

Ladies' Department.

great good, if persons visiting them make up their minds to carry nothing but harmony into them.

I have now been a nominal Spiritualist for thirty years, and I still believe that there is no fact of more importance to an individual than to know he has a continued existence after laying aside the mortal tenement.

The basic idea that is taught by intelligent Spiritualists that our life in the hereafter is depending upon the manner and use of the time we spend here is worthy of itself to be called a religion.

From the fact a philosophy is soon deduced, after that a science. When all these three are fully understood and heeded, we shall know and be truly religious.

That ubiquitous "uncle" of ours evidently believes in a purely paternal government based upon favoritism, and so ignores his better half, our modest aunt, the Goddess of Liberty, stationed without leave or consent on Bedloe's Island, and benignly stretching her hand in welcome and in blessing to all who set foot upon the shores of this "land of the free and home of the brave."

Instead of that, Uncle Sam proves traitor, forsakes his own offspring, and also those who come to take up bed and board with him, and adopts, at a distance, the cubs of the British Lion and allows them to become owners of millions of his broad acres, although having no desire for occupancy and utilization, but simply keeping the rightful heirs out of their own freehold, while adding the aliens money to his already plethora and useless hoards.

The nation is composed of individuals and in a purely democratic government as ours is supposed to be, each individual is a part of the nation (excepting idiots, paupers and women.)

Then why should individuals be in want while the nation is hoarding up such a surplus and the few politicians who are financing so beautifully for "the people," are becoming the possessors of millions themselves, and yet the people "want" and "must have" more money, and then immediately from some unknown source comes the howl of "inflation."

I have heard said, several times in my life, that "there is never an effect without a cause," so I suppose there must be one here.

Belonging as I do to one of the three disfranchised classes (and perhaps to all) I trust I shall be excused for my ignorance, and if you, Mr. Editor, or any of your able contributors can solve this problem, I, for one, shall be thankful for light upon this "money question."

These questions and many more came into my mind on reading in a late edition of your paper an extract from the National View, suggesting that the people "want" and "must have" more money. I think most of us can plead guilty to the "want" but—Why?

MYRA F. PAINE.

AN AUTHORESS SPEAKS.

As I am now located in Onset, Mass., I thought a message from this noted place would be interesting to your readers.

I am glad to state that the two contending factions that indulged in lawsuits and fights during the last four years, have laid down their differences and seem now determined to pull together.

Everyone seems smiling and happy at the present state of affairs. A great deal of work is being done in repairing parks and painting up the association buildings. Some elegant new buildings are going up by new comers. Cottages are renting rapidly. With Dr. H. B. Storer, our former able and inspirational president, at the head, and an efficient corps of directors, we expect to have everything lovely here this summer.

There is one vital force which is alike in all and that is the seed of life, but as it is scattered so will it flourish and grow. Consequently the results! There is here not a great reason why man, the noblest of all life-power, should cultivate the seeds of life that there may spring up a stronger and nobler race of humanity in the world.

He is more apt to do this down in the animal reign, and is striving for it more and more every year; but after all he should strive to learn and know more of his own humanity, they would he look more to the best cultivation and training after the seed has sprung forth for here is he lacking, too.

A weed though it may get started upon a bed of roses if not plucked in its growth will become but a vile thing, and the more hideous its sight, and use because of the first start it partook of in its surrounding. So with the soul life within some men and women born on the earth. What are they but hideous and gross mortals mentally and morally, because of lack of the right cultivation and training in the beginning of their growth.

They may have been born amidst plenty and upon soft beds of down, yet not because the seed sprung forth under these surroundings will it always grow thus, it could still become a worthless weed, and of no more use to him or herself than that, and when transplanted beyond where souls are made to see and know their true worth, how far beneath the idle and useless weed are such realized. Then, O Man! not only scatter the seed but water and pluck 'till 'tis ripe. This is why some souls are great and some are small.

This is the soul of every man and woman king on the earth, and when one does attain to that true and refined grace, and power given it, how beautiful are such natures. The mind then within lives in its true and noblest sense it possesses, outshining all extravagancies in its simple life principle planted and cherished through all its relations of life and the world.

These are the souls that are great, and this the true secret of their greatness and goodness.

But few and far between do such souls exist in earth life, showing the greater need of understanding the great mysteries and relations of the soul power within.

TRUE WOMANHOOD.

The highest ambition of every woman should be to possess true womanhood. There is nothing more lofty and noble for her to attain, and it makes her a queen wielding a mighty sceptre whose power is unlimited. These days in which we live, call on woman for a higher order of character and life that shall be an illumination to the world, and point the way to elevation and honor of her sex. A true life of womanly activity leads into refinement and culture, and places her where she may encourage and counsel a sister woman who is striving to make her life a blessing to humanity.

Each day gives us many lessons. A garment for the spirit is woven by every feeling and every thought leaves this impression. In the swift, passing hours great destinies lie enshrouded, and in the passages of everyday life stand great responsibilities. With a desire for all that is true and best, life becomes noble, even at a cost of unremitting toil, and will lead to heaven's wide-open gate. Let us live for something worthy of true womanhood and its opportunities for doing good and thus do our part to make the world better and lift our fellow mortals to a higher level of thought and life. Taking up cheerfully and bravely what may come, bear it away, and at the end lay it down triumphantly. So shall our passing from the school of life into the grade beyond be our final victory.

"I don't want any castor oil," said the sick little Boston boy, petulantly. "Why, Horace," expostulated the mother, "don't you know that castor oil is made from beans?" and the little boy, whose faith in his mother is perfect, took the dose and feebly asked for more.—Independent. A young lady in a Northport (Me.) school compared ill in this manner: "Nominative, ill; comparative, worse; superlative, dead." The whole class looked up very much surprised, and the master, with an effort to control the sadness which he felt, arose and said: "Scholars you can have fifteen minutes for the funeral." When a person is truly individualized he has outgrown susceptibility to hypnotic influence.—Christian Science. Disinterestedness is the very soul of virtue.

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