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*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending;
the one who is, and the one who was, and the one who is coming,
the all powerful."*

*"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden
manna, and I will give him a white stone, and in the stone a
new name written."*

ETERNAL ME.

What an exceeding rest 'twill be
When I can leave off being-me!
To think of it! — at last be rid
Of all the things I ever did!

Done with the varying distress
Of retroactive consciousness!
Set free to feel the joy unknown
Of life and love beyond my own!

Why should I long to have John Smith
Eternally to struggle with?
I'm John — but somehow cherubim
Seems quite incongruous with him.

It would not seem so queer to dwell
Eternally John Smith in Hell.
To be one man forever seems
Most fit in purgatorial dreams.

But Heaven! Rest and Power and Peace
Must surely mean the soul's release
From this small labeled entity —
This passing limitation — Me!
—Charlotte Perkins Stetson in Cosmopolitan.

ARIES.

Aphrodite
'Pears in sight:
Restoration,
Inspiration,
Love and Light.

CELEBRATED ARIANS—Thos. Jefferson, Henry
Clay, Washington Irving, William Wordsworth,
Bismarck, Napoleon III., William the Conqueror.

PHONOGLYPHIC WORD ANALYSIS.

In a very old, cabalistic record known as the
"Book of Concealed Mystery," a very admirable
translation of which has been made by S. Liddell
McGregor Mathers, and published by Geo. Redway,
London, it is stated that "Equilibrium hangeth in
that region which is negatively existent."

Simple as this statement may appear, it really
hides the most stupendous of secrets; on it hangs
the entire law of life, by it all prophecy is revealed.
In truth, it is the very key to the Universe.

What, then, is this negative existence? Strict-
ly speaking, it is incapable of definition, because
the moment you really define it, it ceases to be
negative. The cabalists expressed it by the term
Ain Soph, or simply *Ain*, meaning THE ONE.

Ain, as an abstract expression of the Absolute
All, is negative, not by any means in the sense of
no-being, but rather because it is a postulation al-
together beyond the grasp of the intellect, but
which, nevertheless, is a necessary and logical as-
sumption, aiding in the reasonable recognition and
intelligent cognizance of the Something Positive.

Let us think of this negatively existent region
as the Divine Chaos, or workshop, out of which
God brings into harmonious and formal manifesta-
tion all his own wonderful works.

If all this were merely metaphysical specula-
tion, it might as well be foregone, but when the
fact develops that man possesses an *actual* key to

THE ALCHEMICAL TRANSFIGURATION OF HUMANITY

"Grand is the destiny, and the way after all is
facile, for it is not the maceration of flesh; it is not
eternal war with environment; it is not renunciation
—at least, in its hard and common significance—by
which we shall gain our end, becoming 'a star
amid the stars of mortal night' It is by the perfec-
tionizing and beautifying of the flesh; it is by ad-
justment with higher environment, and by civiliz-
ing what is savage in our surroundings; it is, in a
word, by acquisition, that our 'cycle' will 'move as-
cending,' and doubtless these things are easier than
the old way of asceticism. They are the way of
poesy and pleasantness, of joy and gladness, of di-
vine delight in Nature and all her beauty, of felicity
and humanity, leading up to communion with the
Divine, and to permanent immersion in beatitude.
And how, therefore, not easy, when it is possible to
ascend into Heaven on the wings of a woman's voice,
singing in the spring of the year, and in the spring
of being? And how therefore not possible when it
is easy to enter Paradise through the open gladness
and light of loving eyes?"

—Azoth, or The Star in the East.

this workshop, and that to discover *Ain* is to find the key, the whole matter at once begins to assume new and strange fascination and interest.

The symbol of *AIN* is 0, equivalent to no-thing or zero. As such, it is incapable of division or multiplication, and is, therefore, the expression of the Eternal and Illimitable. The first manifestation that springs from *Ain* is 1, Unity. This again is something incapable of multiplication or division with any differing result, hence it remains eternally One, the fitting symbol of Deity itself. It is verbally expressed as *AHIEH ASHER AHIEH* (the Hebrew text under *ADIRAMLED*), "I AM THAT I AM," or, "I AM HE WHO IS."

This expression, symbolized by "Yod," was explained in a previous article. I wish now to dwell particularly upon the esoteric signification of this symbol *Ain*, out of which *Yod* has come into manifestation or being. As a letter, *Ain* (or *Ayin*) is number sixteen in the ancient Hebrew alphabet, hence its value by synthesis is 1 plus 6 equals 7. But 7, by the process of occult reduction is equivalent to 1, thus: 1 plus 2 plus 3 plus 4 plus 5 plus 6 plus 7 equal 28, 2 plus 8 equal 10, and 1 plus 0 equals 1, hence 7 reduces to 1 again, which shows that *Ain*, 0, is actually equivalent to *Yod*, 1.

This is merely a numerical demonstration that the Ideal One, O, is expressed by the Real One, I. Hieroglyphically this letter *Ain* means "the eye." It is the eye of God (*Yod*) looking through humanity. In most ancient languages, the word "eye" is identical with the word "son," and again "son" is but another writing of "sun," hence the mysterious *Ain* becomes a son, and finally the sun illuminating *Yod*. The number 7, to which *Ain* is reducible, signifies "spiritual perfection," the Sabbath, or day of rest. If we count the letters from A to O (which is the modern *Ain*), we shall find that O is number 15 in our alphabet.

What does this numerical change in the new alphabetical series signify? 15 is 1 plus 5 equals 6, the 6th day, showing that O stands now as a symbol of the final day of creation. To humanity, which does not at all comprehend the true meaning of the seventh day or Sabbath, this creation means generation.

But herein is one of the remarkable proofs of the Divine language of symbology: In shape the Hebrew *Ain* is very similar to our Y, which is really a comparatively modern addition to the old Ionic forms from which our present alphabet is derived.

This Y-form was used by the Pythagoreans to designate what they termed the "triple-path," which was a certain road separating into two branches, one leading to Tartarus (woe), the other to Elysium (bliss).

Now this Y is really only V raised upon I. V, or U, is the symbol of Luna, the Moon, or Woman; so that Y shows Woman raised by I, the Spirit, in

which position she reveals herself to be the Source of regenerative potency; for see, Y is No. 25 and 2 plus 5 equal 7, the Sabbath attained: "Enter into my Rest."

Consider now, the wonderful power of this so-called negativity when added to the positive force. 1 and 0 together are made to express 10, the value or power of Unity being thereby increased ten fold.

It is, then, 0 that gives variety and expansion to Unity. In plain language, the positive masculine comes into expression and exhibits itself in all its manifold variety only by and through a union with the negative feminine.

Ain is also a symbol of Destruction, that which causes the "fall of man" (mind) into material form. The very thing which causes this fall, however, causes a rise into glory.

Ain corresponds to Capricorn and to the month of December. It is in this month that the sun reaches its lowest declination and begins to return. At this time Christ is said to be born, that is to say, *Ain*, the Divine Eye, opens and looks with Mercy pityingly upon the world.

The Greeks called this letter the *O-mega*, that is, "the mighty O." This O is the Son of A, the father and U the mother. It inherits the divine mother love and the divine paternal energy, and is that principle which goes out into the world to save and to redeem, always through loving kindness: *UIOS SUTOR*, the Son Savior.

Understand that A and U represent the principles which find their embodiment in I (*Yod*) and their Expression through the potency of O (*Ain*).

O again is called *Oin*, "a well of water." It is the fountain of Mimer or Mem (Woman), which has both a physical and a spiritual significance. The fount springs up eternally, for if it were not so, it could not be for aye (*Ain*).

The Divine Seed descends into the physical earth (the feminine body) radiates its vital principles and links to itself that which is lower in order that it may raise it to a higher plane of life; so, the ordinary seed, soul, planted in the common earth elevates the soil and transforms it into fibre, bark, leaves and blossoms, thus using it for its clothing. So Christ descends into man from the Divine Mind to acquire a form for higher manifestation; so, too, the phenomenon of generation is effected on the lowest planes.

It is all one thing. All proceeds from the *Ain*, O, "the Region of Equilibrium, negatively existent"—the Eternal ONE, of which Woman is the living, embodied, active and Only Expression; expressed, however, only by a union with man, the positive principle: "and he called their name Adam."

In the original text of the Bible, woman is shown to be not only man's equal, but, by right of inheritance from her supernal mother, *Ain*, to be also Queen of the Whole Earth.

To nothing short of deliberate perversion, re-

sulting from prejudice and doubtless pressure from royal and sacerdotal sources, can we attribute the assiduous efforts of the biblical translators to conceal this fact of bi-une deific expression throughout the book of Genesis and elsewhere.

Elohim, the Gods (not God), said, "Let there be light." Now *Eloah* is a feminine noun, and the plural ending *im* only is masculine, so that the entire word *Elohim* expresses a feminine potency back of all, reflecting or projecting itself as a masculine idea.

The original *Ain* is unquestionably feminine, and when expressed as a bi-une, active principle, it becomes *Ama*, the great productive mother, always, however, conjoined with *Ab*, the father, in every form of creative expression.

Christian interpretation would have us believe that the holy spirit is masculine; but listen to the Sepher Yetzirah: "ONE is SHE, the Spirit (*achath*, feminine) of the *Elohim* (Gods) of Life."

So, "in the beginning, *Elohim Ruach* (the Divine Feminine Spirit) moved upon the waters."

So also in Hindu theogony, the active principle of Brahma is his wife Saraswati, after whom the wife of Abraham is called Sara, "the Lady of Heaven."

The Holy Ghost, or "Comforter," is Woman. Without her hallowed breath (*Ruach*), life would never come into visible manifestation; and she conceals a *holier breath* within that deep and Sacred Well, *Oin*, which will yet "breathe upon these earthly slain that they may live."

The only sin in all the world, the one which cannot be forgiven, is the sin against this Holy Ghost. Beloved, do you not grasp the meaning of this Mighty Symbol? Blessed be *Ain*, the Illimitable and the Immortal One, forever and forever!

ELIXIR VITAE.

"He that has once the Flower of the Sun,
The perfect Ruby which we call elixir,
By its virtue
Can confer honor, love, respect, long life,
Give safety, valor, yea and victory,
To whom he will. In eight and twenty days
He'll make an old man of fourscore, a child."

—Ben Johnson.

"The kingdom of God can come only when
Two shall be One and the man as the woman."—
Saying of Jesus.

"If the flower only dies to be born again, why
should not the human soul, this flower of the
world, live again?"—Michelet.

"Learn that man never knoweth how well God
intended him."—Rosencreutz.

"Do not strike your wife with even a flower,
though she has committed a hundred faults."—
Laws of Man.

"Nature gave us one tongue, but two ears that
we might hear much and speak little."—Zeno.

THE IDEAL MARRIAGE.

"Marriage is a comment on life, a mere hieroglyphic or outward representation of our inward vital composition. For life is nothing else but an union of male and female principles, and he that perfectly knows this secret knows the Mysteries of Marriage, both spiritual and natural, and how he ought to use a wife.

"Matrimony is no ordinary, trivial business, but in a moderate sense sacramental. It is a visible sign of an invisible union to Christ, which St. Paul calls a Great Mystery."—Eugenius Philalethes.

It has been said that man can never attain to a realization of the ideal. In one sense this is true and in another it is not. Certainly he can never reach a point in development beyond which there is not another to be reached, but he may at any point or time fulfill the conditions of perfect realization, for Jesus says, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as my father which is in heaven is perfect."

That Marriage, like everything else, is a seeming failure, is due solely to man's present ignorance of its true meaning. There is, however, everything to show that Justice, blindly ruling as she does, is, through her handmaid, Love, gradually bringing man to a realizing sense and understanding of this truth and thus restoring out of social chaos, a divine order and equilibrium.

As we are the loving instruments in the hands of Justice for the accomplishment of this work, it behooves us to apply our thought and investigation to the matter just as we would to any important problem, and endeavor to aid as far as possible in its solution.

We are apt to laugh at the Law as an incoherent system based upon precedent or caprice, which in some respects it is. But it should be considered that the law expresses just that degree of justice which the highest evolved reason has been able to formulate.

The necessity of law implies the recognition of sin. "For until the law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known [recognized] sin, but by the law: Wherefore, the law is holy and the commandment holy and just and good."

Man, himself, who made the law (I mean the Real Man), must sit in judgment till all be fulfilled and he, becoming free from sin, becomes free from the law's necessity.

Before we may hope to institute any reform, we must first recognize that something is to be reformed, and then we may begin the proposition of measures to effect it. The mass of the world has not even come to the recognition that there is anything wrong or unnatural with the marital relation, consequently the masses are not ready to consider the question of reformation, and hence to these all suggestions along this line are entirely

gratuitous and out of place. Marriage, as an institution, is one which may truly be said to cover a multitude of sins, and the brood is becoming so over-grown that the matrimonial wings cannot hover them any longer.

The day of general resurrection is at hand. Skeletons long hidden in closets walk forth. The X-ray of New Free Thought is revealing the very inwardness of things generally. Christ is at work in the Temple driving out the thieves and robbers as well as those who traffic in doves.

Divorce is but a plaster, not a panacea, for the wound of ignorance. Marital infelicity is the culminating result of a long series of errors, a blight upon our present social order. The errors to which I refer are for the greater part traceable to an antenatal period, but lest this investigation might seem to partake too largely of the speculative, let us begin at the date of birth, generally regarded as the commencement of life.

Who, besides the parents, are responsible for the planting of the seeds in this garden of the New Life? And if thistles are sown, what influence of religion or education can ever train this garden into a field of lilies or roses?

Now, the one sin that is indelibly stamped upon the mind of the parent is firmly rooted in the mind of the child at a very early age. People say they have never mentioned such a thing to their children. Exactly, and this is precisely wherein the error lies. The very things which most nearly concern the child's existence and happiness, the laws of Nature upon which life itself is wholly based, the actual God within the child's inmost central existence, these things are deliberately sealed with seven seals, barred and bolted from the child's knowledge.

It is said, and truly, that men are pre-eminently superior to the rest of the animal creation by reason of the fact that they can verbally transmit to their offspring their past experience; but, tell me how this superiority is to be maintained when that intelligent experience is *not* thus transmitted? Surely the child, in this case, must come up unaided, and learn by instinct as an animal.

Desire to know, that natural, innate childish inquisitiveness, will seek for admission to the very arcana which the silence of elders has well indicated to the youthful mind, and will inevitably force it to seek satisfaction in the many corrupt and perverted channels open to receive the innocent and unsuspecting neophyte, who but obeys the voice of God within to know the Truth at any cost.

Prudery having thus tacitly instructed the child that everything legitimately connected with the marriage relation is a sort of shame, not so much as to be whispered among the sexes, Deceit becomes the first and natural agent of Justice to accomplish the law of Love in its first or basic expression.

Thus, custom, which is but the combined expression of individual sentiment, erects such barriers of folly and falseness between the separated souls of God, that hardly is it possible for one to find the other.

Courtship, as ordinarily practiced, is a system of studied deception, a mere letting out of the apron strings of that old chaperone, conventionality, by which Punch and Judy may somewhat approach and chatter nonsensically at each other.

Everything that should be revealed is concealed, and each tries to outgeneral the other in diplomacy, to subtly discover, if possible, the real nature of the strange creature they are thus suddenly brought face to face with.

Now, what is the real, deep, "honest-injun" motive of the average candidate for matrimonial advancement? Is it not to make himself or herself a little more comfortable at somebody's else expense or trouble?

When girls become absolutely independent of men through business qualifications, they, many of them, become "bachelors" from choice. Many steady-minded men, fearful of staking their all on this universal lottery, also prefer to live isolated lives.

What other ideal is there offered in matrimony at present but the enhancement of personal happiness? Yet the real happiness is never perceived because it is never experienced.

The nearest approach to it is in the true and genuine courtship. Call this illusion if you will, it is not. It is the real thing—the supremest thing yet realized. The marriage ceremony, itself, is an idealization of what should be a perpetual realization. In this one ecstatic moment, Love leads her votaries to take a single glimpse into that sacred and enchanted bower where the redeemed man and woman will finally dwell in endless bliss, but from which at present they are debarred by the flaming sword of ignorance.

Begin, then, I say, this very day, a reformation at your own fireside, within the sacred precincts of your own home. As a preparation, forgive yourself! You are sinless and you are pure. "The pure in heart shall see God." Divest yourself of pride. "The meek shall inherit the earth." It is the sense of impurity and false pride which keeps one from doing what ought to be done in this matter.

Teach that lovely girl and that noble boy the way of life through an understanding of the high and holy purpose of sex. Tell it all to them, not with shame-facedness as if you were revealing some crime in which you are *particeps criminis*, but unfold it as you would the Sacred Mysteries of God.

Show them that through this alone is to be found a path to the immortal and true life, and ignorance or misuse of this is equivalent to both destruction and damnation. Furthermore, that the

highest possible mission in life is to seek earnestly for true companionship, and make it plain to them what the real objects of this companionship are.

When young people thus educated by fathers and mothers meet socially, there will be a complete absence of that sham and foolishness which we see exhibited today at nearly all social functions.

No more of these *debuts* in which a young girl is stood up for inspection, to be hovered about night after night by a throng of glass-eyed admirers(?), which, as a spectacle, is only an effeminate and somewhat refined reproduction of the Turkish slave mart.

No more of this endless "keeping company," this going and gadding, dressing and perfuming to create false impressions, and mislead somebody into the overt commission of matrimony *a la* business principles.

If purely and rightly educated, young people in seeking a mate will not go about it as if they were hunting a house or buying a horse. It will not be a consideration of convenience, but a matter of unalloyed affection, a flowing together like two streams which have through pure and natural inclination approached. No law can keep them from thus meeting. They act in obedience to the law of gravitation. They meet and mingle and for a purpose which they have learned is divine.

I care not so much, presently, which plane they meet upon, whether on earth or in heaven, whether on the plane of generation or regeneration, although all on the former, as Paul says, shall have "trouble in the flesh."

Interiorly their lives will be at peace. The joy of one will be the happiness of the other, one's pain the other's anguish.

Thus meeting, they form one whole, complete being, not two odd, ill-fitting halves temporarily glued together.

Just so long as marriage retains the least idea of physical bondage it will be a mental curse.

There was a time when the savage lassoed his female captive, put a ring in her nose or lip, and led her home as his slave. The marriage ring and bracelets which women still wear are modern reminiscences of that period.

Moreover, the sense of ownership, the *mine* and *thine* of the marriage compact is an inherited legacy from the times of chattel slavery.

Not until utterly free from this superstition can men and women be truly united, nor can they be thus free until they are fit for freedom.

Not until this happens will mankind cease to be "conceived in sin and shapened in iniquity."

Custom is, indeed, a formidable barrier between man and his ideal realization. If custom sensibly sanctioned the introduction of the science of sexology in our public schools, as I see they are attempting in Iowa, we might hope to get some reform, but where shall teachers be found capable of superintending such instruction?

If custom recognized the high crime of binding two absolutely incompatible individualities together, it would be eager enough to unshackle them; and the law, instead of heaping obstacles in the way of their separation, would not only compel them to separate, but actually quarantine them apart, if necessary.

But to reprove custom or attempt its amendment is more idle than to cast pebbles into the sea. All reform must be individual reform.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God can come only when two are one and the man as the woman." [Clement.]

According to Timothy, the spirit expressly says that those who forbid marriage are false teachers, hypocrites and apostates from the faith; but he is speaking of the ideal marriage, which is a state infinitely beyond the ordinary apprehension; therefore only *believers* who recognize the *truth*, as he says, can partake of this joy with thanksgiving.

The ideal of marriage is not to be found in any merely physical union, for no amount of mental idealization can possibly relieve generation of its attendant pain and sorrow. As an aim, it is no aim. It simply misses the mark, which is the definition of sin.

But generation is only sin in a negative sense. There is yet a more positive sin connected with the marital relation, which of all things in the world is most productive of discord. It is "the worm which dieth not," and which saps the very vitality of the Tree of Life until, like the barren fig tree, it is accursed. It is this which feeds the very fires of Hell, bringing in pestilence, famine and the sword, causing nations to totter and fall and kingdoms to be scattered in the dust of oblivion.

Only until man realizes *that* Jerusalem which is above and which is free, can he be free from the curse of this erroneous aim. He must be born again, born *from above*. But first let him cast out the children of the bond woman, for the children of the free woman cannot be heirs with the children of the bond woman.

"Then will the Young King of Humanity, the perfect youth to come, issue from the Spiritual East in the dawn of the genuine Truth, bearing the crescent moon, the Woman of the Future upon his bright imperial crest."

BE FREE.

Thank God and nature for such women as Jenness Miller who denounce the corset and inaugurate dress reformation. Even Dr. Mary Walker, despite her "horrid eccentricity," is to be venerated for the strength of character exhibited in cutting loose from the bondage of bodices.

Why, the Chinese are a thousand years in advance of you dear American women in this respect. Better pinch the feet off than to dislocate the vital organs.

Those, at least, who have read "The Dawn of Death," have an inkling of the location of the physical sun and moon. Now, just as long as you persist in shutting the light of your sun from the face of your moon with a puckering string at the waist, you will suffer the darkness of mental eclipse. Under such conditions you may never hope for physical unfoldment, but may with surety expect physical decrepitude.

The ancient Romans, Greeks and Egyptians owed their beauty as well as their mental and physical strength to their sensible ideas of dressing.

The priests of all ages, as well as the Hindus today, owe their advanced spiritual development to the emancipation of the body from external and internal tortures.

Now, do be free. Break the shackles at once and forever, and then we can begin to get the full benefit from the breathing practice. Your bodies should be brought into a more attenuated molecular condition in order to be more responsive.

I know an Eddy scientist, heaven bless the dear soul, who soberly claims to mend her sink when it leaks just by speaking the word of denial and recognizing the word of truth. This, I confess, is further than I have got in metallic theurgy. I send for the plumber in such a case.

But this I have demonstrated, that a person may become as sensitive to thought as an aeolian harp is to the wind, and feel vibrations at a distance as easily as in the same room. This is the true scientific unfoldment.

PRACTICE LESSON V.

Ex. 1. MAGNETIC RESPIRATION. For this exercise take a restful half hour. Have the clothing loose and comfortable so that the body may be free from all constriction; lie down flat on the back in an easy, comfortable, quiet place, and will yourself into perfect repose and relaxation. Inhale very slowly a long deep breath, so full that the abdomen is distended. Begin, now, to enforce exhalation by slowly and steadily drawing in the abdomen, beginning at the very lowest point and gradually drawing it in as if you were pulling it higher and higher, until you actually seem to have squeezed the air entirely out of the lungs. Repeat a number of times, always very slowly, quietly and regularly, until you seem to establish an automatic movement inside the body.

Concentrate your whole mind upon this. Imagine that with the inspiration you fill the entire body with magnetism, which you do. Only a little practice is required before you begin to feel the subtle vibrations of this magnetic current. Just think and think, and follow the breath back and forth through the body until the movement seems almost automatic. This restores equilibrium and concentrates the latent forces, and is a preparation for action on higher planes.

Ex. 2. FORWARD TONE PLACING. Take for this exercise the vowel sounds oo, oh, ah, ai, ee, preceding each tone with a forcible hissing ss sound, taking a full breath and closing the mouth *before* attacking *each* tone, thus: s--oo, s--oh, s--ah, s--ai, s--ee. Go through the entire exercise on each tone of the voice, and see that every tone is thrown from the diaphragm, or waist, straight through the lips, *forcibly*. After going through the exercises thus, then inhale and take the entire group on one breath.

The most unique form of address yet received is: "Sir to You, Mam."

Please do not send stamps for subscriptions, books, treatments, lessons, etc., but always enclose a stamp for reply to personal letter.

The amount of my correspondence the past month was equivalent to many times the matter in this journal. If you do not receive an early reply, it is not that I love you less, but because I am striving to make my love go clear round. I must write first to those who are in greatest need.

I am requested by several to write on "Reincarnation" and "Soul-Mates." I shall probably take up one of these subjects next month.

All are invited to join our Silent Healing Circle at 7 p. m. every day. Draw drafts upon the Eternal Fountain Flowing Free.

Don't hunt around to find some one to predict what is going to happen to you. Nothing is going to happen but what you WILL. As you sow, so shall you reap.

Letters asking for advice on any subject should, if possible, enclose at least one dollar, this being a very reasonable compensation for the attention I give them.

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There is a species of helpless invalidism which it seems is the distraction and despair alike of the medical fraternity and the Mental Scientists. It is that kind of a patient who expects to be lifted by some divine miracle without a particle of personal effort.

For example, I get many letters from chronic invalids who say that prominent healers have been treating them free for many years, for which they are so thankful, and want more of the same kind of help. Why are they still sick? I will not attempt

to give the reason, but I know. When I treat patients, I treat them for results, and if these results don't follow quickly, I will know the reason why.

The patient has got to give *something*, at least attention, or he cannot expect to get anything in return. The widow's mite is as acceptable as the millionaire's bank note to the true scientist. In giving something you are not benefiting the healer so much, but you are opening the only avenue by which it is possible for the healer to reach you.

Some of our readers seem to regard the MILLENNIUM HOST as a huge joke. A large number, however, have responded to the call, and choice seats have already been reserved for them at the Banquet. There is room for more. And now I will give you a pointer regarding the nature of this enterprise. It is not a Millerite Campmeeting nor a Kansas Crusade, but rather a Reunion of Regenerates at which a New Version of the Hallelujah Chorus will be Handeled. For more detailed information see Revelation 14:1-4. The enrolment fee is a 2-cent stamp, and the sole requirement is to get in tune and keep in time.

In this connection I wish to acknowledge receipt of a large number of photos. Many thanks. We are fitting up a regular gallery of Immortals.

A souvenir,
'Tis here!
A rose,
Who knows?

GEM THOUGHTS FROM CORRESPONDENTS.

ADIRAMLED—AN ACROSTIC.

BY NAT WARD FITZ-GERALD.

Arise and shine, thy light is come!
Dost thou not hear the prophets call?
In which the sick, the blind, the dumb,
Receive their HEALING one and all?
Awake then, to this new-born light
Millions have sought for, but in vain.
Led now by thee, in armor bright,
E'er free from all disease and pain
Death and the grave, for Truth shall reign.

"Oh, lift the curtain higher,
And open the door of my soul;
For like blinding light, in the depths of night,
Thou art drawing me nearer the goal."

"The Truth must bring ecstasy beyond personal enjoyment, else God is a lie. There must be no 'lack,' no 'denial,' in God. I feel as though all my burdens had dropped and all I am to do is to live and praise God."

"I know that everything is just right, now. God is at the helm, and though many feel that everything goes wrong, and the people need reforming, I see only the need of each reforming self, or living the love life."

"I think your ideas on regeneration are the embodiment of all the wisdom of all the ages."

"This is the message I get as I write: He who leadeth is led—the leader is led—God Almighty wrought."

"The Heavens and the Earth must unite,
Lead on, dear Light,
Till there is no more night."

"One of the secrets of life is to learn how to transform disappointments into blessings."

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