

Sunday, Nov. 22, 11 a.m., Colossians i: 1-8.

Sunday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m., "Theosophy and Education." Mr. Beckett.

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., "Ocean of Theosophy," pp. 14-18.

Friday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m., "Theosophy and the Resurrection." Mr. Port.

S. D. II., pp. 459-466 (*n.c.* 481-489).

Sunday, Nov. 29, 11 a.m., Col. i: 9-23.

Sunday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m., "Theosophy, the State Religion." Mr. Beckett.

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m., "Ocean," pp. 18-22.

Friday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m., "The Impersonal Life." Mr. Randall.

S. D. II., pp. 467-474 (*n.c.* 490-497).

Sunday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m., Col. i: 24-29.

Sunday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m., "Theosophy and Mediumship." Mr. Smythe.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m., "Ocean," pp. 23-28.

Friday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m., "The Occultism of the Alphabet." Mr. Brown.

S. D. II., pp. 475-483 (*n.c.* 498-507).

Sunday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m., Col. ii: 1-7.

Sunday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., "Theosophy for the Seance Room." Mr. Smythe.

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 8 p.m., "Ocean," pp. 29-34.

Friday, Dec. 18, 8 p.m., "Separateness." Mr. Beckett.

S. D. II., pp. 483-492 (*n.c.* 507-517).

Sunday, Dec. 20, 11 a.m., Col. ii: 8-15.

Sunday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m., "Theosophy and Spiritualism." Mr. Smythe.

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