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A summing up of the results of the scientific investigation of
Psychic Phenomena, with an account of Professor Botazzi's
experiments with Eusapia Paladino, and an abstract
of the report of the cross-references by Mrs. Piper,
Mrs. Verrall and others which so influenced
Sir Oliver Lodge in his decision in
favor of the spiritistic hypothesis



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THE most significant, far-reaching, revolutionary event that has ever taken place in scientific circles—an event of unparalleled importance to the entire human race—is the recent defection, one after the other, of at least thirty-five of the world's most illustrious scientists, from the materialistic school of philosophy, evidenced by their declarations that a variety of attested phenomena prove that there are invisible forces about us, of which they previously had been unaware.

While all these men do not agree as to absolute conclusions, they are a unit on one point, which is that they no longer believe, as they had thought and taught for years, that physical death ended our life. They are also unanimous in asserting the indisputable fact of the phenomena known as psychic; although some of them have different interpretations from others, all of them now concede these phenomena to be scientifically established.

Yet, until very recently all of these scientists had been bitter skeptics of psychic phenomena; in fact, had vigorously denied their existence. Every one of them was, in his sphere of science, a leading exponent of the materialistic dogma that our life ended in annihilation and that our consciousness was buried in the grave. But the whole teachings of a

lifetime they have been compelled to reverse, a very extraordinary transformation of modern scientific thought, which is pregnant with a new message to mankind.

An equally remarkable fact, which apparently has thus far escaped attention, is that, among all the great scientists, only one remains who still adheres to the doctrine that our life is a purely material one terminating in destruction by bodily death. This lone exception is Haeckel, the eminent German savant. His associates in the world of science, and even his collaborators, have abandoned his ideas and theories, which they now regard as obsolete and as shattered by the proofs investigated by them.

There is no greater psychologist in the world than Enrico Morselli, for twenty-seven years professor of psychology in