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In consequence of
with an object of Mrs. Erskine
my dear Madam -

I am extremely obliged
to you for the very interesting
letter you were so good as
to write to us last week
on the subject of Uncon-
scious Cerebration.

Your idea that the auto-
matic action of the brain
may possibly be nothing

more than the vibration of
 the particles after the impulse
 of the wind has ceased, agrees
 very much with the notion
 I was myself inclined to
 form of the matter. Some of
 the phenomena however
 scarcely seem to bear out
 such a view as be reconcilable
 with it - such for instance
 as those mentioned in my
 second paper, on Dreams. Further

to say however, the hypothesis
I have advanced that "Matter
may think," is one on which
I cannot lay much stress. My
object was not so much to
prove it true, as to show how
if true it forms no obstacle
to belief in immortality and
return points ^{in its previous} ~~the same way~~

Leaving you with you
that the Will is the central
personality which may

continue to exist after ^{body} ~~the~~
dissolution, & work hereafter
with tenfold strength, with
other instruments. All that
we know on the merely
physical post-physical side, respecting
food, seems to me to amount
to the fact that all the forces
of the universe are one - &
that intelligent Will is that one
force. Our wills then, as
partakes of that Divine nature
& being truly originating forces

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seem to be perceiving the things
which may be most easily
conceived as immortal. The
Observation which I believe
I was the first to make, that
the moral will is inactive
in Dreams, has called forth
a great deal of discussion &
I have received an immense
number of corroborations
of my remark - but also
some contradictions of it
The whole subject will

I hope you may receive more
investigation & more able
treatment than I do in my
former opinion, but still I
may have occasion to return
to write of it, I shall certainly
take the liberty of quoting
your remarks about vibra-
tions of brain particles.
In any case I shall write

Dr Carpenter's opinion about
it as soon as he returns
to London.

Believe me dear
Madam with ~~many~~
thanks for yr frank
kindness in writing & me
Sincerely yr

Frances Power Obe
14th Sept
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