

bodies of the animals in the next kingdom below." These "centres of consciousness of our physical bodies, known as the Lunar Pitris, arrived at the 'human elemental' stage, upon the moon, and came to the earth and constructed for themselves fiery bodies during the first Round." The withdrawal of this human elemental from the body at death "means the surrender of the human form to the uncontrolled action of the lower lives, who soon tear and rend it asunder." The "spook" is the result of "the long association during life with the human form," which causes the human elemental "to again surround itself with a low form of astral matter, which assumes the shape of the late physical body." The application of the theory, if one accepts it as no more, to the phenomena of dreams and to the problems of heredity must be studied to be appreciated as its treatment deserves. The clear type and good printing and paper of the volume will commend it. (Cloth, \$1; paper, 50c. Dr. J. A. Anderson, 1170 Market Street, San Francisco.)

The New England Theosophical Corporation has laid theosophists under obligation by the issue of the "Studies in Occultism" just completed by the publication of the fifth and sixth of the series. These Studies are by Madame Blavatsky, and originally appeared in *Lucifer*. The present volumes deal with "The Esoteric Character of the Gospels," and "Astral Bodies" and the "Constitution of the Inner Man." (Cloth, 35c. each; \$1.50 for the set of six.)

Miss Minnie Lawson has published a volume of fiction, "Money to Loan." It is a "story with a purpose," the purpose being the exposure of the system prevailing in most large cities by which money is lent to needy people at exorbitant rates on chattel mortgages. The book has received much favourable notice, though the claim somewhat prominently advanced that a new Dickens has arisen disposes one to somewhat severe criticism. The worst feature of the book is its negative

character. No remedy is suggested for the admitted evil. Constructive imagination such as Walter Besant displayed in "All Sorts and Conditions of Men" may often lead to a practical result. Could Miss Lawson not write us a book in which a wealthy philanthropist would establish a loan establishment for the purpose of obliging widows and invalids with advances not exceeding a hundred dollars at ordinary banking rates? Testimonials of character alone would be necessary in a charitable institution, and the legal interest would cover accidental losses by death or otherwise. This would help. Miss Lawson's story only horrifies. (Paper, 25 cents.)

The present writer was first attracted to the study and the love of Tennyson by the drama "Harold." This in itself seems somewhat an odd taste for a boy of fourteen, but stranger still was the attractive feature in the drama, the bait which hooked another literary gudgeon. Opening the volume in a Public Library, the sonorous Latin hymns of the Fifth Act struck some responsive chord of an earlier life:

Salva patriam
Sancte Pater,
Salva Fili,
Salva Spiritus,
Salva patriam
Sancta Mater.

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John Ablett, assisted by Pandit J. C. Roychoudhuri, has produced a twelve-page account of "Hindu Diet and its