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INTRODUCTION.

FEW words are necessary, it seems to me, in presenting this little volume. The first seven papers may be considered as a series, each one following the other in a natural order of progression. The seventh—the Assertion of the I—completes the series. The other papers contain, to a certain extent, the application of the principles of the philosophy presented.

Each student will need to make personal experiments, as I recognize that each one must modify, to some extent, the course I have followed, on account of his own temperament, environment and position in the cosmos. Many have been working and writing on similar lines; but they differ as to the discipline required to accomplish purpose. Herein I present a method that I have tested and proven to be practical.

A few of these articles have appeared in some of our monthly publications, and two or three have been read before the School of Philosophy and other societies in New York city during the past two years. All of these, however,

have been recast, and the fourteen papers presented, although each is complete in itself, are parts of a whole.

NEW YORK CITY, September, 1901.

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ONE'S ATMOSPHERE.

It is almost universally conceded that each one carries a certain atmosphere that may be felt by all who come in contact with him; but how that atmosphere is formed and held by each individual is an open question.

It is his *nature* (whatever that word may mean to the speaker), says one. Another, versed in astrology, knows that the stars, at the hour of birth, settled it all. Another has read the arguments in the books on heredity, and believes one may inherit spiritual qualities from father or mother or ancestors. A fourth reads history, and knows environment to be the sole cause. Yet a fifth, claiming to be wiser and broader-minded, believes in the stars, and fleshly ties, and environment, and education, as combining to create the atmosphere surrounding each one.