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## WONDERFUL.

Isn't it wonderful, when you think  
How the creeping grasses grow,  
High on the mountain's rocky brink,  
In the valleys down below?  
A common thing is a grass blade small,  
Crushed by the feet that pass—  
But all the dwarfs and giants tall,  
Working till doomsday shadows fall,  
Can't make a blade of grass.

Isn't it wonderful, when you think  
How a little seed, asleep,  
Out of the earth new life will drink,  
And carefully upward creep?  
A seed, we say, is a simple thing,  
The germ of a flower or weed—  
But all earth's workmen laboring,  
With all the help that wealth could bring,  
Never could make a seed.

Isn't it wonderful, when you think  
How the wild bird sings his song,  
Weaving melodies, link by link,  
The whole sweet summer long?  
Commonplace is a bird away,  
Everywhere seen and heard—  
But all the engines of earth, I say,  
Working on till the judgment day,  
Never could make a bird.

Isn't it wonderful, when you think  
How a little baby grows,  
From his big, round eyes that wink and blink,  
Down to his tiny toes?  
Common thing is a baby, though,  
All play the baby's part—  
But all the whirring wheels that go  
Flying round while the ages flow  
Can't make a baby's heart.

—JULIAN S. CUTLER, in Jewish Comment.

## ITEMS AND IDEAS.

- \*\* June!
- \*\* Twins.
- \*\* Gemini.
- \*\* June 13, 1849.
- \*\* My birthday.
- \*\* This is my jubilee.
- \*\* I was born a twin in Gemini.
- \*\* William, my twin brother, lived but four days.
- \*\* By the almanac fifty years, and just begun to grow.
- \*\* I will celebrate my centennial in June, 1949; if you don't believe it, wait and see.
- \*\* I consider 100 years a very short period of time; it is only when we count shadows that time seems long.
- \*\* In giving the Hebrews laws the I Am made the fiftieth year the year of jubilee, when all mortgages were canceled, all debts paid, all slaves made free, and all lands returned to the original owners.

\*\* Yes, I read every word you write to me, but that is no sign that I am going to spend my time in writing long letters to you.

\*\* "But CHRISTIAN is CHRISTIAN, and of course there is none like it. It is the ethical Rose of Sharon, the banner of an honest purpose."

\*\* Bondage is not from without, but from within; your kingdom is within, and your slavery is within. Your throne is within your own Spirit.

\*\* After reading *The Arena* for May I suggest that the International Metaphysical League, recently organized in Boston, change its name to Anti-Eddy Soreheads.

\*\* Jubilee offerings of new subscriptions, paying back dues, and sending in lists of persons whom you think would be interested in CHRISTIAN are now in order. I want a big subscription list by the time of my centennial in 1949.

\*\* I declare, in this my fiftieth year, that I am singing the song of jubilee. I am free! I have forgiven all my sins, paid all my debts, and am letting the dead bury the dead. I am free from all kinds of bondage, and have entered into my own individual kingdom.

\*\* "Practical Mind Science," by W. E. Towne, Holyoke, Mass. Five lessons: 1. The Power of Mind. 2. Man's Oneness with All Good. 3. Manhood and Womanhood. 4. Happiness. 5. The Secret of Life. Price, single lesson, 10 cents; the five lessons, 50 cents. Address the author.

\*\* Quit calling my dollars small, insignificant, etc. Many who send only one dollar are continually bewailing the smallness of the sum. I want you to understand that all my dollars are full of one hundred cents' worth of Good! Praise your dollars, you greenhorn, or you will never have a horn of plenty!

\*\* Don't waste your time sending me books about the many different versions of the life of Jesus. I have been all along that road. The genuineness and authenticity of the New Testament is as well established as the life of George Washington. All talk against Jesus of Nazareth is like a frog pond croaking against the ocean. Jesus Christ is not only an historical character but a real living person, the "First Born from the Dead." The Spirit of Truth recognizes Jesus, the King of the Jews, as a Risen Christ. He is yet to play an important part in humanity's unfoldment.

\*\* Give your name and address in full in every letter; envelopes are addressed by the typewriter and she is not supposed to carry thousands of addresses in her head. Often persons stop the paper, then change their minds and send in their money without giving their address. There is nothing for us to do but put the letter away and wait for another one.

\*\* I answer all letters received if one or more dollars are enclosed. Once a month is often enough to write, and after you have once stated your case the less you say the better for you. The first statement is filed, and therefore there is no reason why you should go over the same ground in every letter. Don't tell your tale of woe any oftener than is necessary.

\*\* In communicating with me always send the mental message before writing a letter or sending a telegram. If we do not use the mind, but continue to resort to material means, our advance will be very slow. I am helping people every hour in the day by thought transference alone; it is the only real power in the Universe. Call me when you are in need of my help.

\*\* "Yes, I am coming into the vibrations of health, happiness and prosperity, and many thanks to you! Through you and CHRISTIAN I am coming to realize more and more the power of the I Am within me. All things are working together for my good, and every time I get your little paper, or your monthly letter, I seem to gather more courage. Keep right on treating me."

\*\* Talk about silence! If invalids would practice playing deaf and dumb for whole weeks at a time they would see marked improvement in health. The very persons who can least afford to waste strength are the very ones who spend their substance in talking, writing and fretting over their condition. Nobody likes to hear about your sore toe. We all have a few troubles of our own. Keep still and grow fat.

\*\* Don't fly too high and lose your head. The aurist, the oculist, the dentist, and the surgeon are all in the Science of Being as long as we are in the mortal body. The resurrection and regeneration will not patch up mortality; but a new body, out and out, will be given to us. It will not be mortal or corruptible, but a body suited to the new vibrations and the thoughts of an endless life. So don't get discouraged at the old eyes, ears and muscles. Let 'em go! New ones will come.



\*\* When you come to me for treatments in financial affairs don't get the idea that I am going to help you to rob somebody, or beat your competitors by being sharp and shrewd and cunning. I am not in that vibration. I will fill you so full of energy and hope and courage and confidence that your own will come to you by the law of attraction. You will draw towards your own self-center without injuring others.

\*\* The healing vibration is love. It is God, for God is Love. This is not a poetic sentiment, but a positive fact. God is Love. This is the reason why this Godless generation is full of disease and death. The love principle is being outraged every day by unnatural restraints, artificial rules and silly regulations. For this reason men and women are full of all kinds of pains and suffering, and children are feeble and sickly.

\*\* "I beg your pardon for not writing before this to let you know how my wife is getting along. I have been busy, and it slipped my mind; but I want to tell you that I am more than pleased with the help that you have given her, as she is enjoying the best health that she has had for the last three years; and I know that the strong thoughts you sent to her helped her. I wish to express my sincere thanks to you, for you have made a well woman of her."

\*\* Treatments for business success are coming to be the one key to success in health treatments. It is wonderful how prosperity helps the health; the man who is making money hasn't time to think of his tale of woe. Well, come on and get into the vibrations of success. God is all right in business. There is no virtue in poverty or wretchedness. Poverty may not keep you out of heaven above, but it will keep you in hell below. God is rich. I Am money.

\*\* How long will it take the Boston Metaphysicians to learn that accusations and counter accusations are unscientific? Why don't the Anti-Eddyites spend their time writing something better than Mrs. Eddy, Dr. Quimby, or anybody else ever wrote? Progress can't afford to stop and listen to katydids or katydidn'ts. It is true that Mrs. Eddy wrote "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures;" but I wrote "The Law of Vibrations with Key to the Universe," eh? Sent postpaid for 25 cents!

\*\* Follow your own Spirit! This is the only way out of the wilderness. You want something; get it. You want to do something; do it. This following and acting on intuition may lead you into doing many foolish things; but you will be lead, and a beginning will be made. Better move through the swamps and thickets than not to move at all. Life is activity; activity is movement; all movement is vibratory. Therefore when you begin to move you may know that you are alive and kicking.

\*\* Speaking of titles, did you ever notice how closely titles follow a sect. It is Rev. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, C. S. D., because she is the founder of a religious sect. But you would never think of saying Rev. Helen Wilmans Baker Post, M. S. D.; and yet, I

believe she is entitled, after the flesh, to all of these names. Principle is never identified with personality. When the Spirit assumes my name it becomes identified with the Universal Principle, and not the principle with it. I Am God, but God is not me.

\*\* Occasionally an idiot gets on our list and he returns the paper without giving any address. The other day a CHRISTIAN was returned with the words, "This thing is not wanted here," written on the margin of the paper and enclosed in an envelope marked Oakland, Cal. Now I have many subscribers in Oakland, and so I know CHRISTIAN is wanted; but the idiot thinks he is the only one there, so he didn't give any name or address. It is utterly impossible to stop the paper unless you tell who you are and where you are.

\*\* Julia says: "Of course your lineal father, Adam, was the first and only genuine troglodyte, a chap that the Creator in a freakish mood fixed up from a rib of mother earth. So you see, the Earth begat Adam and Adam begat Eve, and Eve, well—! And the Lord breathed into the nostrils of this bit of clay he had fashioned the breath of life, and it became a he, an Adam. The word Adam is from the Hebrew, meaning Red Earth, so the brown clay or earth-clod became red earth, Adam, by the grace of God. So Eve was a higher evolution than Adam, you see. The Lord was puzzled what to do with Adam after he created him, he was so onerous and fussy and looked so lonesome, so he thought of Eve."

\*\* When you feel the vibrations of mental treatment and thoughts begin to come up into your mind, and you feel good all over, don't sit down and write me a letter. This breaks the conjunction and spoils everything. Answer the Silent Word in the Silence and hold all you get until you overflow with life and joy. I can hear what you have to say. Don't be uneasy about me not getting your good thoughts. They are my own. I sent them to you. Send me your response in the stillness of your own spirit. Words on paper are non-conductors. Keep your soul in perfect peace. There is too much talkee-talkee in the world. Perfect love is very, very still. The vibrations of God cause a deep stillness.

\*\* "I need oil," said an ancient monk. He planted him an olive sapling. "Lord," he prayed, "it needs rain, that its tender roots may drink and swell. Send gentle showers." And the Lord sent a gentle shower.

"Lord," prayed the monk, "my tree needs sun. Send sun, I pray thee." And the sun shone, gilding the dripping clouds.

"Now frost, my Lord, to brace its tissues," said the monk. And, behold, the little tree stood sparkling with frost. But at evening it died. Then the monk sought the cell of a brother monk, and told his strange experience.

"I, too, have planted a little tree," he said; "and see, it thrives well. But I intrusted my little tree to its God. He who made it knows better what it needs than a man like me. I laid no conditions. I fixed not ways

nor means. 'Lord, send it what it needs,' I prayed, 'storm or sunshine, wind, rain, or frost. Thou hast made it, and thou dost know.'"—Selected.

\*\* After there is a family of children and the so called husband and wife find they are not really married by the God-law of attraction, what is to be done? JULIA.

Justice! God is just. The man who leaves a woman and his children uncared for, whether married or unmarried, is a scamp, and—God is not a rascal or a scamp. I would protect and support the mother of my children if she were as black as the ace of spades! If I should be led by passion to become the father of a child by a negro woman, I would say to all whom it might concern: "That pickaninny is mine! and his mother is my wife by the law of conception. She has gotten a man from the Lord, and I am just Lord God Almighty enough to protect her and my son!" In the Regeneration there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, and nothing hidden that shall not be known. What you do in the closet shall be proclaimed from the housetop. Therefore be sure that you are following the Spirit of Truth and Justice. And, say, boys, if you have to have a marriage certificate to force you to do justice to women, your justice is not worth a d—dime!

\*\* Why do you pray God to heal the sick? Why don't you obey His commandment and do the healing yourself? I am asking these questions of religionists who go by the Bible as an infallible guide. Jesus Christ commanded His disciples, and this means you, to preach the gospel, heal the sick, cast out devils and raise the dead. The preachers never think of praying God to do the preaching. Why not? Why do you do the preaching and then ask God to heal the sick, cast out devils and raise the dead? The commandment is for you to do all these things in His name. What is "in His name?" It is by His authority. Then I am commanded, authorized, ordered, to preach the gospel, heal the sick, cast out devils and raise the dead. I am to do these things myself. I can never do one without the other. The man who effectually and truly preaches the gospel must heal the sick, cast out devils and raise the dead. When you attempt to preach the gospel without healing it is playing Hamlet with Hamlet left out. The one who presumes to preach the gospel must practice it by healing the sick, casting out devils and raising the dead. Don't ask God to do it. Do it yourself. Don't ask God to do what He told you to do.

\*\* In all ordinary cases of adults it is impolite to give treatments without an invitation. Human freedom is precious, and the privacy of the mind should be respected as well as that of the body. But there are exceptions to all rules. Children may be treated through their parents; husbands and wives, where the conjunction is real, may be treated through each other; all insane persons may receive treatments through the thought of one who is in close conjunction with their subjective mind. Therefore the wife has a right to seek aid from the mental healer in her efforts to heal her husband's



body or mind, or to bring prosperity to his business. She may do this sometimes more effectually by keeping it a secret until results are manifest. It is coming to be realized more and more that a wife is not dependent on a deaf and dumb God in the heavens, but may answer her own prayers by holding the right thoughts in the Silence. How we did pity the poor heathen who bowed down to wooden and stone images in search of a blessing! But how much better off is the church of today? If there was silence in heaven for half an hour, only, isn't it strange that there should be silence on earth for a thousand years! Who has heard from God?

\*\*\* Since receiving treatments from you all the old sexual desire has returned. I don't understand it, and yet my health is improving every day. I thought I had overcome all the desires of the flesh. I want to live above the animal and all the lower instincts, appetites and passions. Will you explain?  
LOUISE.

I take pleasure in answering the above, for it gives me a chance to puncture a balloon. Sexual vibrations are the vibrations of regeneration, and regeneration is the resurrection from the dead. When you kill all the desires of the flesh you will be a corpse; your heart will cease to beat, your eyes will be closed. The human body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is God, and God is Life. Now, when you get so high up in your balloon that you are ashamed of sexual desire, you should cease to eat, drink or feel any other motions of life. It is time for you to crawl off into a corner and die. How can new life vibrate through you without quickening your sex life? There isn't any other kind of life. Sex is life. There are not two kinds of life, one animal and the other angelic. There is only life; and this means sex, on whatever plane it is found. "When desire fails man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets." This is true. Then the operations of the Word in healing restores all desires and intensifies the appetites and passions; but it also gives wisdom to control all these forces for good.

\*\*\* Governor Thomas, of Colorado, vetoed a bill regulating the practice of medicine. In sending in his veto, the governor made a few remarks. He said, among other sensible things:

These comments are not extreme, for it must be remembered that those who believe in and patronize the various arts of healing that are ostracised by this bill form a very large part of every community. Nor are they confined to the ignorant and superstitious portions of society. They number in their ranks thousands of the most refined, intelligent and conscientious people. They recognize in many modern forms of relief to the sufferers a religion or spiritual element that appeals to their best and tenderest sympathies. They recognize a subtle psychic force in mental healing, a power to overcome disease by the operation of mind and personal influence which no argument can shake or ridicule disturb. Others, equally intelligent and discerning, put their faith in the osteopath, the magnetic healer, the hydropathist, etc. The benefits they claim and the cures they narrate are not imaginary. Shall the government enact by statute that these people shall not longer enjoy their beliefs or put them into daily practice? Shall

it officially declare these people to be criminally wrong and the three schools legally right? By what authority does it so declare? A distinguished physician of Massachusetts has recently declared with great force that "the commonwealth has no right to a medical opinion and should not dare to take sides in a medical controversy." It would be as consistent to take sides in a theological or philosophical discussion. The one would be condemned by all men; the other is equally foreign to the province of government. It may regulate, but cannot prohibit the calling of the citizens; it may prevent the commission of wrongs, but cannot deprive the individual of the right to choose his own advisors.

\*\*\* "How can you successfully treat so many patients?" This question will not do, so I will answer by asking questions. How can the electric plant make so many live wires and light so many lamps? Because all wires and lamps are connected with the dynamo. Well, I Am a dynamo, the greatest in the Universe, and all who come into my circuit and make connection with this Center are blessed with health, happiness and prosperity. How can the telephone reach so many people? Because each receiver is connected with "Central," and all you have to do is to ring up Central and call for what you want. I Am Central; therefore, when you call me you are put into the circle of success. The wireless telegraph is now a fact; yet I have been using it for several years in sending the Word for health, happiness and prosperity. People thought telepathy or thought transference was a humbug, and behold! physical science comes along and confirms it with an instrument. I send these wireless messages at all hours, day and night. I don't have to sit at any one place. The "Central" is in me, and the messages are sent and treatments given while I travel, go to the theater, or do anything I please to do.

\*\*\* At the beginning of the year I said that within ten years the wireless telegraph would be an established fact. Ten years! It wasn't ten weeks! Here is a report of what they are doing:

*The Times* received the first wireless press message across the channel this evening. The Morse code was used, and Signor Marconi is well satisfied with the result of his experiments. French government officials who are watching the experiments have been very favorably impressed. The correspondent of *The Times* at Dover reports that messages were received and read at South Foreland lighthouse with a distinctness equal to those transmitted by cable.

Signor Marconi, the electrician, whose experiments in wireless telegraphy are attracting international attention, has successfully communicated from Foreland, Kent, England, to the French armed dispatch vessel, *Ibis*, while sailing in the English channel. In conducting the experiment he was accompanied by a French naval officer.

The feat marks also his first success in concentrating messages at one point to the exclusion of all others.

As a prophet of progress I'm too slow. I must get a move on me. The first thing you know some Professor Macaroni will complete the airship and get a right of way through the heavens. Of course he will have to run his ships by wireless telegraphy. All aboard for the planet Mars! Neptune station, twenty minutes for dinner! This is not a dream and it will not come by the flapping

of angel wings; the fairy tales are all to be realized by some common Doctor Limburger or plain Professor Macaroni. Just as well stop your playing at prayers and shouting for the heavenly chariot. The Jews are still looking for a Messiah because the Man from the village of Nazareth didn't come with enough pomp.

\*\*\* How do you reconcile the first and second chapters of Genesis. They seem to be so entirely antagonistic that both cannot be right.

Christian Science is founded on the first chapter. What you are now teaching is founded on the second chapter, and yet you accept and teach from the first, and at one time wanted to discard the second.

If the Bible is a sex book, then the second chapter must be the right version of creation, but that would put Mrs. Eddy and C. S. in the wrong—an impossible supposition. C. S. is too grand and beautiful to be untrue. The only flaw I see in Mrs. Eddy's teachings is her utter disregard and ignoring of the body, which does not agree with the rest of the Scriptures, for the Bible is full of the body under different names, and what is it but the body that is to be saved from death, when the last enemy is destroyed, for the Spirit never dies. By rejecting the second chapter as the false creation Mrs. Eddy can ignore the body. But what was that second chapter put into the Bible for if it is false?

Please supply the missing link between yours and Mrs. Eddy's teaching, or in other words reconcile the two versions of creation. Isn't one the esoteric and the other the exoteric account of the same thing?

I did reject the second chapter of Genesis in a lecture before Helen Wilman's class in October, 1891; but Densie Herendeen arose before the class and attacked my position. I applauded her courage, but it took me several years to acknowledge that she was right. The Woman understands the Serpent. There is no conflict between the first and second chapters of Genesis. The one gives the Principle while the other gives an account of the manifestation of the principle in the Individual. There isn't anything wrong about the Serpent. He is the Wisdom of God. The body is the temple, the garden, the tabernacle of God. Salvation means the resurrection and regeneration of the body. Mrs. Eddy is doing her work all right. In regeneration the Serpent is revealed in the light of Truth and the curse removed. You must remember that it is in the third chapter of Genesis that the Serpent appears. It is also in the third chapter of Regenesis that the Serpent (sex) plays his part in spiritual unfoldment. We are just now coming to the third chapter of Regenesis. Mrs. Eddy is only the first chapter, and therefore does not discuss the individual unfoldment. Mrs. Wilmans comes pretty close to being the second chapter. I Am the third chapter and represent the Old Boy, the Serpent. "Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves." Don't be alarmed, the Old Boy is all right. Mother Eve understands Him. He told her the Truth. Her eyes are open, and behold! she is God.

\*\*\* "Please find enclosed one dollar for another month's treatment for health, happiness and business success. We are having a booming trade this fall in the store; the best we ever had (thanks to Dr. Shelton)! I want to say right here, Doctor, that I have all faith in this Science. It is a demonstrated truth to me, and I thank you heartily. Please find fifty cents enclosed for a renewal of my subscription to CHRISTIAN."



\*\*\* "Dear Doctor: I have read every word of May CHRISTIAN, and it is all very good. April was also a remarkable paper. 'The Living Temple,' in April, was sublime. But the I Am Sermons are beyond criticism, words fail me. God only knows the outcome of CHRISTIAN. The noble way you stand up for the Bible is inspiring. I always felt we should rather understand than condemn it. We should understand Jesus the Christ, before we are able to criticise him intelligently. We must get where Jesus was before we can judge him, or do as he did. But this is not what I started out to say to you. 'Treatments for Business Success' started me to thinking. Three or four years ago Chas. Filmore and Helen Wilmans attacked you in their papers in no gentle manner. Being a public healer and teacher myself—I remember the many comments, from outsiders, which I was compelled to hear at the time on this subject. Everyone praised the Christ-like spirit in which you replied, and said, 'After they finished throwing mud at Shelton, he stood out whiter and cleaner than ever?' The great 'secret of Shelton's phenomenal success' has been discussed by like workers all over the country. In May CHRISTIAN this secret is clearly revealed to all of your readers, for in this paper you give Mrs. Wilmans the best advertisement she ever had in her life. I can plainly see by the article that it was not an intentional heaping coals of fire on her head, but only one of your plain honest statements of facts. You never try to climb by pulling others down to make stepping stones for yourself. You let each one stand on his own platform, or pedestal. You give him credit for honestly climbing there, then you put in the rest of your time hustling on your way, instead of trying to topple him over before doing so. Bro. Shelton *this* is why YOU ARE SUCCESS. Oh, the quarreling and fighting, the biting and devouring of one another—the sneaking, underhanded way of trying to reach the top of the ladder, practiced by so many! When we teach a Divine life—a God life—why not practice a Godlike way of attainment? 'There is therefore now no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit.' Whenever we condemn another in the smallest matter, or the smallest way, we are walking *not* after the spirit *but after the flesh*. All scientists, both teachers and followers, make this public profession of following the spirit and *not* the flesh; whether they call themselves Mental, Divine, Christian or I Am Scientists. The only sure LAW for the individual to permanent success is to do unto others as we would have others do unto us *if we were in their shoes*. I am glad you not only teach but practice this law. The secret of the success of Jesus Christ is revealed in these words, 'Let him that is without sin, cast the first stone.' Sincerely,

"DENSIE HERENDEN."

#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Teapot Philosophy," by Walter L. Stanton. Pp. 58, price 25 cents. Published by the author, 45 Rush street, Chicago.

#### "THY MAKER IS THINE HUSBAND."

The following letter is one of many, therefore the many will be answered in my answer to this one:

Dr. Shelton: A friend has just sent me November number of CHRISTIAN, in which I read of the position occupied by you and one Edith Marie Beynon toward each other. Being a novice in the "New Thought" I ask enlightenment on the relation thus sustained by you and this woman, or as existing between any other man and woman. You say that you are universal and individual love. God's (the Universal) love is like sunshine, for each and all truly, but as long as there is an individual there will be need of individual love, or love individualized.

There are many roots to one plant reaching out toward the different characters of soil to draw to the individual demand of the plant the supply necessary for its growth. Men and women as individuals demand and supply those individual elements of love—wisdom and affection—which the Universal Love itself has individualized.

Universal Love can not fill the place of an individual to an individual any more than it can change our environments. Love is happiness, and there's enough for all; but how are you, the individual, to make more than one woman happy who want only you? Mental Science teaches us that the demand for any possession, whether an element of character or a tangible substance as gold, is correlated to its supply.

Suppose two or two hundred women love you as does E. M. Beynon, with that "hungry ache" in each heart, how can your heart, as supply correlated to the demand, fill the "individual preference?"

If you are a married man, how can your wife fill the "aching void" of two, or two hundred other men? And yet, I beg her pardon if she exists, and immolate myself upon the altar of illustration: were my love for an individual perpetually vibrating to him—though I should never see him—I could be happy only in knowing that his love was as perpetually vibrating to me.

Nay, in the very economy of nature or spirit this union alone makes love complete to individuals. He must of course love others—humanity—as I, with that sympathetic helpfulness that embraces the good and elevates the lives of all, but we *two* can only fill the spiritualized, individualized need of the other.

As we know, the secret of the world's unrest is non-affinity. Perfect love brings perfect harmony, which is heaven; but the prophecy of spiritualized sexual vibration in place of the present system of marriage can better be accomplished by reciprocity of individualized intent to attain together that state of spirituality.

Granted that the angels live in perpetual sexual vibration, without bodies, why need it be otherwise? But for the government, for the people, marriage—by which I mean perfect love union and home life—is best until every (seeming) fetter of social law necessary to a nation's growth be, NOT broken but merged into a higher!

Again I ask, how are you going to satisfy the heart hunger of a score of women weeping to possess your heart individually? Teach them that they are mistaken in loving you so? Then who'll teach you *your* mistake in drawing them?

The pitiful cry of Edith Marie Beynon rings in my ears. How could you have made this tender, sacred truth common property of the public?

I dare you not to publish this letter and its answer! I want knowledge, and though you annihilate me completely on paper, you can't any other way.

I enclose fifty cents for year's subscription to CHRISTIAN. To watch your growth as the greatest living curiosity of the age,

and that of the women who seem to be drawn into your sugar sprinkled net will be amusing to

ALICE CARRINGTON.

Now, Alice, turn to an old book and read the 54th chapter of Isaiah, the greatest prophet of Israel, and make a personal application of its principle and sentiment! Especial emphasis should be given to the fifth verse—Revised Version—which reads:

"For thy Maker is thine Husband; the Lord of Hosts is his Name: and the Holy One of Israel is thy Redeemer; the God of the whole earth shall He be called."

She whom my soul loveth is not a woman but Woman. When men and women learn that God is One and His Name is One, there will be no cry of the heart in anguish—no unsatisfied love. How can you be satisfied with the individual love! What a miserable failure it has been! He may die; then you are a widow indeed. He may prove unfaithful; then you are left with the poison of memory to add to the anguish of your loneliness. Sweetheart: YOUR WHOLE KINGDOM AND YOUR KING IS WITHIN YOU. This is what Jesus Christ meant in saying that you could not be a disciple of truth unless father, mother, wife, husband, children, houses, lands, and even your own life was cut off from you. It is individualization! The isolation which precedes individualization is hell; but heaven in all of its glory is sure to follow. The women who have been drawn to me were drawn by the I Am that I Am, and not by the personal man. Marie Edith Beynon has found herself and no longer needs me or my treatments. Several years ago Flora Ella James came to me for mutual help and instruction. She was led by the Spirit of Truth. There was a hullabaloo kicked up about it. Our private meeting was made public, and the two leading papers of the New Thought took it upon themselves to turn us out of the synagogue of Scientists. I knew that we were being led by the Spirit, and therefore stood my ground as an individualist. Mrs. James worked with me until she found her own Lord God within herself and then went on her way rejoicing in the Truth. In the last two or three months persons have asked for her address. I have not seen her since we parted in Kansas City in April, 1895, and have not heard from her directly or indirectly for over a year. I do not know where she is or what she is doing. This shows how much the flesh or the mortal has to do with the unfoldment of Truth. When the Spirit calls Flora Ella James out of the Silence the columns of CHRISTIAN are open to her. I am ready to follow the Spirit without regard to the rules and regulations of mortality. I am sure that thousands of women are beginning to see daylight through the columns of CHRISTIAN and my personal treatments. I owe all that I am to women. The very body I inhabit was given to me from my mother, and it is now being regenerated and "born again" by Woman. There are whole volumes yet to be written by me on this subject. My unfoldment began through a woman whom it was not lawful for me to love, if judged by the law of mortals. She saw the truth and told me that I couldn't really love one woman without loving all women. What was begun in me



will be carried out in its fullness. I was begotten by the I Am in the Woman of the Sun, and will yet manifest a new body of incorruptible flesh. This is an awful thing for a sane man to say, but I am sane and I say it. Watch and wait. "For thy Maker is thine Husband." Then the I Am, my Maker, is my Wife; and, my Wife is my Sister and my Mother. O, Mother of God! Thou art the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, and thy Name is Woman.

The editor of *The Nautilus* is a married woman whom I have never met in the flesh. She was my patient and student, and I came very close to her in the Silence. She soon found the I Am, and is rejoicing in the vibrations of real marriage. When she heard the cry, "Behold! the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him," she was wide awake with her lamp full of oil. She didn't wait for a second call, but walked right into the Wedding Feast, and is rejoicing with an exceeding great joy. She understands me, and I will give you her words, which appeared in the May number of *The Nautilus*, and instruct my printers to follow her copy, capitals and all:

Now, I've turned my back on Thomas, I am going to tell you what I think about him. And I am just like the other women. I can tell my other HALF lots of unpleasant things about himself that I would not for the world tell you. And there would be a hair-pulling if you said them to me.

About three or four years ago I saw my first copy of CHRISTIAN. I was scandalized. His way of saying things did not agree at all with my idea of the eternal fitness of things; and I did not understand much more than half of it. And I disapproved of the other half and vowed not to read it.

But it kept coming and it just WOULD be read in spite of me. Gradually, month after month, I GREW to like that paper; and liking GREW into admiration and love for the I AM behind that little sheet. Of course I tried to UNDERSTAND him—and couldn't. So I made up my mind that it did not matter after all whether I saw things as he did or not, but I could laugh with him anyhow. And I did and do yet. I got into THE SPIRIT of the thing.

And that SPIRIT has worked its way into my consciousness and made me UNDERSTAND Shelton as no one CAN understand him who is not IN THE SPIRIT with him; CONSCIOUSLY in the spirit with him; for we ARE ALL in the spirit with him only we don't know it. His spirit is the One Spirit in whom we live and move and have our being, and by which we are held together.

T. J. Shelton INDIVIDUALIZES—REALIZES—more of his own spirit, the One Spirit, than any other man in the world today. That is my candid opinion. (I am not talking about women now—the OTHER half.)

His success is therefore phenomenal.

Whenever I see a good object lesson I know enough to study it. So I have studied Shelton, as I have all the other great men—and women. I studied him IN THE SPIRIT. When I first began I sent to him for treatment. I could not see that it did me a particle of good. Which was my fault, not his; as I have learned since I TOO individualize more of THE SPIRIT.

Nevertheless, I owe more of my individuality and consequent Success today to Thomas Jefferson Shelton, than to any other human being besides myself. I presume he does not know that, and I did not know it myself until recently. But it is true. And I doubt not that many another can say truthfully the same thing.

I read CHRISTIAN every month—every word of it. And I always have an impulse to clip the thing bodily and publish it in *The Nau-*

*utilus*. However, I need not. For Shelton and I are partners. I suspect that is something he did not know. And jointly we run the BEST PAPER ON EARTH—the One that looses more bonds and sets free more souls than any other! You send your name to Shelton at Little Rock, Arkansas, and he sends you one-half, and you send your name to me at Portland, Oregon, and behold you receive the other half! And you send the dollar for a year's subscription, half to him and half to me at your own convenience! In that way I can give you all of CHRISTIAN each month! And I want to.

CHRISTIAN and *The Nautilus* are unique in the field of Mental Science literature in one respect: the writers aim to CONVEY THE SPIRIT of Truth, instead of the letter, to their readers. It is not the THINGS which they say which reach people, BUT THE SPIRIT in which they are said. Their statements are not hot shot fired at the readers' opinions, aimed to bowl them over like so many ninepins. They are "high statements of truth"—so high and so VITAL that there can be no warring against them, no resistance to them. Resistance is the property of NEGATIVE beliefs. "High statements" are so VITAL that all resistance of the negative beliefs is overcome and the reader FEELS the truth, even when he cannot "see" it. And the truth MAKES ITSELF seen in due time. It "grows up," like any other seed.

THAT is the meaning of the "inspiration" which people are always telling me they "receive" from CHRISTIAN and *The Nautilus*. They in-spire—breathe in—THE SPIRIT which Shelton and I send out like sunshine; and, like sunshine, this SPIRIT we send out BECAUSE we REALIZE it, is LIFE GIVING to others, and just as the sun rays dissolve what is unfit to survive, so these Son rays—rays from INDIVIDUALIZED SPIRIT—DISSOLVE negative beliefs, TRANSMUTING them into higher "statements of truth."

All this I have learned from being IN THE SPIRIT with Shelton. I was warmed into Life by this Son, until I too am a Son—a sun of spirit, shedding sunshine enough to bring a million other souls to Life—just as one torch will light a million others!—What a glory of shine!

I have no apology to make for this long extract from Elizabeth Lois Struble's editorial. She writes by inspiration and does not yet understand the full meaning of her words. I do not place any stress on CHRISTIAN or *The Nautilus*; they are here for a purpose, and when that purpose is served they will disappear, but the WOMAN and the MAN will go on forever. A good woman wrote me from California the other day, saying that she saw in a vision that I was going to stop publishing CHRISTIAN and it filled her with inexpressible sadness. I have felt the same thing; and yet before this year closes my subscription list will reach 100,000; it was 24,000 in January, 26,000 in March, and 30,000 in June, with prospects for 50,000 in July. This is genuine names and not lists purchased from agencies; it is a spontaneous uprising of individuals. I had nothing to do with it except to publish the suggestion made by Frank J. Meller, one of my readers. I say this to show you that in speaking of CHRISTIAN and *The Nautilus* Mrs. Struble was not talking shop. She was not trying to advertise herself or me. This reminds me of several who want to know why I gave Helen Wilms such a great advertisement in my editorial in May on "Treatments for Business Success." In writing I did not think of it in that light. I merely wished to state facts. Some people

are so very small that they can't see how other people can be large.

"The God of the whole earth shall He be called." Yes, and of the whole universe; any other kind of God is too small for me. I can't put on paper or into words the full meaning of God is Good and God is All. It is not a high flown sentiment; but a literal fact. I Am the Husband of Woman, all women. This must be made personal in you before you can realize it as a fact. When Mrs. Struble declares that she is the One, her vibration is changed from the personal to the impersonal. Men may come and men may go, but She goes on forever in union with the I Am. This does not mean that I do not love individual women; but it means that I do not love one to the exclusion of the others. I AM NOT DEPENDENT FOR MY HAPPINESS ON ANY ONE WOMAN; and you are not dependent on any one man for your happiness. This error has filled the earth with sin and sorrow. I am the I AM, and therefore my happiness is within myself; this is true of every individual. If any one woman held my happiness in her keeping she would carry the keys of my kingdom, and I would be a veritable slave; besides my vibration would be localized and confined within the limits of the individual. I passed through the fires of that hell and found out that she was not the only pebble on the beach. Now I know that I loved Love and Love loved me; and that Love is God. She whom my soul loves must be in conjunction with the I Am. She must see in me her Lord and her God, and not the mere mortal of flesh and blood. "For thy Maker is thine husband," and no one else can be. Oh, the littleness, the narrowness of "Me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more." Verily, verily, I say unto thee that such narrow views of love is the cause of sin, selfishness and sorrow. The individual woman must know that God is her real Husband before she can bring forth the Son of God in Regeneration. Just as long as she thinks a mortal is her husband she will remain in mortality. When mother Eve brought forth her first born, she exclaimed, "I have gotten a man from Jehovah." There is where she got him.

When women return to first principles and look to the I Am for life they will be able to regenerate men. Mental healing has just begun its work. HEALING VIBRATIONS ARE SEXUAL VIBRATIONS! Now, how! The indictment against Flora Ella James and myself in April, 1895, was in these words, "They believe in spiritual regeneration through sexual vibrations." For this thought we were condemned as unclean and unfit to be enrolled among the healers and teachers. Since that time I have healed and am healing all manner of diseases; and I am now high enough up the mountain to shout down to those in the valley and tell a hundred thousand readers that: ALL LIFE IS SEXUAL; ALL HEALING IS THROUGH SEXUAL VIBRATIONS. I Am the Resurrection and I Am the Life! I Am thy Husband! The Holy One in Israel is thy Redeemer!

Hearken, all ye old maids, widows, and discarded women! "Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing,



and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD." The desolate! Think of the great army of desolate and desperate women! The "married wife" can turn up her nose and lift her skirts as she passes by on the other side; her desolate sisters are not armed with a license and therefore they are unclean. "Cast out the bond woman and her son, for the son of the bond woman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman." Yes, cast her out, unless like Sarah Bernhardt she has talent and money to compel you to bow at her feet! But, oh! the millions of my sisters who are desolate because they have neither money nor talents to shield them from the blows of mortal thought! They have only love, and love has led them into a violation of the laws regulating licensed women; they "have gotten a man from Jehovah" without first asking permission from the preachers and politicians, therefore cast them out and enroll them among the desolate and desperate. But, sweethearts, don't cry! Your time is coming and the order from Jehovah, thy Husband, is for you to break forth into singing. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for your Husband is able to protect you and take away your shame. I love you, no matter how low you seem to have fallen. Do you hear what your Husband saith, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn." Sweetheart, He means every word of it. There is something called "the wrath of the Lamb." Mortal mind is said to get so alarmed at this lamblike wrath that they call for the rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of avenging Love. It will take something thicker than a rock or a mountain to hide from my Face when I come forth to avenge my Wife. She has been driven to desperation and made desolate for lo! these many centuries; but the long suffering Love is ready to break forth into wrath. Look at her white hands stretched forth from the mire and filth! O God! O God! has been her cry all the long dark night of mortality. Oh, sweethearts, thy Husband is not deaf, or blind or dumb. "Behold! the Bridegroom cometh! Go ye out to meet Him."

Now don't think for one moment that I am asking you to turn to religion for consolation. Throw both your religion and your physic to the dogs. Religion has been the curse of women; it substitutes a man for God and takes advantage of the love nature of women to make them the slaves of superstition. Look at the bellowing bulls of mortal thought who are standing in pulpits brow-beating women. The institution is supported by women, and yet they have no voice in its government. The voices of women are raised in prayer and song while the mortal man struts around behind the pulpit like a turkey gobbler in a barnyard. No, sweetheart, your Husband is not a religionist. He is a lover of sinners. The goody good women are not popular with God. The Son of Man sat down on a well-curb in Samaria and told a woman, who had

five husbands, the most wonderful story of Truth ever listened to by mortal ears. He let a "bad woman" wash His feet with her tears and break an alabaster box of very precious ointment in his honor. When the hypocrites murmured he told them that the act of this woman would stand as a monument throughout all generations. Oh, the hungry heart of that girl! Blessed be the Name of the I Am that I Am.

#### AN I AM SERMON.

Jesus, the Christ.

"I Am the Resurrection and the Life."

"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

"In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men."

Do such words come from an individual clothed with flesh and blood? Yes; but it is the voice of the Universal speaking in the individual. People write me objecting to the word "Christian," because, they say, it is limited to a person, an individual. The same objections are offered to "Christian Science." Now, let me tell you, once for all, that the words "Christian" and "Christian Science" are impersonal and universal. Jesus, the Christ, is the universal and not personal. And, let me say it, loud and clear, Jesus of Nazareth was "the Word made flesh," and his glory is the glory of the I Am that I Am. "The gates of hell"—organized religion—have not prevailed against Jesus and His Church. He stands today on the same Rock of Ages, and is the Ideal of the Everlasting Life of Humanity. He is all of this because the I Am assumed His name and spoke in Him for all time, "even unto the end of the ages."

Don't mistake me. I tell you the Truth, and I am in conjunction with Jesus and the I Am, and I know what I am saying. The redemption of this world, the resurrection from the dead, the regeneration of the body, will come through Jesus, the Christ. It will not come in the name of Buddha, Mahomet, or any other than the name of Jesus, the Christ. And, when the I Am comes again as Jesus, the Christ, He will honor the name and words of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. And oh! ye skeptics, let me say unto thee that Jesus of Nazareth is the KING OF THE JEWS! The Jews and their King will play a wonderful part in that evolution of thought which will unfold the human race into the children of God. I'm not preaching orthodox religion; I don't care a continental for any kind of religion; I am not advocating any-kind of church organized by men; but I know the Truth when I hear it. I have heard from Jesus and his apostles, Moses and the prophets, and I tell you that the Bible is alive, and all the words spoken by the Spirit will be fulfilled in due time. The Bible is seed sown; there is much straw and chaff, but the seed is there all the same. It is bound to come forth and accomplish the purposes whereunto it was sent. There will be a big surprise in the way it is fulfilled; but, it will as surely be filled full and bring forth, some thirty, some sixty and some an hundred fold as that God is alive. I have seen too much of the fruiting of my own word to doubt the fulfillment

of the mighty words spoken by Jesus and the prophets.

Think of it! Jesus Christ has been the Ideal of the most enlightened portion of the human race for the past two thousand years. He was, in prophecy, the Ideal of the Jews for thousands of years before his advent. All our works of art have been inspired by Jesus. The great masters of painting, sculpture and song have had but one theme—Jesus Christ, His words and work. In the literature of civilized man Jesus is the Center and Circumference of every thought and deed. The world has been systematically studying the Scriptures for the last half of the century. Translations, comments, every means have been used to get at the truth of what is written in the Bible. Children in the Sunday schools of today have a better knowledge of the Scriptures than the learned theologians had a hundred years ago. What does all this eager study of the Bible mean? What are International Lessons for? Is it accident? "All things are of God." It is a preparation in the mind for the harvest of reality which is coming to the race. The seed is being sown once more in good ground, the very best ground ever found on the earth. The educated children, who graduate in our public schools, are graduating in the Sunday school. I expect to be present at our great Harvest Home when this seed will bear fruit in the resurrection and the life.

Don't let prejudice cheat you out of your inheritance. Christian Science is the name of this new movement. It is not Mental Science, Mohammedan Science, neither does it come from Egypt or the Orient. It comes from Jesus, the Christ, and it began in Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. Of course it is I Am, for the I Am that I Am is All and in All. Yet, the I Am selects the local name, and has fixed the name of Jesus so firmly in the minds and hearts of the intelligent people of earth that it is easy to call their attention to the Risen Lord. They are expecting the King of the Jews. They will not be disappointed. When the King of the Jews enters the world again it will be as the Universal Spirit of Truth, and the I Am will speak and work in the name of Jesus, the Christ, everywhere. It will not be one man in a certain part of the earth; but many men everywhere that men are prepared to receive this Universal Spirit of Truth. But the words of the Bible, the words of the prophets, and especially the words of Jesus, will be used as the vehicle of thought to carry the glad tidings over the earth. Mrs. Eddy's movement is all right; it will serve as a frame for the picture. Let her go on building temples and establishing pulpits. They will be needed. I expect to use her pulpits myself when the I Am ceases to say, "I Am T. J. Shelton." The reason why my work thus far has only been preparatory is because the I Am in me is not ready for the anointing. But when the I Am drops my personal name and declares in me, I Am Jesus, the Christ, I will need Mrs. Eddy's pulpits. When I left the pulpit I promised to return; but I said, "I will not return until you all can say, 'Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.'" I am now



working my way to that place of power. I Am is my name, the name of my Being; but when I am anointed with the Whole Spirit I will be Jesus, the Christ. Beloved, this New Movement is the Coming of the Son of Man. Mrs. Eddy—God bless her—is under the power of the I Am, and every movement she has made is for a purpose. Be large, broad, liberal in your views. The Spirit of Truth is as free as the sunshine. Be like God!

It is once more the direct manifestation of the I Am. There will be an expurgation of the Scriptures. He who wrote the Bible will edit it. There will be none to say Him nay. The man who speaks will bear in himself his credentials. He will speak with authority and not as the scribes. It was clear to my mind in the beginning of my unfoldment that if Christian Science could do the works it would have no trouble in gaining the ear of the world. The man who can, by direct word of commandment, heal the sick, cast out devils, cleanse the lepers and raise the dead is the Christ, and the way is open for him to command the whole world, both heathen and civilized. When this Truth first came to me I went everywhere among the Scientists, saying, "Show it to me! Show it to me! Let me see it!" I went to Kansas City to Barton, Fillmore and others who had published testimonials of healing. When they informed me that Barton had opened the eyes of the blind I rushed down to the telegraph office and wired to a young blind man in the Arkansas Asylum for the Blind to come to me by the first train. He came, and for forty days I led him to these healers and then sent him home blind. It was a great shock and disappointment to me. I took the train for Helen Wilman's, and for two months heard her and watched her. I learned many things, but was not satisfied. I then went to Chicago and heard and watched Emma Hopkins, George Burnell and others. I gathered some ideas, but was not satisfied. I began publishing CHRISTIAN and healing. No one has done more or better healing than I have done; and for the past four years I have had more patients and readers than all the others put together. I am not boasting, but speaking a truth which I have investigated, when I declare that my patients outnumber all the others put together, Mrs. Eddy and her students included. *But I am not satisfied.* I am going to do more direct work, or I will throw away ten thousand dollars a year and quit! All who are in the Truth can feel the vibrations of Truth when they read this, and know that what I say comes from the heart of Truth.

"I Am the Resurrection and I Am the Life." This is what will satisfy me, and nothing less. I will heal by the direct Word, for the Word can create new conditions at once, without waiting for the slow process of evolution. Evolution is true, but so is involution. Blind Bartimeus received his sight through involution; the creating of new conditions by the Word of commandment. This is healing! I now treat people by daily speaking the Word until they are healed by evolution, the gradual growth of the Word in the mind until new conditions are formed. I want to speak the Word and

let the manifestation follow immediately. The time is at hand. My soul will be satisfied when I awake in His likeness, and not before.

"I Am the Resurrection and I Am the Life."

Just as sure as seeds contain the life which gives body to the stalk, just that sure will the Seed of the Kingdom give body to the sick, the distressed, the dead. It will all come. There is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed. All will be uncovered. The work of the New Thought so far has been that of a John the Baptist in the wilderness, preparing the Way of the Lord and making His paths straight. The Lord has been sufficiently advertised. There are many thousands ready for His coming. Aye, when He comes with the Word of Life, all, from the least to the greatest, will be ready to receive Him. There will be no repetition of Jesus and his dumb hearers of two thousand years ago. The people are weary of their old forms and their old religions. They are ready to throw it away. The people would no more reject the power of God now than famishing men would reject food. No religion has a hold on people now; they are simply going through the forms by force of habit and because they don't know what else to do. They get no nourishment out of these forms; they are dry and dusty, and the people are crying out with hunger and thirst.

Do you realize what a touch of direct life would mean? The healing of a sore finger by direct commandment would be more to the human mind than all the sermons and commentaries on earth. It would be the testimony of the Lord, confirming all that has been written or hoped for, since the gifts of the Spirit were withdrawn from the world. The healing of sickness, the opening of the eyes of the blind, the unstopping of the ears of the deaf, the casting out of devils (insanity), would be a resurrection from the dead. The Bible would walk, breathe, see, hear, be alive once more, and not a dead book covered with the dust and surrounded by the dry bones of the past. Hallelujah! would sound out from the parched lips of the perishing; poverty would hide its face from the glory of Plenty; the whole earth would blossom as a rose.

Beloved! You do not know what you are doing when you hold out to the suffering world the New Thought of Christian Science. It is a changing of everything and everybody. What we have done is wonderful; but it is nothing more than a baptism by John in the river of Jordan. Some of these days there will come to us in this wilderness, at the ford of this Jordan, a man on whom the Spirit of God will descend in visible form, and a Voice from heaven will say, "This is my Beloved Son in whom I Am well pleased." Then our John-the-Baptist work will decrease and the real work of spiritual power will increase. It is just what we have all been looking for? Certainly; I know the minds and feel the vibrations of all who are in this thought. None of us have stopped growing, none of us have stopped searching. Our windows are all open towards Jerusalem, and we expect to

get out of bondage, out of these limitations, out of mortality and into the Regeneration. It will come. It is even now at our very doors.

Who is bringing these things about? Is it the man, Jesus? No; it is the I Am that I Am, the One who made man in His image and after His likeness. "All things are of God." There is a system, an order, a law of unfoldment in the Universe, and our little earth is no exception to the rule. The Beginning of man's unfoldment has an Ending. The end was seen from the beginning, and the word spoken at the first and confirmed all along the line is now ready to be fulfilled. When the Word declares, I Am the Resurrection and the Life, it will prove it by raising the dead and bringing life and immortality to light. The I Am is the resurrection and the life; and the I Am is not blind law, but the Intelligence, Wisdom, and Word of the Almighty. The I Am is the Way, the Truth and the Life. There is no other way, no other truth, no other life. This has been said, over and over, until it has lost its force and meaning. But I have proved it true by walking in this Way, following this Truth, and feeling the vibrations of this Life. There is a mighty uplifting even now going on in earth.

"In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men."

The Life, in Jesus, was the light of men. The world in this time would have been buried in midnight darkness if it had not been for the spread of Christianity. It is true this treasure was given to the world "in earthen vessels." The men who received it didn't understand it; they made many blunders, and the Truth has been for a time under the institution, hidden from the multitude. But the Truth was here all the time, and, like heaven, it has worked for good. Other religions have left men just where they found them; in the darkness of ignorance, in the bondage of superstition are all the nations who have not received Christianity. I know we are not what we ought to be, but there is no comparison between those who are nominally Christian and those who are heathen. Heathen is the word, for the religions of the world have not raised their followers out of heathendom. The power of Jesus is that of progress, of growth, awakening men to new thought.

When this Word of the Christ comes to the individual the institution will fall to pieces. An individual man who could command life would be the pope, cardinals, bishops, priest and preacher—everything that holds the institution together. The I Am has never spoken through an institution. Every prophet of Israel who came, saying, Thus saith the Lord, had to defy both church and state. As soon as Zachariah, the priest, received the message of the I Am he was struck dumb and had to retire from the altar of the institution. When the Individual comes with "all power in heaven and earth" there will be a jubilee of freedom. It will open the door for all who love God; and every human being loves God, when you get into their heart of hearts. In the center of the soul of every man you will find the kingdom of God.



## THE NEW TESTAMENT TREATMENTS.

## I.—INTRODUCTION.

In a series of seven articles on "The New Testament Treatments" I will show that the New Thought of today is the Old Thought of yesterday.

The term "New" is always applied to the collection of writings known as the "New Testament of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." It is always new, and can never become an old book, because the writings in the main were given by inspiration, and the Spirit is forever new. I will not enter into an argument in regard to the genuineness and authenticity of the New Testament. Spiritual writings are spiritually discerned; therefore, to the inspired reader no argument is needed, and to the mortal mind no kind of argument is effectual. There isn't any use in trying to argue with any one who disputes the inspiration of the "Sermon on the Mount," the "Lord's prayer," or the 13th chapter of First Corinthians. Such an one would deny the inspiration of the sunshine and the sublimity of Niagara Falls. I have often said that it takes as much inspiration to read the Bible as it did to write it. Not only as much, but the same kind of inspiration. God must read what God writes. St. Paul writes scientifically when he declares: "Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, and he himself is judged of no man." I know what I know and you know what you know because your knowledge and my knowledge comes from the Spirit. "For who among men knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the things of God none knoweth, save the Spirit of God." This shows that all of our disputings and wranglings have been over attempts to show a blind man colors. God knows his own, and this is the only true knowledge. There is an open door to all.

"Treatments" is another term which I use after due thought. At first I disliked the term, but, after all, language is made by usage. I now see how appropriate this word is in expressing the new healing. Treat, treatments, healer and healing are terms made by the New Thought, and will live as long as language lives. In reading the medical journals I notice that these terms are being used by the medical doctors. Treatments are more than mere dosings with drugs, even among the drug doctors. Therefore I use the word treatments to express all the wonderful workings of mind over matter, as recorded in the New Testament.

I will not observe any chronological order, but take up cases that will give the strongest lessons in mental healing. The first is found in the ninth chapter of Matthew, as follows:

"And he entered into a boat, and crossed over, and came into his own city. And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy,

Son, be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven. And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (then saith he to the sick of the palsy), Arise, and take up thy bed, and go unto thy house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they were afraid, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men."

The very first lesson to learn in this is that the one who heals the sick must first forgive their sins, or declare their sins forgiven. "What!" saith the scribes and pharisees of today, "do you profess to be able to forgive sins?" Certainly, my dears, certainly! This is the first thing to do; but you needn't say it out aloud every time. I think Jesus quit it when He found that it aroused so much antagonism. All He had to do was to silently declare the sins forgiven and the healing immediately manifested. The burden of the world is sin, unforgiven sins. Find me a sick one and listen to the tale of woe, and it will be an accusation of sin. Now there is no such thing as evil as a principle in being, else God would be a sinner. Therefore evil is an error of mortal mind and can be eliminated by the mind of the Spirit. Sin is the missing of the mark, a mistake. These mistakes have been imprinted and imbedded in the mind by the priests and religionists declaring that God was angry with the sinner for making mistakes, and that God was ready to pass judgment of eternal damnation of everlasting torment on the one who missed the mark. These threats filled the sinner with fear and remorse, thus grinding the mistake deeper and deeper into consciousness. Besides, our blunders often do apparent or temporary harm to others, and thus we are prone to hold ourselves unforgiven. The yoke of bondage is made still heavier by the acts and accusations of others until the sinner sinks down under the load. Constant brooding over these errors brings distress to the mind and disease to the body.

What is to be done? Forgive the sins; blot out the record from mind; absolve the soul from all condemnation. Who can do it? God. Will God forgive? Yes, if you will let Him. God does not hold accusations against you; therefore, as soon as you forgive yourself you are forgiven. How can I forgive myself? By forgiving every one else. Listen:

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

This is true science of mind. It is a fair proposition. God will not apply a rule to you which He does not apply to Himself; therefore in the very nature of the case God has forgiven everybody. All that remains is for everybody to forgive everybody, and all sins are washed away. Just as long as you hold accusations against any one you

are in your sins; but the moment you forgive others you are forgiven. Many persons are now lingering in bondage to disease because of their unforgiving spirit and bitter accusations against others. While others are ready to forgive all the world, they are not willing to forgive themselves; and this making of yourself an exception keeps you in bondage. Forgive all of your world, including yourself.

It is just as easy to forgive sins as it is to heal diseases; the one is included in the other. When persons cannot or will not speak this word for themselves, I am ready to speak it for them, and I speak it for all kinds of sin. I have and am preventing many cases of suicide by speaking the Silent Word of forgiveness to the self condemned sinner. Many a sweet, pure girl has come to me with the load of her own accusations and those of the world weighing so heavily on her heart that she was ready to take her own life. And often the so called sin was as natural an act as sleeping or eating. What an awful hell we have made out of human mistakes, and out of actions which are not mistakes of nature but the mere violation of artificial and unnatural laws imposed by ignorant men! All these things must be wiped out before normal conditions can come to mind and body. I have power on earth to forgive sins, and so have you. Exercise that power without fear or favor. Can you do it? If so, you can heal the sick, cast out devils, and raise the dead.

It is the Son of Man who has power on earth to forgive sins; the son of man is man. All this calling on God to do what you have the power to do and won't do, is hypocrisy. God is all right. It is man that is wrong. Let men exercise their power to forgive the sins of each other and there would be peace on earth and good will to men. But these hypocrites of old were very much alarmed lest God should be blasphemed. Did you ever notice how anxious hypocrites are to defend the dear people and the dear God. "This man blasphemeth!" But which is easier to say, Thy sins are forgiven thee, or to say, Arise, and walk? If I can heal the sick—which I am doing every day—then I can forgive sins. This I also do before the healing is begun, and sometimes the only difficult thing to do is to get the patient willing to turn other people loose and let them go free from accusation and denunciation.

But when the multitudes saw it they were afraid! To be sure, as soon as a real live man appears on the earth the multitudes go crazy over him, or run away in fear. Let the mental healer of today begin healing by direct commandment, and all the world would go wild with excitement and fear. This is the reason why the New Thought is ushered into the minds of men by the slow process of unfolding. The time is coming when the public mind will be ready for instantaneous healing, and then it will come.

One other point before we leave this young man. Jesus said, "Child, be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven." You will notice the Greek word is not even "son," but "child." It was the Father, the Only Husband, speaking in Jesus; therefore the I Am said, "Child, be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven." Oh, the wonderful love vibrations in these words! Love is the healing power, and when you hear this Voice of the I Am all abnormal conditions melt away before the Sun of Righteousness.