

# 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 formulae of religious worship; so does modern Spirit manifestation lead to Analytical Spiritual Philosophy and Religion.

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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.

# CHRISTMAS-EVOLVEMENT

Abstract of Lecture by W. Wines Sargent

at Co-operative Hall, Sunday, December 27th, 1896.

The space of this little sheet is so limited, we cannot go into detail argument; therefore must be content with many apparent assertions. Those who have carefully read each issue of the LEAFLET probably sense the object of its publication and the appropriateness of its title.

The greater part of contention in men's minds has been, really, in regard to terms rather than truths. Terms or words oft-times become obsolete. They cease to contain or express the keener discernment of the mind. And again the mind may be slow to discern the true significance of a term.

For centuries the term Christ has been confined to a personality; it now is being sensed as the name of a principle underlying personality—the essential part of every human being, be he Jew or Gentile, Priest or Prelate, Patriot or modern Politician.

In regard to man, it is with the Christ-life principle evolution has to do. Hence Christian Evolution.

Spiritualism in a doctrinal sense is opposed to the materialists' predication of thought and philosophy.

Spirit is claimed to be the essence of all life, all creation—the rock, plant, tree, flower, planets and also of man. Hence Spiritualism takes in the whole range of Nature.

There is a wide range between the manifestation of Spirit forces in the lower life and that of the higher Christ life. In the lower we have Spirit Evolvement; in the higher Christian Evolvement. In the lower, mere manifestation; in the higher, fruition. And whether it be a modern Spiritualist or an Orthodox Spiritualist, (both of which rest on the same predication) to escape a back number classification, must rise from personality to principle; from prejudice to prophesy.

The progressed state of general intelligence and particularly of Spiritual Science is such, it is not complimentary for one to refrain from thought and analysis; whether an habitu  of the Seance or of the Chancel.

The province of Christian Evolutionary work is to spiritualize material man and materialize or make manifest spiritual thought, feeling and expression, that the average plane of life here may draw near to the plane of life there.

Now as an exponent of the result of the Christ Evolvement in man we have the Christmas time or tide.

The thought attending this festival is the measure of Spiritual or Christian growth. Heart-felt sympathy and love, one for another, finds its developed degree of expression to-day at this time.

The best and kindest expression of the human heart is but a miniature expression of the principle of universal love. Christmas time has an eternal and universal significance. It signifies the descent of spirit into matter, and whether at the early dawn of time when the stars of morn first sang a gleeful song, or to-day when the spiritual sun begins its annual bestowal of increased light, heat and love, it is the birth of a new life or a rebirth of life, for a time dormant.

I now have found the line of thought,  
Which Wisdom in its goodness wrought

The soul divine.

I live in Christ and He in me,  
As parts of one Eternity;

His life is mine.

I lived in Christ e'er man was born,  
And living still the work perform,

Which He hath shown.

Live on I must immortal soul,  
A part of Universal whole;

And not alone.

Mrs. E. CUTLER of Philadelphia completed her month's engagement at Co-operative hall on Sunday evening, December 27th. Her platform work during the month was of exceeding interest, especially to those unfamiliar with psychometry. The spirit reading of flowers is a pronounced feature of Mrs. Cutler's psychic powers. Trenton, New Jersey is her chosen field of work for some time to come. Mrs. Cutler has the genuine Missionary spirit and much good must come from her efforts in the cause of truth, spiritual.

The scientific feature of the meeting for Elementary Spiritual Instruction is proving of decided interest to thoughtful minds. The intelligences aiding Miss Terry in this work are no novices in spiritual science. Two or three of the hour sessions have been devoted to light and color as pertaining to spirit and matter. They successfully refute one theory of material science that red, yellow and blue constitute the primary colors. Instead thereof they demonstrate the primary colors to be red, *green* and violet.

The last hour of each meeting devoted to trance expression is not the least in interest.

At Co-operative hall during the month of January, Miss Terry will occupy the platform as psychic reader in giving messages from the spirit.

The Fraternity Society, 869 Bedford Avenue, bids fair to be an important factor in spiritual work in Brooklyn. On Monday evening, December 21st, a social of varied entertainment, recitations, instrumental music, solo and double male quartet singing, dancing and feasting; all of which proved a decided success. The little spiritual Sunday school which meets at the hall every Sunday 2 P. M., is an important auxiliary to this and the like would be to any spiritual society. There are thousands of children in Brooklyn uncared for spiritually, whose future manhood and womanhood, in large degree, depends upon their primary conceptions of God and their relations to the universe and to themselves.

This modern interpretation of individual life directs the mind to seek the Christ within ones-self instead of beyond the clouds; that virtue is not, can not be born of vicarious atonement and that God is just as good, sympathetic and lovely as the individual builds within and permits. The future recognition of the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man, will depend on the installation of this principle in the hearts and minds of youth.

The demonstration of the eternal life of the individual is forcefully presented by Mrs. L. A. Olmstead at this meeting weekly. Her class-work in this direction every Wednesday evening at 515 Fulton Street, affords an opportunity for more detailed readings to each person.

Monday evening, January 25th, the Fraternity Society gives the second monthly social of the season. Amongst other talent the double male quartet which was so pleasing at the last social is expected to be present on the 25th.

At Co-operative hall Sunday evening, January 10th, a special program of poetry, vocal and instrumental music—in part as follows:

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

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