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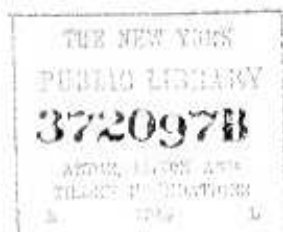
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THERE are moments in the life of every one when the soul seems to be stirred by some inner force; when the mind becomes illuminated by new ideals, new hopes, new desires. What has caused this state? Who can tell? It may be in a moment of rest and repose, when mind and body are relaxed and for a brief space of time the duties and cares of the world are lost sight of, that such an awakening comes—for thus we might speak of it. During this brief interval we see things as we never have seen them before. Power, or earthly greatness, has no place in our thoughts; but we see, dimly though it may be, something of our own inner greatness—something that, if it once could be fully realized, would change the whole tenor of our lives, and the world with all its allurements would occupy a minor place in our thoughts.—
Charles Brodie Patterson.

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I.

THE SPIRITUAL MAN—HIS POWERS AND PRIVILEGES.

When entering upon a consideration of human nature, it is essentially necessary to consider, first, exactly what we mean to convey by the special terms we are intending to employ. The title of this chapter provokes inquiry, as the adjective *Spiritual* qualifies the substantive *Man*. The reader will naturally ask, are there then in your estimation two or more distinct kinds of human nature of which that variety entitled *Spiritual* is the highest, or do you simply mean that human nature is in essence *Spiritual*? As just such a question has frequently been put to the writer of these pages, the following reply seems an appropriate introduction to all that is to follow:

Human nature is distinctly what we mean when we speak of spiritual nature, for by human we signify humane as distinguished from brutal, which we designate inhuman. When the word *humanity* is employed it at once suggests two