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Regeneration of the Body by the Resurrection of the Mind.

## The Cosmic Covenant

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**O** MOTHER mine of sleepless nights  
and days  
Ravished by vision and ecstatic urge!  
How thou hast stretched us over an icy folk!  
Formal somnambules sipping icicles.  
Unless you love, wildly love me,  
How shall I broach my secret to you?  
My secret that pines for you.  
Think you to guess me with frozen brains?  
There is that intuits all wisdom:  
Mine goes with the rest,  
None one whit cheaper than the whole.  
Full well you suspect the price,  
I gloat over what it is to cost you.  
Unless you love me,  
I shall cost you dearly,  
Dearly indeed, until you get me.  
It is death to hate me,  
And torture to boot.  
I gloat that the road to me is love,  
How I gloat and gloat over this.  
Fry my words as you will,  
Nibble and pant and pay and pray—  
I am the love that makes you homesick,  
I am on your way back to yourself.  
Hot tongues of flame have come to you,  
Licking from you all grudges against me  
in all,  
And thou shalt be dealt thoroughly with—  
You shall be burned at the stake of my  
vision,

And I at the stake of your vision.  
Clean as a wild beast of Eden,  
Sweet smelling as the bark of a tree,  
Raptures of cleanness mob me,  
Chanting your alabaster-box of ointment.  
Do not force me to kill you in jealousy,  
You and I are as terrible as any,  
And our bans are cried by existence;  
The cosmic covenant is not mocked.  
I do not count the countless times  
You plighted your loves to me,  
The madcap pranks of eons are little to us,  
And may not fasten or tear away the  
witness  
Of that macrocosmic face,  
Whose mouth and eyes keep troth for us,  
Filling the elements and mind  
With wondrous present warmth,  
Ere the worlds of heavens and hells  
Did dances unto us together,  
Lived endless trystings in each other's eyes,  
And this no shadows, dooms, or dark  
Can seem to alter or abate;  
And this is why I gloat,  
Knowing full well your worth,  
And monumental patience,  
For you are mine, and I am willing  
To leave you unto yourself until you love  
me.

## WHO AM I?

Eye Am God.

There is nothing else for me to be and see.

God is light, and light is the only thing in the universe that can see, therefore as long as I can see, there is no doubt about me being God. There is a new word to express this divinity of men, but this is the divine man. The word was used by Charles G. Garrison in the August *Conservator*. The new name is supraconscious-self. Here is what Garrison has to say about this supraconscious-self:

"This supraconscious-self is in effect the real self, of which both the visible human personality and the subconscious-self are but the temporary and provisional incidents. Permanent by comparison with these provisional states, perpetually subsisting, gathering up into itself and carrying over from life to life all that is true and enduring in all of the multitudinous manifestations through which life has ever passed, this supraconscious-self first incites and then accompanies each human life as an individual influence that not only determines the destiny of that life, but is itself in a certain sense that destiny. By virtue of its garnered wisdom this self is practically omniscient, by force of its accumulated power it is in effect omnipotent, by the hypothesis it is expressly and exactly adapted to the special needs and possibilities of the given earth life. Hence, to realize it is to be, to know and to feel all of which such life is potentially able, while union with it is at once our destiny and the highest of all conceivable human attainments. Thus it will be perceived that it corresponds in precise terms to our purest conception of the divine, different from the commonly current notion only in that instead of a disparate being, an alien god, it is a part of each one's own self, indeed, the very self of each one."

Horace Traubel, editor of *The Conservator*, sends me this article marked, with this question written on the margin: "Is not this your I AM?"

I think so.

You may call me almost anything so that you recognize the fact that I AM the Light. This means that I AM the Life, for Life and Light are synonymous terms. It also means that I AM the Love, for Love and Life are one and the same thing. The real life in its activity must love; so, then, you may call me all kinds of names if you bear in mind all I AM, that I AM the Light and the Love and the Life of the universe. Mr. Garrison goes on to say:

"We define religion to be the union of the human with the divine, or at least the striving for such a union. This definition may be transferred bodily to the idea of the supraconscious-self, finding in it all of those attributes that we ascribe to deity and that by union with it, which is attained by the surrender of our limited, erring and provisional consciousness in favor of its omniscient and omnipotent guidance, we have precisely that at-one-ment with which the word Christ is so devoutly associated; while if we regard this abiding self as our spiritual father, as in effect it is, we see at once a new meaning in the reiterated statement of Jesus: 'The Father and I are one.'

"To point out this path to harmony, to relegate the subconscious to its proper plane by restoring the supraconscious-self to the place it occupies in the system from which both are taken, and to do this by a mere hint, has been the sole object of this criticism of the two notable and in many ways noble books mentioned at the outset.

"If I have not mistaken the temper of Professor James' mind he himself would be one of the first to recognize the harmony with his own conclusions that results from the restoration of the supraconscious to its place in that system from which by a species of dislocation we possessed ourselves of the subconscious-self and sought to make it do double duty as the patron saint of hysteria and at the same time as the guardian angel of our highest aspirations."

There is no doubt but the Eye of me is the Father of me. The Father of me is myself so far as my divinity of being is concerned. What has grown up around the Eye of me is no part of myself. It is no more I than the clothing which I wear. I use the clothing for my convenience and comfort, but I may substitute new clothes for the old at any time. The same is true of what is called the flesh. It is undergoing changes all the time, and man couldn't live many hours unless this renewing of the flesh kept him alive. It is the I, the divinity, which grows the flesh. Flesh has no power within itself to grow. Left to itself, the flesh will soon decompose and sink back to the earth. It is kept alive by the indwelling Spirit or the supraconscious-self. You may call this supraconscious-self God, or a god, but it is not separate from universal Spirit. It always dwells within the whole. Its individuality does not separate it from the universal, so we may speak of the individual as the universal. When the divinity within you speaks it must speak for the whole of divinity, in fact you can not consider that you have any part of divinity separate from the whole. You are not in possession of anything which you can separate from the universal. You live and move and have your being in the Father, the universal principle of being. This idea of separateness is the cause of our weakness.

Jesus walked among men, healed the sick, cast out devils, cleansed lepers and raised the dead. As long as he recognized the fact that he and the Father were one, just as long as he recognized that he was God, the works of God were manifest in him. He knew that the divinity within himself was the same that created the heavens and the earth. There was that consciousness within him that he was God, and had never been separate from God, therefore, all the works that God had been doing in the creation he could do in manifestation of Truth. But the moment that he separated himself from the Father, and began begging and pleading to the Father, he lost his hold, and sank to earth as a weak mortal. When his voice was lifted towards some one outside of himself for help, the help did not come. When he thought there was some One somewhere in the universe who could come to his assistance disappointment and despair took the place of conscious divinity. There was no one outside of Jesus who could come to his help in time of need. When he forsook the Spirit within himself he was forsaken. A few hours of repose in the tomb of Joseph, of Arimathea, brought back the consciousness of his own divinity. By the law of attraction this consciousness of his own divinity called angels to his assistance. Bright brothers, of the celestial world, were

enabled to come and roll away the stone from the door of the sepulchre. They came by the law of attraction. The divinity of Jesus when it came into activity had all the universe working in unison for his elevation and salvation. It was utterly impossible for these forces of the universe to work in unison with doubt or untruth. They do not work in that way. There must be something within you to attract these forces. That something must be in activity. It is useless while dormant. As long as you believe that you are mortal, and there is some one somewhere outside of yourself, who can bring you relief, you will fail. Prayer must be the consciousness within you that your prayers are already answered.

There is something in the New Testament called faith. St. Paul says: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen." This is the very best definition we have of faith in the common version of the bible, but even this definition is misleading. Faith is not a belief. Faith is a consciousness of your own divinity. It is the Spirit stirring within you. It is God in action. There is God dormant and God active. Faith is God in vibration or movement. It is your own God, and can never be substituted for the divinity of some other person. All the angels in heaven are helpless in the presence of your unfaith or untruth. If the forces of the celestial world could inject faith, they would soon fill the world with it. This is where you do an injustice to the Spirit when you blame God for your own deadness. God can not put life into you by hypodermic injections. All the life that can ever be put into you is already there. It is the unfolding of this life from within which is called your supraconscious-self. It is also called in the New Testament the quickening of the Spirit. It means the quickening of your own divinity.

The hour is at hand for men to recognize that personal divinity is always the universal principle of being. The hour is here when men must know that divinity can not be personal in the sense of individual possession. One man has no more possession of the air than another man. He may have larger lungs, and for this reason can hold more air than another man, but it is not his own to keep as a personal possession. One man may have a better brain, and his mind may be open so that he may receive more Truth, but he can not keep it as personal property. As soon as he begins to get a copyright on his knowledge or a trademark for his power he shows himself a fool. He is not that kind of a fool of which St. Paul speaks, where a man is willing to be called a fool for the sake of the Truth. He is the silly kind of a fool who wants to take possession of the earth in his own name. As we come to know that God is one, and that his Name is one, we enter into the fellowship of the Spirit.

There is only one other question to consider. There is no doubt about God being God, and the question is as to whether God ever becomes an immortal individual. Does this divinity which stirs within us depart from us at the door of death? This is the mooted question which has caused all the

discussions in the mental world. Spiritualism has been trying to prove the existence of immortal individuals. They tell us that they have positive proof that persons who were here as individuals have returned, and made themselves known as individuals, after departure from the body. We see a man breathe his last breath, and what was the individual in the objective ceases to be. The eyes can not see, and the ears do not hear, the voice is silent, and the limbs are inactive. Our friend has become a dead thing. Did this dead thing have within it an immortal individual? Can this immortal individual see, hear, taste, think and be without this house of clay which lies here before us cold in death? There is no use to quarrel over proofs. I know that I AM, but is this I AM to continue as an active individual after I have thrown away the body of flesh? Is there a spiritual body within this body of flesh which grows the flesh of the body and keeps it alive? Can I take off this flesh body as I would a glove from my hand?

I think so.

What are my proofs?

I haven't any. I am only conscious that I can do it. I can not give you any proofs of my own consciousness. It is something within me. It is myself. It would be no proof to you. I know, and if you know there are two of us who know. If you don't know, and I can not find any one who does know, then there is only one who knows. I know, and I know that I know. I also thank God that I don't have to make any one else know. This is the very first rest that comes to the mind in the consciousness of its own divinity. You don't have to tell it. You don't have to prove it. There is no burden of responsibility resting on you. You have come into consciousness of your own divinity, and found rest to your soul. The one who is rushing to and fro on the earth trying to convince others is not in the Truth. He may think he is in the Truth, but he is rattling around in the empty casket of error. He is beating the tomtom of mortal foolishness. He is making much noise and confusing himself and others. When he comes into the glorious consciousness of his own divinity he will know the Truth, and the Truth will set him free from all of this fuss and feathers of mortality. I tell you plainly that I have no proof to give you of personal immortality.

Immortality is not something which you can attain. I can not come into divinity. It is not something which I attain or obtain by an effort on my part. It is that which I AM. If I AM to be immortal, then I have always been immortal. I can not be he who is to come, unless I AM he who was and is.

This cosmic consciousness, or supraconscious-self, is God. Some of my readers have supposed that I called myself God in a kind of make-believe bravado. But I was never more serious or scientific in my life. I AM God. There is no other. God is the All-seeing Eye and the All-hearing Ear and the All-loving Heart and the All-living Life. There is no other consciousness. Then what becomes of all this foolishness called evolution? Can there be any growth in God?

Can God be educated? Can the Almighty unfold? What has been is and ever shall be, world without end. There is only one hearing, one seeing, one being. Eye see and hear and understand. Even in this so-called mortal being there is only one organ of knowledge. There is a throne at the apex of the spine where the spirit reigns. Seeing, hearing, thinking, all the acts of knowing, are by the one and only organ, if it can be called an organ, at the apex of the back-bone. It is One who can see, hear, taste, feel and know. I AM the Vine. There is no life in the branches separate from the life in the Vine. Life is One. Light is One.

How, then, did mind come into mortality? How came the Light to shine into darkness which does not comprehend it? There are three hints in the Scriptures. One in the Old Testament and the other in the New Testament. The first reads:

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them.

"That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

"And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with men, for that he also is flesh; yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

"There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

"And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

"And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man and beast, and the creeping thing and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

I quote in full from this sixth chapter of Genesis, for it has a bearing on my next quotation.

The thought of two races, or a mixed race, of mortals and immortals, runs through the whole history of humanity. Gods and men, angels and immortals, is not all myth and poetry. In the parables of Jesus he holds the thought of sheep and goats, wheat and tares, the sons of God and the children of the devil. There must be some fire where there is so much smoke. It is a hint that there was a time when the mental mulatto was unknown.

Here is the other hint from the New Testament:

"For Christ also hath suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.

"By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

"Which sometimes were disobedient, when once the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls, were saved by water."

This is a fragment hard to translate, but the hint is of spirits in prison. The old interpretation is that certain spirits are held in purgatory or hades, on account of their

sins; as men are held in a penitentiary. This will not hold water now, so we must look for a scientific interpretation. The prison is mortality. Christ came to the earth to preach to all of us who are imprisoned in mortal flesh. There is no other hell. There can be no worse prison. It is not a penitentiary. We are not held here because of our sins, or for any kind of punishment. A spirit is God and how can God punish God? There is no law by which God can punish himself for disobedience to himself. Why, then, are we imprisoned? It is an accident of birth. If my birth had been on some other planet perhaps my environment would have been different. I was born in prison. Just as soon as you are quickened in the New Birth you begin to wriggle and squirm in an effort to get out of bondage. There is not one who reads this but realizes the bondage of spirit. You are a prisoner. There is no use to speculate as to how you got here or why you are here. *You are in jail!* The coffin is not an open door to freedom; else all the world would be fools for not committing suicide. If a bare bodkin can bring freedom, by all means use it. But death is not the way out of bondage.

"I AM the Way."

Who said it? The man who was sent to preach to the spirits in prison.

"I AM the Resurrection and the Life."

Who said it? The one who came preaching to the spirits in prison.

"I have the keys of death and hell."

Ah! The keys of death and hell. Who is it? The preacher who was sent to preach to imprisoned spirits.

But this preacher went away and left us in prison? No, no, he only went out of mortal sight. He is fooling the prison guards. Listen to the promise:

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

"Even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world can not receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

Who is this Comforter, this Spirit of Truth?

It is your supraconscious-self. It is the I AM of you.

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates:  
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:  
And the King of glory will come in.  
Who is the King of glory?  
Jehovah strong and mighty,  
Jehovah mighty in battle.  
Lift up your heads, O ye gates;  
Yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors:  
And the King of glory will come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
Jehovah of hosts,  
He is the King of glory."

That means you, my beloved, for the Vine can not bear fruit without the branches any more than the branches can live without the Vine. Instead of making a man Jehovah we have made Jehovah a man. Reverse your thought.

"I and the Father are One."

This is scientific. But when you say "I and the Father are two" there is confusion. The old thought of worship to a personal

God is humiliating. It makes man a mental and moral coward. He is afraid of God. If he thinks, he is afraid that God will think otherwise and there will be a conflict of thought. Rather than have a clash, a controversy with God, this mortal man refuses to think unless assured that his thought will please God. The Spirit of Truth comes to him saying: "I and the Father are One, and you are the One."

What? Yes, the son is as eternal as the Father, for there never was a time when the Son was not in the Father and the Father in the Son. They are co-eternal and co-existent, for the one is the expression of the other. How, then, can God get away from me? "From everlasting to everlasting I AM God."

You will go on loving and worshiping this Comforter as Someone separate from yourself, even after you know there is only One. There is an adoration and exaltation of the soul in the worship of the Divine Wisdom. I call it Her and worship the Divine Feminine. I know that She is always with me, that She is my Divine Mother, and at the same time, my Beloved, my Bride. She has always been my mother and my wife, for there is none other. She is the mirror reflection of my supraconscious-self. His glorious majesty the Divine Man. I AM the Alpha and the Omega. The First and the Last. The Beginning and the End.

#### ITEMS AND IDEAS.

\*\*\* I AM treating

\*\*\* All on the Free List

\*\*\* To get on the Paid List

\*\*\* By sending a dollar this month.

\*\*\* You have been on the Free List since June.

\*\*\* I will give you all of this year and begin your subscription with January, 1904.

\*\*\* You will also get one month of faithful treatments for health, happiness and prosperity.

\*\*\* It will pay you a hundredfold before the coming year expires, for CHRISTIAN is growing in grace.

\*\*\* Your name is in type and it will only cost me two cents to give you credit, so come along with my dollar.

\*\*\* If you don't get that credit mark after your name, I will drop you with the next number—but I hate to say goodbye.

\*\*\* You don't owe me anything for being on the Free List—that is my lookout for new subscribers. Besides, my regulars have helped pay the expenses of the Free List.

\*\*\* CHRISTIAN will go right on paying postage and giving away healing vibrations. Non-resistance is the law of the Spirit and it works all right under all conditions. War is hell and CHRISTIAN is out of hell.

\*\*\* It is surprising that more men than women have complimented the "Woman in the Wilderness" article. Have women been in bondage so long that they are dull of hearing? The trumpet of personal freedom means more than money—it is the Resurrection.

\*\*\* Treatments for business success are for the stimulation and encouragement of

your own mind. It is a mental movement among many and you get the vibrations for your individual advancement. It is all of us working together for the good of each one in the movement.

\*\*\* It is well to bear in mind that if you can't get there in a thousand minutes that you have a thousand years from which to draw. Demand everything to-day, for it is always to-day, but rest in the consciousness that you need not be in a hurry. You can't get away from God—the Good—Omnipresent Spirit.

\*\*\* It is safe to say that a dollar a year for CHRISTIAN will pay you a hundredfold in dollars, to say nothing of health and happiness. The vibrations from this Centre are not from one or two persons, but from thousands and thousands who are in the same movement for the Joy of Living. Get into the swim!

\*\*\* Why do you send telegrams for telepathic treatments? It is inconsistent and unscientific. Besides, you can't hurry God or hasten the work of the Spirit. When the case is urgent, send me a mental message. Where I have been treating in a family regularly, you can always call me by telepathy. But remember that the I AM of you is never absent. Shelton is only a helper.

\*\*\* This comes from New York City, and from Margaret, the blessed:

"Congratulations! October CHRISTIAN is the banner number. In 'The Woman in the Wilderness' you have given to the world the grandest lesson of the times—an Ideal lesson. Godlike! You are a Whole Man and not a half one. Every woman on this earth ought to rise up and call you Blessed."

They will in time, Margaret, they will in time, if not in eternity.

\*\*\* "After reading your 'Woman in the Wilderness,' womankind ought to rise up and call you blessed. The latest CHRISTIAN makes me fairly dizzy."

This is from a woman, and she sent six dollars. I don't want all of them to get dizzy, but I need the dollars for the free list. Well, all womankind, and mankind, too, for that matter, are rising up and calling me blessed. But they had better shower their blessings on the "girl with the dreamy eyes," for if it had not been for her I would still be in the wilderness.

\*\*\* "I was going to send you a dollar, but changed my mind when you spoke of telling your wife to go to the devil."

There it goes! That funny bone of mine has cost me money enough to buy a ranch. Besides, it gives me a setback to think that I am funny when I am not. The other day I told my wife the funniest thing that I ever heard in my life. I laughed and laughed until the tears ran down my cheeks before I told her. In telling it I left the main point out and she didn't see it, and so it fell flat. I went back to the fellow who told it to me to get the point, but he had forgotten it.

\*\*\* Here is what Mabel, of Montana, one of CHRISTIAN'S sweethearts, has to say:

"You are surely a brick! Good for you for telling the truth to the New Thought conventioners. And to Betsey Towne—any difference between calling the doctor for the baby and kiting clear across the continent because a grown son was sick? I fail to see any. Here are some names and I am

yours for speakin' out in meetin' every time. Don't forget, Thomas J., that the Divine Feminine is within man, too—it manifests in his sweetness and gentleness."

Of course the Divine Feminine is in man, and it is about all there is in him worth preserving.

\*\*\* "I am just starting my music teaching and want success in every way. Oh, I am finding things of late, myself! God bless you! I say it with all my heart. I like October CHRISTIAN. The idea that CHRISTIAN is your blackboard is fine. What a privilege for us to read your blackboard!"

It took me a long time to find out that I myself was the only student and only patient of my own Spirit. When the I AM of me succeeds in healing this one patient and teaching this one student, the victory will have been won for others. It may sound selfish, but the only way we can serve others is by growing large within our own individuality.

\*\*\* "The last CHRISTIAN was best of all. When you set the bond woman free, you did one of the greatest things in modern life. She must be free before we can have a free people. I read many papers on advanced lines and hear many preachers talk, but most of their teachings doesn't make good nonsense."

The far-reaching principle on which I am acting is the greatest thing of modern times. Spirit is making me act in accordance with the principle of being. You may theorize and speculate without any practical results. But when you come right down to doing things you will begin to gather the fruits of your labor.

\*\*\* "Enclosed two dollars to apply on subscription to my copy of your attempt to interpret, compare, analyze, explain and understand facts and conditions of life. I presume that it is as big a puzzle to you as to any of us, but you have the knack of making us willing to pay a dollar a year to see what you are going to say about it, and to note the peculiar Sheltonesque grace with which you say it."

The above compliment comes from a business man of New York City. Yes, life is a puzzle to me, but like Edison with his electric light, I will never let up until I solve the problem. I will not die a-trying, either, for the only way to solve the problem of life is by living. The coffin route will not accomplish anything.

\*\*\* "Is there such a thing as intensity of vibration in this matter? If so, I want it this month for specially clear sight in everything that comes before my judgment, and the power of fulfilling that which commends itself to the clear seeing."

Yes, my beloved, there is intensity of vibration. But the more intense the vibration the less agitation on the surface. The vibrations of the Spirit do not cause fermentation. It is not mental massage. There is a self-poise and repose of the soul which comes to one who is under the intense vibrations of the Spirit. Mental treatments will not give people the fidgets. "There is a rest that remains for the people of God." The activity of the Spirit brings rest to the soul.

\*\*\* "The physicians claim that to stop his drinking entirely all at once will kill him. He wants to be free, but he is under the belief that he can not quit."

The above is a report from a drunkard, and is one of many. It is all bosh! The only way to quit drinking is to quit it en-

tirely, instantly, at once and forever. The doctors told me the same tale. But I quit and it didn't kill me. It hurt, but it didn't kill. After I got over the hurting I began steadily to improve and have kept it up to this hour. I have several morphine patients who want to quit by degrees. My man of the diamond ring is trying to quit drinking by degrees, and the result is that he is soaked all the time. Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing—and do it right now!

\*\*\* "Stay by us, Beloved, for another month and then we will all go merrily to the Devil, if we must. I enclose two dollars for you to transmute into this merry Quest—thou great alchemist! Let us get to the devil quickly—strike bed rock of the burning marts of hell!"

So writes a brave woman who is discouraged. Now, it would be a good thing for some people to about face and go to the devil. There is nothing like the Old Boy for a regular shaking up so as to start new vibrations. It is heroic treatment, but very effective. St. Paul advised the use of it on one occasion, and turned a certain obstreperous fellow "over to Satan for a destruction of the flesh that the Spirit might be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." Physical immortality must come through the help of the devil, for he is also the Serpent Sex.

\*\*\* This comes from a lawyer in Cleveland, Ohio:

"Your 'Woman in the Wilderness' was fine. It showed in a beautiful and illustrative manner the necessity of our freeing woman from her bondage to man. The woman of the future will get more freedom than you have been able to give to your affinity. When man becomes conscious of the fact that in order to free himself he must not hold others in bondage; then, and only then, will he emancipate woman."

In other words, when the individual man is free the individual woman will be free. It will be a day of woman-equality where she will be recognized as the equal of man. The preachers are about the only ones who are still holding onto the old thought that woman is inferior to man. But you know the preachers always have to bring up the rear in any advance movement.

\*\*\* This comes from a reader of CHRISTIAN in England:

"I send you one dollar for a month's treatment and a year's subscription to your paper. It has come to me regularly for several months and though it jars me violently occasionally, especially when you scolded your mysterious postoffice, yet, you are so full of truth and courage that I think it would be mean to accept your paper and refuse you the dollar."

Well, well, it is hard for people in England to understand our "mysterious postoffice." In Maine there are two monthly papers, one at Augusta and the other at Portland, which send out over a million copies monthly. It takes a whole train of cars to carry their mail. They are published at a nominal subscription and filled full of fake advertisements. Yet they are mailed at pound rates and entered as second class postage. Truly, truly, we have a mysterious postoffice!

\*\*\* "In CHRISTIAN you advise patients to get into the vibrations and to keep in the vibrations. Could you not write an article

that would help your new patients to get into the vibrations?"

Oh, yes, I could write and write and keep on writing, but, would the readers read and keep on reading until they understood? Vibration means movement; and some people want the two books and yearly subscription to CHRISTIAN and thirty days of faithful treatments for a dollar, with great long letters of explanation thrown in every week. If vibrations could be sent by the typewriter, I could hire a cheap girl to punch the machine and all would be well. I have just read a sixteen-page typewritten letter that would fill the whole of one issue of CHRISTIAN. It was sent in here by one of my patients to show me what he had been paying for from another healer. There was not a single vibration in it, not so much of a movement as you could find in an old dried up last year's bird's nest.

\*\*\* "They kept telling me that he was all right, but he died of diphtheria. Oh, how I called on you for help, as we were almost quarantined and could not write you. Now my trouble is I can not get it out of my mind that had I treated him in the old way I could have saved him, and the agony I suffer at times over the loss of our dear boy is beyond endurance."

Do you know that such a letter as the above makes me angry to the very tips of my fingers. The idea of anyone refusing to send for a physician in a case of diphtheria is foolishness gone to seed. The fool friends who kept telling this woman that her child was all right ought to be locked in the asylum for the feeble-minded. Science is sense! Good common sense! If a mad dog bites your child use all the means within your power. And diphtheria is worse than the bite of a mad dog. I am glad that Lady Blanche called the doctor, for it has enabled me to hammer a little common sense into the heads of a lot of lunatics who have gone wild over New Thought.

\*\*\* "I thank you very much for sending CHRISTIAN for some months. I have not ordered it and I can not see my way clear to do so at present. I am afraid of trouble. I have been a subscriber to — for six years. But at the beginning of 1902 my subscription ran out and I wrote to have it discontinued. He wrote me he was sorry and he continued to send the paper until I refused to take it out of the office. He sent me a bill which I refused to pay. And he has given it into the hands of a collection agency. I wrote him several times to stop the magazine. I never run bills of any kind."

This is an extract from one who is on the free list. Why, bless you, I never send bills to my regular subscribers, much less to those on the free list. There are people on my list who have been taking the paper regularly for five or six years without paying anything. If I can't collect my own dues by mental treatments, I will take down my sign. Let everybody on the free list rest assured that somebody is paying for the copies they have received. It will pay you to get onto my paid list, so as to be in the swim. But you need not be afraid of any bill.

\*\*\* I have been giving treatments successfully to the invalid son of one of the leading physicians in Ohio. The young man was a physical wreck, but is now on the road

to full and complete recovery. His father, the M. D., has been doing all the correspondence. Here is an extract from his last letter:

"A very tall man. All Man. One whom no human being can corner, for he has no corners in his being. All is rounded.

"Shelton, the man who can always excuse the weak 'minded,' as they know not what they do.

"Those who think Shelton should be perfect, absolute, receive gentle reminders that man is yet 'only on the way.'

"I read every word in the last number of CHRISTIAN this morning at 2:30 a. m. I enjoyed it, because it was so real.

"You do take the kinks of untruth out of those old 'conventionalities' when they present themselves.

"The worth of a man is always shown in an emergency.

"The man that 'is' equal to the emergency is the 'real' man.

"Bless the man who in dealing with real live questions is not tinctured with ideas of others.

"He, and he only, is FREE."

\*\*\* "With reference to an article in our native journal of 17th July, 1902; that you have appeared before the public for turning a man, on payment of a dollar, to a better fortune, and that unhealthy person to a healthy one, I beg most respectfully to request to let me know, as to whether or not on payment of your double charge a man turned once into a better fortune by means of the vibration can have a privilege again to get better health through the effect of such vibration."

This is an extract from a letter written by a native of Bengal, India. The writer quotes from an article published over a year ago, which he translates from his native tongue. The same idea, however, is in the minds of the people on this side of the ocean. It is that you can buy healing. Millionaires in America have offered a million dollars for a pair of eyes and a million dollars for a new stomach, as though God could be purchased with money. Suppose I could heal all kinds of people of all kinds of diseases, wouldn't I be the biggest trust on earth? God will never give such power into the hands of any man. Healing comes from the Invisible Spirit of Truth, and no man can get a corner on God.

\*\*\* "It is time for me to ask for financial success. I need it badly—money that I have advanced to others should be paid back. I only want my own."

You are quite right. The old thought that financial success is a sin and that comfort is wicked is being replaced by the New Thought that the earth is the Lord's and that we are the Lord. There is no use in being miserable here while waiting for happiness in the sweet bye and bye. Many of my people are coming into good health while being treated for prosperity. I find that ready money is a cure for rheumatism and that cash is good for consumption. Success is a salve for sore limbs, and the pellets of prosperity aid digestion. You certainly have a right to health, happiness and prosperity. Even the pigs enjoy this much. Why should the birds have nests and the foxes have holes while the son of man hath nowhere to lay his head? I know a certain woman who has been practicing Burnell's prescription for a sealskin coat. She is making her wishes over her left shoulder backward. I am afraid she will get it! But,

nevertheless and however, it is no concern of mine.

\*\*\* "I suppose that the idea in giving a woman financial independence is that she may be free to go if she wishes. A man must be able to keep her without any sort of compulsion. Only so is there freedom for both. I do not read Greek myself, but a long time ago I heard from one who did that that saying of St. Paul, 'The woman shall have a covering on her head in sign of subjection to her husband, rightly translated runs thus: 'The woman shall have a sign of authority on her head because of the angels;' meaning that she is the connecting link. Quite a difference. I am writing this just to be sociable and enclose a dollar for a return letter. My financial independence seems long in coming."

The above is from a woman who has been with me from the beginning of CHRISTIAN. She has been more help to me than I have been to her. The curse of our present order is that the man is free financially, and the woman is a slave. If she runs bills, she is cursed for it, and if she doesn't run bills she is abused for being slouchy. Why should there be any difference between a man and a woman where both contribute to the upbuilding of a business. The homekeeper is just as important as the wage-earner or the office keeper. In my case, the woman does more than half of the business. Yes, Paul gave woman the great honor of being the better half of God.

\*\*\* "You will please find enclosed five dollars for the free list. Just now got October number and read it nearly through before I was ready to leave for home. It does me lots of good. I see I have been in too much of a hurry. I am going to try to rest in the belief that my own will come to me."

I quote the above to show how men appreciate the Free List. I have not kept track, but think that the Free List has almost paid for itself or has been paid for by such contributions. There are about ten thousand people on the Free List who ought to get over onto the Paid List. This would make room for ten thousand new people. Let each one of the ten thousand send me a dollar and a new name and the work is done. I will give you credit on the Paid List for your dollar and put the new name you send on the Free List. I can ask this in all good faith, for my healing is now absolutely free. I have not raised the price of CHRISTIAN or the books. The prices remain just the same, although I am paying third class postage. The treatments are better than ever before given by both of us, and yet I put stamps on every paper sent to you, and refuse to receive advertisements. You must remember that advertisements alone would pay the postage, but I don't want their vibrations in CHRISTIAN. Although the margin is close, there is no lack of prosperity. CHRISTIAN is flourishing.

\*\*\* "I was so disappointed that I could have shed tears when I read your little note regarding the New Thought Convention and realized how many people would be influenced by your words. My heart is in that convention, although I see no way to attend it myself. It is in response to a need for a practical application of the New Thought. The first thing of note that Christ ever did was to attend a convention of Jewish doctors and make himself known in their midst."

Yes, and the first thing his mother did when she found it out was to take him by the ear and lead him home. He did not get out any more until he learned to go it alone. The next convention of Jewish doctors hanged him because he was an individualist. Say, did you know that Chicago had a reception to Elizabeth Towne, and the aftermath was a quarrel among themselves as to the proper "recognition" of Dr. Paul Edwards? Since then the genial Doctor has sold his magazine and returned to Europe. You can't put new wine into old wine skins. And if you patch an old garment with new cloth, you will make the patch more conspicuous than the garment. In fact, the new patch simply advertises the fact that the garment is falling to pieces. I don't blame Chicago, for it is so unionized now that a man can't call his soul or body his own. The hour calls for Individuals! For individuals who think and feel and act as they please without permit from union or trust.

\*\*\* "One year ago I went to the hospital for an operation. After remaining there for over five months I returned home in a much worse condition than before. A few days ago a friend of mine handed me a copy of CHRISTIAN, the first I had ever seen. I hadn't read it half through before I could see a great change in my condition. I can not just describe to you my feelings at that time, but it seemed as though every particle of blood in my whole body was on the move trying to get somewhere. As I am not a Christian Scientist, do you think it possible for me to receive any benefit by coming in contact with CHRISTIAN? I think so. I read the paper each day and it always seems to affect me in the same way."

The above is from Boston. Since then I have taken up the case of this bedridden invalid and she is receiving the vibrations direct from Headquarters. Bless you, it is not essential that you should be a Christian Scientist, or even a Christian, to receive benefit from reading CHRISTIAN. My wife and I are giving especial treatments to every number of CHRISTIAN so that every one coming in contact with it may catch the vibrations of Health, Happiness and Prosperity. The psychometric influences received from contact with the paper are sometimes felt by sensitive people. But the healing vibrations are in the thought currents sent into the printed words. Like this lady, it is hard to describe the vibrations. It is like trying to write of an odor or the effects of music. The healing vibrations are always musical. And I believe that "the music of the spheres" is not a mere sentiment of poetry, but an actual fact. There is a music of the spheres.

\*\*\* Many people who come into this vibration of the Resurrection think they must soar into the regions of the Infinite and leave the practical life of the planet. An optician, for instance, who is doing a good business, got a qualm of conscience and wrote me a long letter saying that he was going to give up business of selling glasses and adjusting spectacles, for it was unscientific. I gave him a piece of my mind and let him know that the resurrection was not coming like a cyclone. It would be a gradual unfoldment and that people would be wearing spectacles long after the Electrical Age had been inaugurated. Here is his answer:

"Friend Shelton: Kindly continue my treatments for prosperity and *common sense*. Thanks!"

\*\*\* "To my great joy and satisfaction CHRISTIAN came this morning and I have read it through from beginning to end, and as usual wished there were more. Shall begin at the 'Hedonic Heroes' again to-morrow, and so on, until next number appears. For about a year past I have been reading CHRISTIAN before its arrival, not of course as it was printed, but in substance and effect. Eight or ten days preceding my receipt of the paper I became conscious of thoughts and ideas, sometimes new and sometimes old, under a new and varied form, springing up in my mind, which determined the trend of my thinking until CHRISTIAN came. Then as I read I am surprised to find that it is just what I have been thinking."

This letter is written from Berlin, in Germany, which shows the far-reaching power of CHRISTIAN. This is what I mean by telepathic treatments for my thought is Omnipresent. When we come to understand this principle and act upon it, the individual mind will tap the Universal thought. You will be able to help yourself to what you need and reject what you do not want. Freedom, my friends, is to us a mere word compared to what it will be in the coming unfoldment. The writer of the above complains of suffering indescribably from the inflowing thoughts and vibrations of others. You will have to learn to shut your mental door to tramp thoughts!

\*\*\* "I am going to ask you for treatments for my home life. I do not know what you would call it, selfishness, ingratitude or what. I do not make myself very agreeable to my wife. I do not have very much to say to her. I sit in her company for hours and never think of speaking to her. If she speaks to me I hardly ever answer her. I do not know why it is. I can not think of anything to say to her, but I can make myself very agreeable and be sociable with everyone else. But even when she is present I never think of addressing one word to her. I hardly ever take her anywhere. She says she is leading a very lonely life. We have no children. She is a great homebody and cares more for my company than for anyone else. I am quite the reverse. She is a good wife and has always been a good housekeeper. In fact, one of the best of women. I know it and appreciate all she does for me, but still, I have that way. I want you to help me out of it."

The above is from a clear-headed business man. There is a screw loose somewhere and I shall try to tighten it. I would start in by taking her to places. Make love to her. At first in the Silence, but afterwards in a few words. Take an interest in her shoes and stockings. Look at her dresses and study the shop windows of milliner and dry goods stores. Take an interest in her feet and hands. If she happens to have a pretty foot, say so. Find out what she likes in the way of dress. Go with her and help to select things. If you can read, get hold of good books and read aloud at night. I have read all of A. Conan Doyle's works in the evenings aloud to my wife, and am now taking up other popular works. Keep up a constant courtship, but use tact and don't rub it on too thick. Make yourselves inseparable companions. Lord! If you have to live with each other constantly, you had better do it in as agreeable a way as possible. But, above all, my dear boy, take an interest

in the woman herself, and not in her mere surroundings. Go out together to the theaters. Even take in the ten-cent shows. The main thing is to be together as much as possible. Don't sit around the house like two knots on a log.

\*\*\* J. L. Beilhart, editor of *Spirit Fruit*, Lisbon, Ohio, writes:

"T. J. Shelton (male half): Just a bouquet showing our appreciation of October CHRISTIAN. I read it aloud to our household and all thought it the best out. Say, that Chicago man never touched you. Don't let anyone persuade you to put off your exhibition for 75 years. Play it while the audience is ready for it and are willing to pay for tickets. Many things might happen in 75 years. People's tastes change in less time than that and actors often lose their power, to say nothing of those 'dreamy eyes' holding their spell over you. Say, that fellow 'Lord Christ' has some fine cylinders he plays. It is always something new, entirely opposite to the last one. That story of 'the Lady' about going 'to the devil' was fine. And that leaf on the veranda shows the folly of the whole operation of 'setting the woman of the vision free.' I wonder if there are yet some of the audience that don't catch on? Some of our folks say you are not honest. I say you are, but that you carry a license from headquarters to prevaricate to the extent that your honesty requires. Am I right? No matter, it is worth the price, to say nothing of the vibrations."

This editor is not writing just to be writing, for he enclosed a dollar. All the world may criticize me by mail—if they will enclose a dollar. I don't know what you mean by not being honest. If you think that I did not set the "woman of the vision" free in a legal way, you can consult the archives of Denver and Boulder counties, Colorado, where you will find the documents on file. The business partnership is a legal fact. I am not writing CHRISTIAN for anybody except myself. In the language of Paul before King Agrippa: "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." There is more in this than a mere business transaction. If death should come in, it would change the legal status of the partnership. Nothing else can do it. There is no overcoming of death and disease until we act on principle. Every man in his heart knows that a woman is just as free as he is and does as much for the upbuilding of his business and the enlarging of his life. Then let her be with you as a legal partner, and if you can't hold her with love and truth, she is not bound to stay for bread and butter. You will hear from this "woman in the wilderness" year after year. The joy that has come to me in unloading responsibility is the first result of giving freedom to my partner. You may laugh, but it used to hurt me when she spent my money, but now since she is spending her own, it tickles me. I urge her to spend the money in certain ways, but she won't do it, because it is her own money. Oh, it's fun, this following the Spirit after you get out of the hard ruts of the old thought. There is also coming to us a thought, and we are putting it into practice, of unloading all responsibility on the head of the firm—the I AM. I am still boring a tunnel in the mountains, and it tickles me to think how much of God's money I am using. Of course, I know that he knows that the gold is some-

where in that mountain, but if I had to assume the responsibility of boring for it, the new fuzz on top of my bald head would turn gray.

\*\*\* Here is a letter from one of my old-time sweethearts who has been with CHRISTIAN from the first number:

"Dear Mr. Shelton: October CHRISTIAN is fine, especially the article 'Woman in the Wilderness.' The new thought certainly brings freedom to every woman who lives it, as I can prove by my own experience. Before coming into this thought, although owning property in my own name, yet according to the old theological teaching I felt myself in bondage to my husband, and begged for money, often with tears, for the common necessities of life, and was often denied it. But now when I want money I go down to the office and get it. I buy whatever I please and nobody asks what I do with it. I come and go as I please. I do as I please and I accord my husband the same privilege. And yet, while allowing each other the utmost freedom, we are more in harmony and more devoted to each other than ever before. All this while he is not a believer in the Science (at least he will not acknowledge it). It is the Silent work of the Spirit, for I have refrained from trying to convert him to my faith (being willing that he should believe as he pleases). Increasing prosperity has followed us, so that I always have the means of doing what I undertake. Yet it comes through my husband and not through any exertions of my own. Freedom is the crowning joy of life, but we must allow others freedom before we can be free ourselves. Now, I am just learning another lesson in freedom, and that is, to free my children—this is the hardest of all to do. But I will do it and will give you the results when I have succeeded. Although as loving and careful a mother as any, I think, yet in my inmost soul I have felt the ties of motherhood often irksome, and have wearied of the bondage. And I believe that every mother often feels so if she were courageous enough to admit it. Lately the thought has come to me that I might be free from that feeling of bondage if I would free them from bondage to me. Yet, there must be child culture or training of some kind. These are the words that came to me as I sat alone thinking on the subject the other day:

"Five cardinal principles in Child Culture.  
Tact — Animation — Suggestion — Faith — Love.

"Never say do or don't do to a child. Neither command nor nag. Use suggestion instead. Use suggestion *mentally first*. Then use *tact* in oral suggestion. Be *animated* and *sprightly* in suggesting things orally. Have perfect faith that the child will do right, and let the consequences be what they may. Never get ruffled or discouraged, but let love have full sway, and all will be well.

"Perfect self-control in the mother begets self-control in the child. If there are no commands, there is no disobedience, therefore, no call for punishment. Have no rules and none will be broken. I am going to practice this and I feel sure that then the last bit of feeling of bondage will depart from me, and from them also.

"I enclose ten dollars for September and October. Mrs. M. is very grateful to you for your generous offer of free treatments. I will send you some names for the free list next time. I have not all the addresses yet.

"Yours in the Truth,  
"CLARA."

Clara has given a practical demonstration not only of bondage but of freedom. Here is a woman who owned property in her own name and yet was a beggar. She not only went as a suppliant asking for her own, but often in tears. There is no sense in it.

Where there is no sense there is no science. The old thought, dating back for centuries, was that woman was a toiler. She is still a toiler or a toy. In many places she is a beast of burden. In others she is a plaything. In either case she is something that man uses and abuses as he pleases. When the sex go on a strike, they make matters worse. Why not take them into partnership and make them sharers of our sorrows and our joys, our business cares and our pleasures? Nine times out of ten the woman's intuition is better for business than a man's judgment. If it hadn't been for my wife there would have been no business and no life and nothing but disease and death for me. There is no use in having the whole thing lopsided. Where the woman takes the lead and the man tags behind he becomes a nincompoop. To have no other honor than to be the husband of a successful woman is about equal to being vice-president. The shoe fits the other foot when the husband is a success and the wife is left to hold the bag. Better go forward side by side as equals. But one of the strongest points in Clara's letter is the idea of getting rid of responsibility. There are too many in this world who want to be responsible for other people. The busy-bodies who always have their noses stuck into other people's affairs are found everywhere. There is no science in always interfering even with the child's affairs. Let the little one have its own secrets and its own playthings and its own rights. As they grow older throw more and more responsibility on their shoulders. It is a dangerous thing to offend a child. My wife's little brother is very fond of bologna, and one day he went to a neighboring grocery for a nickel's worth of bologna. The grocer took the nickel and said to the boy: "You better buy out the whole grocery." That was three years ago. And you can't get that boy to go to that grocer for anything, not even for his favorite bologna. That one word of offense has cost that man many dollars. I can always remember my father in love and tenderness from the fact that he always treated me as though I were his equal in age and intelligence. There is a deep lesson in the words of Jesus: "And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." This doesn't mean that you are not to use discipline with your children. There is a politeness and civility which should characterize every member of the family, including the baby. Josh Billings said that a man who trained a child in the way he should go ought to go that way himself two or three times. You may punish and talk and threaten and scold, but example is worth it all. Well-bred children grow up in well-bred families. But the biggest thing in this letter, as I have said before, is getting rid of responsibility. Just now we are beginning to learn that true responsibility is in leaving all things to the all wisdom of the Almighty.

## HINTS AND HELPS.

\*\*\* CHRISTIAN

\*\*\* Is for Health, Happiness and Prosperity!

\*\*\* I have gained Financial Freedom for myself.

\*\*\* I will share the blessing with you, and take you into partnership.

\*\*\* I am seeking physical and mental freedom and will take you into partnership in the search.

\*\*\* Let us begin with small matters and work up to the highest point of Illumination and Regeneration.

\*\*\* There is a unity of the Spirit which will bring us power as individuals, and join us together in a fellowship unknown to the institutions of mortality.

\*\*\* This kind of a partnership is a fellowship in freedom, the only kind of fellowship endorsed by the Spirit of Truth, and that can be made permanent among men.

\*\*\* It is my purpose to give away a hundredfold more than I receive. The margin of profit on CHRISTIAN is very small while paying third class postage, but the joy of giving is greater than ever before.

\*\*\* I want every one on the free list to get on the paid list this coming month. Don't wait another minute, but sit right down and send me the dollar. You may count all the copies that you have received as a free gift and start in with the coming year.

\*\*\* "Your article on 'The Woman in the Wilderness' thrilled me like an electric battery. That one article is worth a year's subscription to CHRISTIAN."

That is what all of them are saying. And many on the free list are tripping over to the paid list all on account of that one article.

\*\*\* Isn't this a liberal offer? All who send a dollar now will be given credit for the whole of the year 1904 and receive one month of faithful treatment for Health, Happiness and Prosperity. Now that I have your name in type, I don't want to drop it. If there is not a credit mark after your name, you will know that you are on the free list.

\*\*\* I will not charge so much a month for the healing vibrations. It is too much like selling love. Therefore, with every dollar sent for healing, I will give my two books, or a yearly subscription to CHRISTIAN. This makes the healing vibrations absolutely free. You will please me by ordering the books or paper for yourself or friends every time you send a dollar for treatment.

\*\*\* Talk about your organizations! There is not an organization on earth that is equal to CHRISTIAN. What periodical supported by an organization, with no advertisements, could stand the expense of 30,000 one-cent postage stamps every month? I give a check each month for \$250 worth of stamps outright to the printers, and it takes at least \$50 more for stamps during the month. This is paid by independent individuals acting of their own free will and accord. Such independent partnership in the Spirit of Truth is worth more than all the money in the universe.

\*\*\* In this partnership in the publication of CHRISTIAN we do not want it all to be one way. By the time we have paid the printers and the postage and made up for the loss of those who do not pay, there is a small margin of profit. When the printers get their pay for the books, and we have paid the postage on them to you, there are a few cents left for us, to pay for our time and labor. This is our exchange of material things for your money. The treatments for your health, happiness and success are shared with you, for they do us as much good as they do you. Treatments are a delight to us, for they fill us full of courage and give the strong vibrations of Life. These vibrations are essential to our own Health, Happiness and Success; therefore, you may count them as assets in the partnership. The Joy of Living must be shared with the living. Let the dead bury their own dead.

\*\*\* There is a mistaken idea abroad in regard to my books. It is that they are small pamphlets or booklets. They are cloth bound books which retail at fifty cents each. The "Law of Vibrations" contains twelve lessons in Spirit Science. They are my first lessons taught to classes before I began the publication of CHRISTIAN. "I AM Sermons" is twelve sermons in the Science of the I AM. They were written for CHRISTIAN. This book is bound in red cloth, 163 pages, in clear type, on good paper. There is also a portrait of the author, which will give you a good idea of how I looked when I was a preacher. I now look younger, healthier and happier than when that picture was taken. Some of these days I will give you a full page picture of myself in CHRISTIAN. I speak thus particularly of these books so that you will know that you are getting your money's worth and that I am not trying to palm off some little pamphlets on you.

\*\*\* Betsey Towne will have to think once more about her wild animal appetite. While our Baby Blanche flourished on crabapples, she forced her kitten to eat roasting ears, and it died. It was not food for a cat. The kitten was under such domination from the mind of the baby that she thought corn was a good thing. The result was that in the concatenation of circumstances and unfoldment of events, the kitten passed in its checks and is waiting for reincarnation. The truth which I wish you to get in this item is that what is good for one may not agree with another. I like coffee and tea, but if you have dislike to it, you had better drink water or buttermilk. My wife eats lemons and oranges and sets my teeth on edge; while I am very fond of pears and peaches. Lemons are poison to me. My own taste must govern in these matters. There is a Lord-God-Almighty in us who knows it all. But don't you go to measuring some other fellow's God in your half bushel.

\*\*\* Speaking of partnerships reminds me that I often threaten to spank Mrs. Shelton's half of Baby Blanche. And then she threatens to discipline my half. But the baby is a born individualist and thinks she owns both halves of herself and has a property right in all of us. Elizabeth Towne said that she would let a young tiger or bear

eat anything that it wanted to eat, for it would have to work for its food. Fiddlesticks! There is not a wild animal on the face of this earth that works harder than a baby. A healthy baby is never still except when sound asleep. Our baby plays in her sleep. This summer, after her Chicago experience, she began eating green apples. At her grandmother's home in Michigan there were not only green apples but sour crabapples. She was sharp enough to outwit the whole family and get all of this fruit that she could hold. She thrived on it! This proves that a child's appetite is a guide to health. God knows more than all of us and he put the appetite into the child. These pampered children, fed on sweetmeats and other foolish things, ought to have a chance to follow their own taste.

\*\*\* In giving treatments it is essential that I have the name of the patient. I prefer to use the name by which you are called in the family. Or if you are being treated for business success, the name by which you are known in business. Don't write "Mr." before the names of men. It is often taken for "Mrs." and makes trouble for the mailing clerk. If ever I am driven crazy it will be by those "initial women," who sign initials only and give no hint as to their sex. Clara Jane Jones signs her name C. J. Jones. I begin my "dear sir" or "My dear boy" and say a good many other things out of place, whereas, if she had signed her name she would be "my dear Clara" enrolled among the sweethearts. After giving treatments for a few months I will sometimes catch the pet name of the patient by telepathy. Some people seem to be scarce of paper and haven't room to write their names. They hurriedly scrawl their names at the bottom of the page and leave us to work it out. Europeans especially seem to be scarce of paper. Your name is called every day in the healing room; therefore, it is essential that it should be called the right name.

\*\*\* Don't blame me for everything. There are letters on my desk all the time that can not be answered. The writer does not give the postoffice, or forgets to sign a name, or give me any particulars as to who or where they are. Sign your name at the top of your letter, with your full address, and then you will not forget to sign it at the bottom. Tell me what you want for your money, whether books or subscriptions, give me the name and full address of persons you want credited on the paper or to whom you want the books mailed. Do this all the time and every time. And to make things sure, enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Self-addressed means addressed to yourself and not to me. Here is a letter on my desk signed "Susan," which contained two dollars, and a stamped envelope addressed to me. There are at least a thousand Susans on my list. The best way to send money is an express money order, and the next best a postoffice money order or registered letter. If you send a personal check it costs me fifteen cents for collection, leaving me only 85 cents out of your dollar. When margins are so small, let us be careful.