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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 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 Ethical Culture on Sundays 3 P. M., at Single-Tax Rooms, 1188 Bedford Ave.

Meeting for Elementary Spiritual Instruction, Mondays 8 P. M., at 1099 Bedford Avenue.

Spiritual Class Meeting Wednesdays at 8 P. M., at Jackson Hall, 515 Fulton Street.

GOD IS SPIRIT.

Material symbols, ere this should have done their work in piloting the individual consciousness to a sense of its relations to universal life.

A careful study of the initial steps of the human race in advancing to intelligent expressions of human thought and emotions ; one must be convinced that symbolic form has been the great educator of the human race at all times and in all ages.

The civil observances and religious rites of ancient people, where the intellect had not reached development and discernment were dependent on symbols to direct the intellect to rays of light, thought and hope.

That which was intended to awaken the inner consciousness of man to grasp and comprehend truth, became idols instead of educators.

Men became worshippers of forms or symbols instead of apprehending the truths which the symbols contained and were intended to teach.

With all symbolic gods were associated wrath, vengeance, terror, and perhaps a minimum of love ; so that through the law of heredity, the worshiping of form, with all its hideous significance, became a part of the very being and constitution of man.

The more crude symbol worship, as mentality quickened, gradually merged into allegory and legend. When an advance is made from subservient idolatry the maiden of the mind-intuition comes into the chamber of the soul illuminating it with feelings of purer, higher love and worship, though the mind fail in thought expression. Herein will be noted a distinctive feature of evolution as applied to mentality. Had there been unfoldment of mentality of man to work in comparative unison with the higher wisdom, coming to the aid of intuition in giving expression to its impression, mankind to-day as in primitive time would be worshiping idol forms only.

Thought, harnessed with the various prerogatives of reason, is the real engine propelling the train of human development, endeavor and destiny. The endeavor in every case is pure, the destiny sure and the accomplishment of the end, whether with haste or delay, rests with the individual in boarding the best equipped train of progress.

The train running nearest parallel with wisdom is the one to be sought.

The train which has transported human-

kind ever has been heavily laden with mammon and running cross-wise to spiritual truth. God is Spiritual. Intuition coupled with reason will discern that God.

It is a grievous error to suppose that right reasoning and true religion are at variance. The terms are synonymous. True religion is the result of right reasoning ; for right reasoning necessarily results in the fruition of truth just as the generic causes of spring march onto the golden harvest of fall.

We now again see in the present decade, mentality wooing the spotless bride of spirit intuition,—

With sweetest accent in reply, she says,
I love thee, e'en with all thy devious ways !
E'en when the foster-mother seems to dread
That God and man by Reason should be wed ;

I'll love thee, court thee still, and silent pray
That foster-mother speed the nuptial day ;
For, thou alone art not the wooing one,
The greater love is in the Central Sun
Of light, of love, where reason has its way,
And Universal Mind projects the love-lit day ;

Like shyful-maid, I tap at altar's shrine,
Beseeching layman, worshiper, divine,
Ope wide the door, the aisles with flowers
strew !

Let Love and Reason sit in every pew !

The first page of the *Progressive Thinker* of Nov. 21st, expresses great concern relative to the word "Christian" The drift of the voluminous thought on the page named suggests, the paper would be better named the "Prejudice Thinker." Reference to the editorial columns of the same issue, suggests that a little of the Simon-pure principle which Christian Evolution seeks to divulge, would be, even in homœopathic doses, a good thing to have. Defamation, detraction, destruction, long since ceased to be good dividend-paying-stock, in a spiritual sense, in combating error in any religion or religious cult. Those methods, in a degree, were excusable in the infancy of modern spiritual advocacy ; but there is something better now to be said. The greater part of the diatribe contained on the first page of the *Progressive Thinker* mentioned, brought to mind the lesson contained in the story accredited to Abraham Lincoln, where an old hunter fired many times at what he supposed to be a bear in the bushes, and which finally proved to be a vermin of his own breeding entangled in his eye lashes.

The Fraternity Society of Spiritualists held its first meeting under the new system of worship and work on Sunday evening, December 6th. Mrs. Cutting gave the opening address, followed with a solo, "The Palms" by Mr. W. H. Young, baritone, after which came the undeniable evidence of spirit presence through the psychic power of Mrs. L. A. Olmstead.

Sunday, December 13th the first meeting of the Spiritual Sunday School of this society was held in Fraternity hall.

Two o'clock P. M. every Sunday the school will meet and operate under the superintendence of Mrs. C. F. Sweet.

Rev F. E. Mason addressed a large and interested audience on the evening of the 13th. A reception on the evening of Monday, December 21st will be held at the hall of this society. A special programme concluded with a dance. Come and participate.

At Co-operative Hall Mrs. E. Cutler of Philadelphia is supplementing the lectures of Mr. Sargent during the month of December with remarkable psychometric readings. She will make it a specialty of reading flowers on the evening of December 20th. Those who attend on that evening are requested to bring flowers for spirit readings. The subject of the lecture on that evening will be "The Blossoms of Life." The meetings at this hall are for the purpose of giving spiritual comfort, particularly to those who may not have church affiliation.

The new method of Miss Terry in conducting her Monday evening meetings at 1099 Bedford Avenue, promises to be exceedingly educative in the laws of spirit and its demonstrative expression. From eight until nine o'clock is devoted to the answering of questions by her band of instructors through her semi-conscious organism. The balance of the evening is given to spirit expression by entrancement.

The meeting for Ethical Culture, Mrs. F. M. Holmes conductor, which has been held at 108½ Madison Street, Thursday evenings, on and after Sunday, December 20th will be held in the Single-Tax rooms 1188 Bedford Avenue at 3 P. M. Sundays.

Mrs. Holmes will also continue a meeting at the former place and time, as a private class of instruction. The change of this meeting to Sunday would seem to be in response to the suggestion of the LEAFLET, that Brooklyn should have a Sunday meeting devoted to the analysis of spiritual history and the practical application of spiritual truth.

Some think the LEAFLET mis-named in calling it "Christian" Evolutionism.

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Mrs. E. Cutler, 197 Monroe St. at home daily. Public services Tuesday Evenings.

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