

Christian Evolution Leaflet.

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“Now concerning Spiritual Gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.”

(ST. PAUL.)

As ancient manifestation of Spirit led to formulaes of religious worship; so does modern Spirit manifestation lead to Analytical Spiritual Philosophy and Religion.

Demonstrated facts in Physics and Metaphysics, supercede all traditional beliefs.

“Leaflet” Associate Sunday Meetings Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Christian Evolution Society Sundays 8 P. M. at Co-operative Hall, Howard Avenue & Madison St.

The Fraternity Spiritual Association Sundays 8 P. M. at Fraternity Hall, 869 Bedford Avenue, near Myrtle.

Meeting for Psychic Culture Sundays 3 P. M. at Arlington Hall, lodge room, Gates Avenue, corner Nostrand.

The Progressive Spiritual Association, Sundays at 8 P. M., in Amphion Building, Bedford Ave., near South 10th Street.

Meeting for Ethical Culture on Thursday Evenings 8 o'clock, at 108½ Madison Street near Bedford Avenue.

THE VALUE OF MODERN METHODS

OF

SPIRITUAL TEACHING.

Attention is called to one or two features of modern Christian Evolution teaching, as possessing great possibilities for good. We must accept the human family in the various conditions in which we find it. Between the parallels twenty and fifty degrees north latitude is contained the highest state of civilization; and in the central part of this belt are most of the largest cities of the two hemi-spheres where wealth, science, art and superior intelligence focalize. Statistics of church and church societies in 1890, pertaining to Brooklyn and which probably is relatively true of other cities and large communities, are worthy of remembrance and careful study. At the time named, in Brooklyn there were three hundred and forty eight churches and church societies, which include all kinds devoted to religious worship. In these three hundred and forty eight churches there were in all two hundred and forty eight thousand six hundred and eighty six sittings for a population of about nine hundred thousand inhabitants. This leaves about six hundred and thirty one thousand of her people unprovided with church accommodations.

It was ascertained that the actual attendance at church worship was about one hundred and sixty five thousand—eighty three thousand less than the accommodations already provided. Allowing this eighty three thousand as an offset for children too young to attend church, we still have six hundred and thirty one thousand persons non-participants in church work and worship; the greater number of which it is safe to assume, have no positive convictions as to the spirituality connected with physical life.

Now this is the work the modern phase of spiritual teaching has come to do—to reach the great army of thoughtless, indifferent people and do it by demonstration, by object teaching, of the spiritual side or element of their life and nature.

There are two methods of teaching the mind and awakening the heart to consciousness; one of which we will call the abstract or verbal expression of thought through various processes of abstract reasoning. The other is by object lessons or demonstrations, after which, the flow of reason comes intuitively blending the cold methods of mentality with the finer soul emotions. In the first instance the mind is overwhelmed with mysticisms, logic and dogmas unable to see its way clear to a magnified

life, a haven of rest. In the other method, no matter how untutored the mind may be, it catches a thread of demonstrated truth and follows it to a satisfying conclusion. Is there not then virtues in the modern method worthy the consideration of divinity teachers? A city with more than half its inhabitants content on the plane of materialistic thought or no thought at all, yearning, unconsciously for that which will awaken spiritual perception within.

And here we wish to emphasize the point, that the demonstration of medial power, which power of late has been wonderfully developed, is most efficient as a preliminary method of leading the mind to an apprehension of the design, duty and destiny of the real entity of man; far in excess of any current methods of moral and spiritual teaching. Think of this, reader, and then see if you can resist saying—I believe there has now come a method, in keeping with that of the first century, well calculated to convince the skeptical of the endless spirit entity existence, and should they be induced to seek knowledge in this direction their lives be made the richer, sweeter and happier; the church the purer and humanity the better for it. This method has not come to eclipse, destroy and paralyze; but to aid and quicken the impulses for correct understanding and a life of fraternal love.

It is with pleasure and pride the "Leaflet" welcomes in its list of associate meetings, the meeting for Ethical Culture held at 108½ Madison Street near Bedford Avenue every Thursday eve'g under the supervision of Mrs. Holmes. She ante-dates all spiritual workers in Brooklyn in retaining the initial spark, and showing the ever increasing illumination which comes from persistent effort in that line.

The afternoon meeting for psychic culture at Arlington lodge room is well attended and under the discreet management of Mrs. Cutting is proving of great interest to all present.

Here is offered an opportunity for spiritual expression which the cause in Brooklyn has been in great need. It stands the same relation to modern spiritual thought and expression, that the class or experience meeting does to the christian denominations with the distinction, that it is, in many instances, demonstrative instead of deductive truth.

☞ Sunday November 15th at Co-operative Hall Mrs. Holmes and Miss Terry.

In view of references made in the Leaflet relative to the hundreds of thousands of Brooklyn's inhabitants who are barren of spiritual perception; without hope or aspiration beyond the NOW; it is assuring to see the broader and co-operative effort in Christian Evolutionary Mission work which the first page of the Leaflet indicates. The times are demonstrating that "peanut" politics and "trusts" in religious efforts do not measure up to the demands of the masses. Especially is this true, when the rules of mathematics are made to say that, fifty is equal to one hundred; or in a religious sense, that an isolated effort is sufficient to reach a half million of people.

And more especially is this true when disconcerted action in the past has proven how futile the effort, to establish, advance and dignify a momentous principle that deeply concerns all humanity. This little publication will have paid for the effort required, when considerate minds will have had the opportunity of seeing, that, modern spiritual teaching is not destructive of that which is essentially good and true; but rather, reconstructive of the spiritual edifice parts of which have been splintered by materialism.

The Progressive Spiritual Association will have for speaker on Sunday, November 8th the Rev. F. E. Mason, Pastor of the First Church of Christ, Bedford Avenue and Madison Street.

The Association invites compliment for desiring and securing the services of Mr. Mason on that evening. Not that he is strictly in line with modern teaching in its sequential order; but he stands on the predication of present operative spirit and spiritual law. He deserves a hearing.

The Fraternity Spiritual Association is fortunate in having one of the best lecture halls in the city. The meeting was started there some three years ago as a mission, then, a new field, and the selection of locality proves to have been a good one. Mrs. L. A. Olmstead is doing good work in making it a spiritual centre. On Sunday evening, November 15th Mr. W. Wines Sargent will lecture for this society followed with psychic readings by Mrs. Olmstead.

At Co-operative Hall on Sunday November 1st the meeting was a particularly interesting one. The lecture, "Is it a dangerous line of thought" was treated in connection with the present unsettled state of politics, finance and religion. The special features of the services rested with Miss Terry and Mme. Albert.

THE PRIMARY OBJECT OF THE LEAFLET is to apprise the infidel and materialist that individual life consciousness does not begin in the womb and cease in the tomb; that life in the human is one of quality and degree, has ceased to be a question of eternity. And for the affirmation of this spiritualistic principle we claim both ancient and modern psychic manifestations lead to philosophies which, in turn, specify the true relationship of man to man and of man to the Highest Wisdom.

Special attention is called to the Artistic work in vocal music by Mme. Ida Talbot Albert who is singing at the Co-operative Hall meeting. This is a case where language fails to express due praise; the heart should be present to applaud.

—See her advertisement on 4th page.—

THE CHRISTIAN EVOLUTION SOCIETY

meets every Sunday Evening at Co-operative Hall, Howard Avenue near Broadway.

As the title page of the Leaflet shows, the effort is to unify, utilize, scattered truth lingering in the mazes of error. All beliefs considered respectfully, but critically.

During the month Miss TERRY will supplement the lectures with strong evidences of the law of Spirit Communion.

Solo singing by Mme. Ida Talbot Albert
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THE MEETING FOR PSYCHIC CULTURE

in the Arlington Hall lodge room, Gates Avenue corner Nostrand, every Sunday at 3 P. M. The unfolding of the psychic forces and inspirational expression of the higher spiritual self is the feature of this meeting. Mrs. Cutting, Conductor.

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