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TOO "PROGRESSIVE" FOR HIM.

I am somethin' of a veteran, jest a-turbin' eighty year—
A man that's hale an' hearty an' a stranger tew all fear—
But I've heard some news this mornin' that has made my
old head spin,
An' I'm goin' tew ease my conshuns if I never speak
agin!

I've lived my four-score years of life, an' never till
tew-day
Wuz I taken for a Jackass or an ign'rant kind of Jay,
Tew be stuffed with such durned nonsense 'bout them
crawl'n bugs an' worms
That's a-killin' human bein's with their "mikroskopik
germs."

They say there's "mikrobes" all about a-lookin' fer their
prey—
There's nothin' pure to eat nor drink, an' no safe place
tew stay—
There's "miasmy" in the dew-fall, an' "malary" in the
sun—
Taint safe to be out doors at noon or when the day is
done.

There's "bactery" in the water an' "trikeeny" in the
meat—
"Ameeby" in the atmosphere, "calory" in the heat—
There's "corpussuls" an' "pigments" in a human bein's
blood—
An' every other kind o' thing existin' sence the flood.

Terbacker's full o' "nickerteen," whatever that may
be—
An' your mouth'll git all puckered by the "tannin'" in
the tea—
The butter's "olymargareen," it never saw a cow—
An' things is gettin' wus an' wus from what they be jest
now.

Them bugs is all about us est a-waitin' fer a chance
Tew navigate our vitals an' to 'naw us off like plants;
There's men that spend a life time huntin' worms, jest
like a goose—
An' tackin' Latin names to 'em an' lettin' on 'em loose.

Now, I don't believe sech nonsense, an' I'm not goin'
to try—
If things has come to sech a pass I'm satisfied tew die—
I'll go hang me in the sullen, for I won't be sech a fool
As to wait until I'm pizenod by a "annymallycool!"

—LAURA W. SHELDON, in The Jury.

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** August.

*** Leo, the Lion!

*** The Sun God.

*** The Heart of the Grand Man.

*** My booklet on "Vibrations" sent
postpaid for 25 cents.

*** CHRISTIAN is 50 cents a year, payable
at your own convenience.

*** Explain through CHRSTIAN the 2nd
and 3rd verses of 1st John.

I can't. I don't know what it means.

*** The editorial, "Going Into the Sil-
ence," was in CHRISTIAN in August, 1898,
and is republished by request of many
readers.

*** M. Johnson, 725 Market street, San
Francisco, Cal., will pay a good price for
back numbers of CHRISTIAN from No. 1 up
to the present issue.

*** No, I don't say there is no matter
or no reality in matter. There is no real
substance in matter; it is not substantial in
the sense of being unchangeable. Matter is

the form of substance, the clothing of Spirit.
There could be no expression of being if it
were not for matter; being is forever the
same, but it molds matter into varied forms.

*** Elsewhere I publish a letter from an
M. D., just to show you what a red rag
CHRISTIAN is to certain kinds of doctors.
He compares me to Hahnemann (the founder
of Homeopathy), so you may know he is an
old school regular. I'm sorry to say that
this irate M. D. hails from a suburb of Bos-
ton. All is Good, even those fellows who
want to send me to the penitentiary.

*** Dear Doctor Shelton: You seem so
wise in answering questions, here's mine:
I find by an old almanac that Saturn and
the moon were in conjunction the date of my
birth. What would the influence be upon
my life? CHRISTIAN is full of life. Every
number is helpful.

Saturn can have no influence over your
life unless you let him boss you. Mind is
master of matter, and all planetary influ-
ences are material in their nature. Re-
build, re-born, resurrection from the dead is
possible to the I Am in you.

*** "T. J. Shelton: I want you to stop
sending me any more copies of your blas-
phemous and obscene sheet, CHRISTIAN.
We have had our Barnums, our Hahnemanns
and our Beechers, but it seems to have been
left to you to develop the original scheme of
blasphemy as a commercial advertisement. I
have had thoughts of sending some of your
stuff to Washington to find out whether such
matter ought to be allowed to pass through
the U. S. mails. Imprisonment at hard la-
bor, with solitary confinement every time
you presumed to open your mouth, is the
only fit punishment for fellows of your
kidney. EDWARD T. WILLIAMS, M. D."

*** Will you explain Matthew 5:28? An
article in June number prompted this re-
quest. What is the spiritual meaning of the
13th chapter of St. Mark, 17th verse?

The 28th verse of the 5th chapter of Mat-
thew reads: "But I say unto you, That
whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after
her hath committed adultery with her al-
ready in his heart." It means that lust is of
the mind and cannot be regulated by a law
for the body. Adultery is committed in a
flash of the eye in spite of all your rules of
law. There is no-spiritual meaning in the
passage in St. Mark. It is prophecy of the
destruction of Jerusalem, and was literally
fulfilled.

*** Your logic is not quite sound when
you say that you will heal instantaneously
when people are ready. Jesus healed thus,
and people were no more ready than they
are now. Is not the fault in the healer?

Call up "Central" and see if it is not "Ac-
cording to thy faith, be it unto thee." If it
is not necessary for people to have faith in
you for evolutionary healing, why the in-
stantaneous?

The legs of your logic are lame. If the
people were not ready for Jesus, how did
their faith "make them whole?" They
had been practicing and preaching this
power of God for many, many long centuries,
while we have been looking upon it as a lost
art. Let a man open the eyes of the blind
by word of commandment today, and keep
on doing it every day, and the whole world
would go crazy. They must be educated up
to it as the Jews were educated up to the un-
foldment of Jesus.

*** A picture has been going the rounds of
the daily press bearing my name. It is not
a picture of me, and doesn't in any way re-
semble me. I am baldheaded, with a smooth
chin, light mustache, fair skin, blue eyes,
and weigh 140 pounds. The man who rep-
resents me in the daily press is a handsome
man; I look like the cartoons of Bill Nye.
Of course my readers know that I did not
have anything to do with these sensational
advertisements, and I would not refer to
them only some of my readers have preserved
this counterfeit as a picture of me. My
physical personality has nothing to do with
the work I Am doing. The truth told in
this writeup in the daily press has balanced
all the falsehood, and has enabled me to add
many thousands to my list of pupils and
patients. Remember that I Am always in
Little Rock, no matter where the physical
body may be. You come into conjunction
with the Center which I have established in
this city.

*** You have said that God was an un-
conscious law that the wise know how to
use, and that ignorance of that law was the
cause of all suffering. Again, God has his
dwelling place in the sun, and is omnipresent
only in thought. Does that not mean con-
scious intelligence? Again, God is Spirit,
and man is his image and likeness. Does not
that, too, mean conscious intelligence?
Please explain. I would like to think of
God as a conscious intelligence, ordering all
things consciously; for on this depends our
only hope of conscious immortality.

I never said that God was an unconscious
law, or any other kind of law. I said that
the law was neither conscious nor uncon-
scious, but just the law, grinding on in the
same way, unless changed in its course by
mind. God is the Universal Intelligence
and man is individual intelligence. All our
conscious intelligence comes from the Uni-
versal Mind, and does not originate in us.
"There is a spirit in man, and the inspira-
tion of the Almighty giveth him under-
standing."

*** I am well aware that you cannot reply to all questions asked, as there are so many of us, but I was disappointed when you refused to answer mine, which are of so much interest to me. I am thirsting for the truth, and as your explanations in CHRISTIAN are not clear to me—too deep—will venture again, and this time I hope for more success. Please reply in CHRISTIAN, simply with "yes" or "no." (1) In the regeneration of the body is physical presence necessary? (2) When two minds have been united by mental vibrations is there not always the ability to connect them again in absence? (3) Isn't the body regenerated by many instead of one? Although your letter was disappointing to me, I feel that you have helped me more than ever this month, and for several days after receipt of CHRISTIAN I could almost feel your presence. Please do not give Mrs. Grundy too strong doses at a time, lest she try to destroy our own dear little paper. Is not the Homeopathic the most effective for good? And then the old lady wouldn't know but that "we killed the bear." Please excuse my presumption. You will have to cure me of cowardice.

I will answer in the order named. (1) No. (2) Not always. (3) Not by many, but by two: "twain in one flesh."

*** Mr. Thomas J. Shelton: Dear Sir—There appeared in the Chicago Inter-Ocean of June 4th an article descriptive of you and your work. I had heard of your marvelous healing power, but your method of harmonious vibration and financial power, and your wonderful power to hear thought, I learned of through the Inter-Ocean article. The article gives a picture of yourself, a picture to inspire confidence in your works; large, noble head, fine eyes, deep and thoughtful, regular and harmonious features. Pardon this personal allusion, but in this day when Lombrosi and other students of degeneracy are illustrating newspapers with types of the blemished degenerate, personal perfection is something apart from mere physical beauty. It is a symbol.

Sorry to disappoint so many people like the above, but as I Am the Truth I must say the handsome man who appeared under my name in the New York World, Inter-Ocean and hundreds of other papers was not the editor of CHRISTIAN and was not Thomas J. Shelton. This man had hair on the top of his head; I haven't. This man had whiskers; I have only a moustache. I am exceedingly handsome—in my own mind.

*** The July number of CHRISTIAN reached me today, and I feel that I must write in order to thank you for giving such a good definition upon "What Constitutes Immortality." One great trouble lies in the fact that so many people have not enough individuality to call their soul their own. They must needs be like so many sheep, and jump because their leader did. If they would only bear in mind that "evil to those who evil think," and give people credit now and then for a pure thought or deed, the world would be a better place in which to live. I have, without being egotistical at all, very high ideals, but unfortunately I seldom come in contact with the same kind of a nature; therefore do you think it wrong that when I fancy I have secured the friendship of a congenial nature I should seek to make the most of it?

The only way to test food is by taste; but in selecting friends and lovers we are supposed to be governed by chance. A man once gave me a receipt for finding out the difference between mushrooms and toadstools: "Eat 'em; if they are toadstools

they will kill you, if they are mushrooms they will nourish you." In modern marriage a similar rule applies: "Marry; and if it is the right one you will be in heaven, if the wrong one you will be in hell." All I can say is for you to taste each other first. In the language of the old revival hymn, "O come, and taste, and see!"

*** In answer to many questions let me briefly say that in Regeneration there is neither marriage nor divorce. Man made husbands and wives according to an artificial and unnatural law. God made men and women, and left them free to work out their own salvation. No, there are no soul-mates, no affinities, just men and women. Sometimes they are attracted to each other, and sometimes they are drawn apart. The same persons may be attracted to each other one week and repelled the next. The law of attraction protects itself by the law of repulsion. Obey the law in its negative as well as its positive movements. Husbands and wives are generally very fond of each other after a month or two of separation; and they always love each other better if they occupy separate bedrooms. Why? Because the law of attraction becomes the law of repulsion when you have "too much of a good thing." You must recognize the individual if you would gain the sweets of life and extract the bitter. And, after all, your happiness is in you and not in another. When two individuals are so drawn to each other that they contribute each to the other's happiness there is a joyable giving and receiving.

*** No! no! my fellow traveler, there is no freedom for you unless you grant the same freedom to all others. Your freedom cannot put anyone else in bondage; if it does, you may know that it is not genuine freedom. It would be a queer kind of freedom which enjoyed its liberty at the expense of others who were slaves. There must be a recognition of the individual—every individual in the universe. There are many persons associated together in churches, lodges, trusts and other organizations for the purpose of gaining happiness at the expense of others. This kind of happiness is a sham, and will not become permanent peace. The only way to gain everything is to lose everything. The man who grasps will find his hand growing old and weak. The individual hand can't hold much; therefore, the true individual lets loose, and knows that all things are his anyway, and he doesn't have to hold. I am free, and so are you. Go your way and I will go my way, for The Way is wide enough for us all to have room. There is no growth, no unfoldment in bondage. Break every tie that binds, for what has to be tied to you is not your own. Walk in the sunlight of your own individuality, but grant the same liberty to all your fellow beings.

*** This number of CHRISTIAN may not be up to date. I don't care whether you like it or not. Edna, my daughter, stenographer, typewriter, private secretary, right hand, etc., otherwise known as Mrs. Frank Martin, picked up her martin box and left

for a vacation in the mountains. Yes, she put on her good clothes, took her husband and babies and left me to hold the mail bag. Maurine and Marcile are fat and saucy. Who is Marcile? Oh, she is my Grand Baby No. 2, born March 21, 1899! Maurine is a fine girl nearly five years old; but in many respects Marcile has "broken her nose." Of course Edna and Frank deserve a vacation, and I am glad—but—well, my own has come to me! Say, Miss Reynolds, what did you say was the matter with that woman in Halifax? Yes, yes, I remember now; she had St. Vitus dance. It is my opinion that Vitus was not a saint. No saint ever had such a dance. Do I want you to put that down? Certainly not. Would a vacation suit you? Well, you can dig the fishing worms—and, pshaw! Why will people persist in taking vacations? When I was a preacher I always said that the Devil never took a vacation; but somehow that old chestnut doesn't sound pious to me any more. It is silly. Let Edna enjoy herself! I am work!

*** Here is a letter filled with good thoughts. The demand for wholeness is not selfishness. Wholeness is a divine right, and nothing else will satisfy the soul or spirit. Disease is not a means of grace.

My Dear Sir: Was made glad to be led by Spirit across your publication yesterday, and enclose 50 cents for you to please send CHRISTIAN to my address, as on slip of paper. Permit me to make a few remarks in regard to Truth. You say that you were dissatisfied with Christian Science because you did not see as great healing as you expected or proofs of the truth of their teaching. Did it never occur to you that it might be wrong to always ask for proof, and that you lessen the majesty of Truth thereby? You will admit that Truth or Love is infinite, and that it cannot be proved by anything finite, as every proof necessarily must be. Imagine you say to a woman, "I love you with all my heart;" and she answers, "Well, prove it to me and I will love you in return." Such love would not be Love; no, for true Love consists of overflowing Faith, which doubts nothing. Such is the Faith of the children of God. But this is an evil generation, which is always asking for a sign! Blessed are those who do not see and yet believe! Why be a doubting Thomas? With the Christian Scientists you seem to pay too much importance to the healing of disease. Is it because you know mankind to be more or less selfish, being attracted to Truth because it expects to be healed of disease while not always willing to be healed of sin? Because you begin with the healing of disease is no certification that the teaching of Christian Science is any better than of other churches which appeal to heart and mind only, not paying much attention to disease, except in many hospitals created by them. We dare say that 95 percent. of all Christian Scientists did not join that church simply for the Love of Truth—alas!—but because of the hope of being healed of disease. You agree that perversion of mind and heart is responsible for disease. This being so, why do the other denominations not do just as much or more for the uplifting of mankind by not appealing to selfishness, by not promising a reward in shape of health or good fortune? We are not hirelings to be paid for the Good we do, but should always be ready to do it, even if we know beforehand that nothing less than the cross of Jesus was to be carried again by us for living this life. Bodily suffering—disease—is very often the only mainspring for the upbuilding of spiritual life in mankind, and the

motive of the churches is the true standard by which to measure their worth, and not the methods of their guiding. Yours in the Truth,
E. B.

*** "I am Madge, the one who asked you to go across the ocean with her and see that she got safely over. A friend has sent me your pamphlet on 'Vibrations.' What a priceless gem it is! Nothing has ever thrilled my soul so much. For years I have been trying to accomplish the second birth. I have experienced all the suffering you picture. I have now stepped out into the pure sunlight, and feel confident that I could no more re-enter the darkness of mortality than a man could 're-enter his mother's womb and be born.' You have sown the seed which has borne fruit in my illuminated spirit, and I was ripe for it to take root. You must have felt the vibrations sent to you from me—those of joy and gladness, peace and love. Bless you for ever more. Though a widow with grown children I have the heart and spirit of youth and the appearance of one of thirty years, calculated by earth time. Since the age of fourteen I have sought my soul-mate, my ideal; have dreamed of him and believed I would some day find him. I have been in love, deeply so, and am still, but I have not found my soul-mate, my ideal, in any person, and the gods forbid that I should ever again be in bondage to the best of them. Your words have shown me that I have been under a delusion, and that I have no soul-mate; that what I yearn for I must eventually find within myself. I have been chasing after a phantom that does not exist. It is my own insufficiency that has caused me to imagine I can find my complement in another. I see it now, and I believe you are right. Your words are very forceful. I read a lesson every day and *think* over it. CHRISTIAN will be sent to me regularly. It is a great delight to me. Though you do not desire as a rule to meet personalities, I hope some day you will honor me as one of the exceptions. I care not whether you are redheaded, cross-eyed, bandy-legged or humpbacked, you have a splendid soul, and I would like to grasp your mortal hand and tell you face to face of the happiness and peace that you have enabled me to experience. Perhaps others have said the same to you—it would not be strange—but I *know* you will see me if I come to Little Rock one of these days. It gives me great pleasure to write this to you, and I hope it may give you pleasure to read it. It is so delightful to meet congenial people with whom one can exchange kindred thoughts. I have felt the pain of isolation so long and so keenly, and yet as a rule I have been happy and joyous and actively engaged, for life to me grows more and more fascinating the more knowledge I obtain. But that which shall make us free, what can be compared to it! My friend, as you are God and I am God, there can be no separateness, not even 'au revoir.'"

*** Since the publication in the New York World, and other papers, of my work, my desk has been flooded with letters from all sorts of people. My regular readers know that I had nothing to do with this sensational advertising. I never think of insert-

ing an advertisement, even in the mental science papers; much less in the daily press. If the I Am cannot run his own business, I am perfectly willing that it should drop. So far as I am personally concerned, I had just as soon rest as to work. I'm not soliciting patients, subscribers, or trying in any way to increase my work. Now let me say in very plain words that I'm not "a fortune teller." I am not peddling "luck." I am not running a "lottery," or any other game of chance. I am not an "astrologer, soothsayer," or any other kind of fake. I am not a clerk, sitting at a table, answering letters. I am a Mental Healer, speaking the Word for the healing of all manner of diseases, including poverty. If you think I am sitting at a desk, receiving and answering letters, you are badly mistaken. I'm not a brakeman, conductor, engineer or porter; I am the owner of the railroad! I am the Whole Thing! Do you suppose that a clerk, typewriter, or stenographer, could heal the sick, cast out devils and raise the dead? If they did, they'd soon give up their job! The man who can heal the sick and cure poverty is a gentleman of leisure. Don't you make the mistake of thinking that I'm a baldheaded old man, sitting at a desk, toiling over letters, and sweating over the ills and errors of mankind. No, no, child! I'm a young man in the prime of manhood. I am enjoying life. I speak my Word, and the world hears what I have to say, and responds in health, happiness and prosperity. Do you suppose I am dispensing all these good things for other people and leaving myself out? There isn't anything too good for me! I am a scientific healer; which means that there is a regular system of treatments. Your name is enrolled on the list, and a memorandum made of your aches, pains, wants and wishes. I use this list, and call you up every day in the Silence. I speak my Word for you, and the Word goes on doing its work, no matter whether I ever hear from you any more or not. You will never be neglected, nor overlooked, for one single day; but I couldn't do this if I sat sweating over a typewriter. I do it because I Am God, and put myself in conjunction with the Almighty. The I Am has given me plenty of money, plenty of health, plenty of friends; in fact, I have everything that God Almighty owns; therefore, I do not care whether you come to me or not. The law says that you must comply with the rules, and send at least one dollar per month for treatments. Every one who does this in the truth receives an hundredfold more than they give. I did not make this law, and the money is not used for my own aggrandizement, or for my heirs and assigns; it is given to those who are dependent upon me for sustenance, and is used right along, every day. There is plenty in this world for everybody if it was given out and not hoarded. If you want to receive bountifully you must give in the same way. This is what I am doing all the time. It is astonishing how much health is coming to me through the speaking of the Word of health for others. The same is true in regard to wealth. The reason why people are poor, thin, scrawny and miserable is because they are stingy, close fisted, and afraid of the poorhouse. Stand up and speak forth the Word of Truth concerning your own health, wealth, wisdom and divinity. You will be astonished at the matchless power of that Word in bringing all these things to you when you are ready to give them to everybody else. The man who wants all of these things for his own selfish enjoyment, thinks he can get them and go off in a corner by himself, is a fool for the want of sense. It is only when you speak the Whole Word that these things come to you; because you are willing that everybody else shall have the same blessings.

THE PARADOX OF MORTAL LIFE.

Here is an old letter, and a new one:

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., November 22, 1898.
Dear Mrs. D.: Your letter, and one dollar, received. I am glad your son's health is good, and I will continue to speak the Word for his success in every way. Let the I Am in him be his resurrection and life!
I Am,
T. J. SHELTON.

CRESCENT HILL, KY., July 6, 1899. Dear Dr. Shelton: The above you will recognize as your spoken word of truth for my dear son. In just twenty days after, in the grand development of young manhood, he passed beyond. How *can* I make you understand the shock—the grief—the loss—trusting as I did (and still do) in the All Good in him—in everything everywhere! He was born in the middle of January; where was the mistake? Yours in the spirit of love and truth,
FLORENCE D.

N. B.—Please answer in August CHRISTIAN. I will recognize by the question asked—"Where was the mistake?" F. D.

Oh, yes, you *can* make me understand the shock, the grief, the loss. I have been shocked and grieved and lost many, many times. There was no mistake on your part. If there is any mistake at all, it is in God. We cannot judge until we know more. Half-truths are said to be the worst form of falsehood. It has also been said that only fools criticise half finished work. When Socrates was condemned to death, in bidding farewell to his friends and students, he said: "We go our way. I to die, and you to live; but which for the better, God only knows." One of the dearest friends I ever had was named Florence. She is still known by that name, although she has been in the other world many years. I asked her just now to explain to this other Florence. She answered: "There are no words in your language which I can use to express or explain the mystery of mortality." This is about the same kind of answer that I get from the I Am. Therefore, Florence, we will have to wait until we know more before we can judge as to life and death. The paradox of mortal life is forever presenting itself to the mind. We rejoice over a birth and grieve over a death; yet we know that they are one and the same thing. In our present knowledge of existence a birth means a death. The only way we can stop death is to stop births. At least this is the only solution to the problem with our present knowledge. There is a screw loose somewhere. I am trying to find the key of life. I have no other object in living than to find out how to destroy death. There is no other subject worth considering. Life is so glorious, so beautiful, and there are so many good things in it, that it would be worth the living if it were not for death. The disease, the pain, the misery, the uncertainty of mortal existence, spoils all the beautiful things of life. You kiss the lips of the loved one today, and the worms destroy the same lips tomorrow. It is pitiful to read the many hundreds of letters coming to me every day, asking for every ray of light in the valley of the shadow of death. The problem must be solved by women. Let them turn their attention to the one subject of regeneration and the new resurrection will come to the world.

AN I AM SERMON.

I Am.

I Am that I Am.

I Am the Way.

I Am the Life.

I Am the Truth.

I Am the Vine.

I Am the Door.

I Am the Resurrection.

I Am the Good Shepherd.

I Am Jehovah, thy God.

"The Lord is that Spirit."

"Before Abraham was, I Am."

"I Am in the Father and the Father is in Me."

"Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever."

These are wonderful statements, and if rightly understood are the keys of knowledge.

Who is making such statements? Is it possible that a man, subject to hunger, thirst, sleep, and death, would make such statements and remain sane? Certainly not, for no man can say these things of himself. More, no man can make such statements of himself, sane or insane, for they are beyond the conception of the human intellect. Only the Spirit of Truth could give birth to such statements. Mind you, any idiot can repeat these sayings after they have been made and printed; but, only God could have spoken the original. The Universal Intelligence is speaking in Jesus, and not the personal intelligence of the individual. The deepest book of the Bible is the Gospel of John. John writes by the inspiration of the I Am, and makes Jesus a prophet speaking for God and not for himself. This puts a new meaning into his words. God is All and in All; therefore, when He claims everything for Himself it is scientifically true, for "there is none beside Him." This is the only Way you can speak the Truth; and "It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you."

God is One and His Name is One. There are not three persons in One, but One in all persons. There is only God! Jesus Christ is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ. Jesus makes this very plain in John when he makes promise that the Holy Spirit will come, and then adds, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come unto you." He simply calls His spiritual coming, His coming by telepathy, the Holy Spirit, or Spirit of Truth. The I Am is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. The I Am is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There are not three. What a confusion, what a Babylon the church has made out of heaven and earth! Whew! Let us take a deep breath! There is the Father, the Old Man of the Sea, sacrificing his Son, the young man of progress, love and sympathy—for what? Sacrificing this Good Young Man for a possible chance of saving a few sinners! The great majority of sinners, of course, can never be reached by the blood of any one; but the Son is offered up as a kind of last chance. Now there is a scientific interpretation of the blood of the cross, but it is nothing like theology. There is no Father, Son and

Holy Spirit. There is a manifestation of God (the Father) in the natural world of all life; there is a manifestation of God (the Son) in Humanity; there is a manifestation of God (the Spirit) in telepathy, or transference of thought. Now all these manifestations of Divinity are from one and the same source. I Am that I Am, the Universal Intelligence, is All and in All. There is none other. Unity is the order of the Universe. There is no diversity in Being; it is One. The diversity is in manifestation.

Is there a Universal Intelligence in whom we live and move and have our being? Yes; or else there would be no individual being. The one is essential to the other. The individual intelligence is the same as individual breathing, or individual hearing, or individual vibration. I breathe the Universal air, or I could not get my breath at all. Shut me off from the Universal air and I smother to death. Then, when I think, I am using the Universal Intelligence common to all. The universal flows through my individual organs of thought.

Yes, you say, this is all clear enough. The ether, or thought substance, is universal, and we use it in thinking. But does this substance have power to think and act independent of man's organs of thought? This is the question. Does the Universal air, light, and life, have an Intelligent Director, who is able to think, act, love, etc., as a Person, or Father, to all individuals who live in it and by it?

This is the only place where men are at sea; intelligent men who have investigated the unseen forces. In giving up a personal God the mind drifts to a fatalism of universal essence, or substance, without thought or emotion. But there could not have been order, system, form and emotion in the individual unless all these are in the Universal. The individual is but a minute epitome of the Universal. The microcosm is the image and likeness of the macrocosm. Man is not only God, he is the whole universe. The sun, moon, earth and stars are in man. He is a whole solar system within himself. The great universe is wisdom, love and intelligence; man lives in it, and derives his individual life and personal intelligence from it.

The one great step of the present is the idea of Unity as opposed to the old doctrine of the Trinity. The race is yet in its infancy, or early childhood. We form our ideas of ourselves in exact conformity with our ideas of God. When I was a child my idea of the Father was that of an old man sacrificing his son. In later years I noticed that my father had the same idea about sacrificing *his* son; and, still later, I noticed that I began to sacrifice *my* son. Because he was my son I punished him, took away his liberty, and in many ways made him a slave instead of a son. In looking over the earth you will find all of the fathers, who believe in the Trinity, ready to sacrifice their sons for the good of the world. I used to feel sorry for Jesus, and I hated God. It took me a long time to get the false picture out of my mind. When I did see things in the light of Truth I gave my sons their freedom,

and would as soon strike my mother as to strike a blow at son or daughter.

God is not only love and intelligence, but wisdom and reason. There are no mistakes in the Divine Mind; mistakes only come to us through our ignorance of the whole Truth. Therefore, when you are in harmonious vibration with the Universal Intelligence, and have advanced far enough in telepathy for the Universal Intelligence to be perfectly transferred to the individual, you are so far omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent. You are everywhere and everything that God is.

This has been proved by a multitude of witnesses. The great thought centers are taking hold of this truth. Telepathy will soon be systematized and take its place along with the exact sciences. It will be as easy to demonstrate as any problem in mathematics. That it is a fact I know, and thousands of my readers know, without further proof. For nearly ten years I have used telepathy every day and every hour in the day, not only in communication with individuals, but with the Universal. I could give a long list of prominent people with whom I hold daily communications by telepathy; and from the Universal I receive direct intelligence in regard to the smallest incidents of life. Prophetic utterances concerning the (to me) unknown future are of daily occurrence; and many things, revealed seven and eight years ago, are now being fulfilled. There is no objective proof to you in these sayings of mine. I only tell you this as a witness to the truth of telepathy. In so many years of daily experience there is no chance for me to be mistaken or deluded. I do business by means of telepathic information; and many thousands of dollars are entrusted to me by the I Am through telepathy. It is no longer an experiment, but has become a part of my nature and personality. I am writing for honest seekers of truth, and have no motive for speaking anything which I have not proved. The I Am is to me wisdom, knowledge, love, life and power. In this Principle or Spirit I literally live and move and have my being. It is not when in the Silence alone that I Am conscious of His presence, but at all hours and in every place. I really do not know that I have any other consciousness. I am aware of the fact that the I Am is my seeing, my hearing, my very being. If this Voice should become silent I would be void of any kind of intelligence, so closely has the Universal become identified with the individual.

Now the strange part of it all is that there is no kind of religion or piety connected with this unfoldment of my inner life. I am not religious, pious, prayerful, penitent, or humble. The old idea was that a man could not become conscious of God, identified with the Almighty, or even saved from his sins, unless he bowed down in the dust of humility and called himself a worm of the earth, a condemned sinner fit for the torments of an endless hell. On the contrary, I found that as soon as I became conscious of the I Am I said to my mortal self, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk." God cannot humiliate himself before himself. There is only God; therefore, there are no servants

and masters, no noble and ignoble, no high and low. You know that your consciousness enters into all life; the grass beneath your feet, the birds and the trees, every wind that blows, every pulsation of life is one with your life.

There is nothing supernatural. God is not supernatural. The old idea of the supernatural, so long the bulwark of superstition, has given way before the march of scientific investigation. To know God does not mean to know an Infinite Person in the sense of a moral forgiveness of sins, but an actual knowledge of the essential Being of Divinity. God, the Infinite, the Universal Intelligence, will become known to man; and in knowing God, man will know himself. Science is knowledge; religion is imagination, emotion, tradition, superstition. This world is coming into knowledge, and Science is the sunshine of spiritual intelligence. Spiritual knowledge is an understanding of what really exists. In the glory of knowledge all our old ideas of three Gods, or even one individual God, disappear from the mind. Yet the Divine Life, the Divine Love, the Divine Wisdom, remains in us and with us. The law grinds on in the same way, without the show of wisdom or knowledge, and we come to think that creation is a kind of perpetual motion, without design or a Designer. When lo! a vibration, a Spirit, appears and gives us knowledge of the unseen. We hear a Voice, speaking in the ether, and foretelling us of things to come. Like a familiar friend this Voice is ever with us, telling us of the past, the present, and the future. As the eye taps the Universal light and views the objects before it, so does the mind tap the Universal Intelligence and receives the thoughts of God. The vibrations of Love come with the words of instruction, and we know that God is love as well as wisdom. Visions pass before the subjective eye, and, by the language of symbols, we are informed of coming events.

What is it? The Spirit will show me, in vision, the Truth concerning things unknown to me or anyone else on the earth, for the revelation is of things to come, events which have not transpired. The Spirit will tell me, in the inner ear, of things which have no existence in fact, things which are to be realized in the future. From thousands of instances, some of them as far as seven years apart, I know that this Voice knows the future as well as the past. What is it? It is the I Am, the Universal Intelligence, communicating with the individual. It is, to use a Bible term, the Holy Spirit. The word "holy" means "whole," and the name is scientific—the Whole Spirit in distinction from the individual spirit. These old Bible names will do if rightly employed and properly understood. But there is going to be an awakening when the Whole Spirit explains itself.

How could the men of old—the seers, the prophets, the sages—speak except by the Spirit, I Am, the Universal Mind, giving them utterance? Does any sane man suppose that these men originated the sublime ideas which have come down the centuries and are now the highest statements of

Truth that man can possibly make or receive? From whence came the Scriptures, the sacred writings, the books? The men who spoke and wrote said, "Thus saith the Lord God." It was an inspiration, and the word inspiration fits the present scientific definitions. Inspiration means in-breathing. The oldest book of the Bible says of man: "There is a Spirit in man; and the Breath (in-breathing) of the Almighty giveth him understanding."

I AM THE RESURRECTION.

The resurrection from the dead is now going on among men. There is really no such thing as death in the sense of annihilation. Only life can be raised; death has no power to rise or be raised. Then it is a resurrection from the dead, which means that life has been surrounded, buried, imbedded in death. Life comes up out of death, out of a dormant condition into active vibration. The seed lies buried in the earth, surrounded by dormant matter; but when the seed is quickened there is a resurrection, a rising into visible activity. This is true of all resurrection from the dead.

In the mental world the sower went forth to sow and plow and harrow two thousand years ago. Jesus Christ came into the world and took the seed of prophecy, law, wisdom and truth, and in tears and suffering sowed this seed into the minds of men. The deep plowshare of wonderful works made an impression on the mind which has remained through the centuries. The man who practiced telepathy, healed the sick, cast out devils, cleansed lepers and raised the dead, had something to say to the everlasting ages. Miracles of healing were performed for the express purpose of fixing his teaching in the minds of men. It is a false idea that Jesus worked wonders for the alleviating of suffering. If this had been his purpose there would have been more than three persons raised from the dead, and more than three years of public ministry. The world was not ready to be saved from sin, suffering and death. The few who were saved from death had to die again, and those who were healed of sickness were subject to disease again; but the Word was planted and fixed in the thought of humanity. This was the purpose of all the wonderful works of Jesus. It was the Sower going forth to sow the seed. He tells the story in the parable of the sower. The seed was scattered everywhere, and fell some by the wayside, some among thorns, on rocky ground, and some in good ground.

During all these centuries the seed has been preserved, and that is about all. The churches have simply been walking over the plowed ground. But this is the age of harvesting; therefore, you must not be surprised at rapid changes. One year now is a century of the past. One day with the I Am is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. Seed time is a thousand years; but the harvest is one day. It was a long time between hieroglyphics and handwriting, a longer time between longhand and shorthand, and a much longer period between handwriting and the telegraph. But

the time was very short between the telegraph and telephone, and much shorter between the telephone and telepathy. And you may rest assured that rapid advance will be made in the wireless telegraph and the true thought telegraphy. Why? This is the great harvest home, and movements made now have been thousands of years in preparation. All who are in the tombs are hearing the Voice of the Son of Man. In our vanity we say this is the age of new ideas, and that we have invented and discovered so and so; but it is a mistake. We are but reaping what others have sown in tears centuries before we were born. The life of everything we see moving today in the realm of thought was planted in the minds of men by Jesus Christ and his disciples. The preaching of the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of a general resurrection from the dead changed the whole thought of humanity. This hope of a resurrection, and the faith that one man had already ascended from death, was the quickening of thought and the uplifting of men into civilization. The thought of the world has been looking backward at the work and words of Jesus, and looking forward to his coming again to raise the dead and bring peace on earth and good will to men. It doesn't matter how much they were mistaken as to details, the thought was there, dominating everything else. It would have been impossible for men to have advanced intellectually without a hope that mortality would be swallowed up in life. The teaching of Jesus has been as manna in the mental wilderness. He is indeed the Bright and Morning Star, the First Born from the Dead. Materialism could not have warmed the mind into activity and caused the wide intellectual horizon which now overspreads the earth. It was an idealism made real by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Don't get alarmed! I am speaking scientifically, and not as a religionist. This is the time to look at the Son of Man in the light of Science. Jesus will bear scientific investigation; religion has obscured his light. Religionists have placed a statue of a paragon god on a pedestal and named it Jesus Christ. The poor thing has eyes, but it cannot see; it has ears, but it cannot hear; it is an idol. The real Jesus Christ is alive and has been all the time. He is once more entering into active and real work in the subjective realm.

When Jesus went away he said that he would return as the Spirit of Truth. He did return, and this Spirit of Truth has been here at work all the time. The fightings and strifes in the religious world have been but the surface showings of the inner workings of the Spirit of Truth. Jesus said it would be like yeast hidden in the flour; like a mustard seed in the earth. It is at work now in the objective, and manifestations are coming more and more into the realm of mortal activity. This Spirit of Truth will gradually absorb everything, and mortal mind will be no more; for as dead bodies disappear the minds which were in them will be obliterated. This is the resurrection from the dead. The new heavens and the new earth gradually come forth out of the old. It is all the work of the I Am under

different names. In our day he is known as science, advanced thought; but it is the same Spirit of Truth which moved on the face of the waters when the earth was without form and empty.

I Am going to do greater works than Jesus did, because my works will abide—they will be permanent. When I raise a man from the dead he will stay raised; when I heal the sick I will remove the cause of sickness. The work of the Spirit of Truth is going to become perfect, and mortality will be cast into the bottomless pit. What are you, after all, but a kind of walking graveyard? Dead eyes, dead ears, dead teeth, and finally a dead heart. Yet you know that you are not dead; only surrounded by death. The organs of vision are dead, but your vision is all right; the organs of hearing are dull, but your hearing is all right. Then what you need is to have your seeing and hearing raised from these dead organs and given new and everlasting organs. The man is all right. There is nothing wrong about the real man. His surroundings are dormant, or dead, and all he needs is a new environment. In other words he needs a resurrection from the dead.

GOING INTO THE SILENCE.

A correspondent, who is also a close student of Mental Science, writes me as follows:

During the last six years I have looked through the various Christian Science and healing journals and books for an explanation of what Silence is. They all talk about "going into the Silence," but not one of them has ever taken the hint that people do not understand what they mean by Silence. Most people think it means that you must get off from noise and sit down and keep your mouth shut and your feet and hands still, and sit there an hour or two while your mind can race around, all over the world, and on Tom-Dick-and-Harry thoughts. Now tell your readers just what the "Silence" is. Do you stop all thought and lock the mind completely still so that not a gleam of any thought can start, or do you rivet the mind on a certain picture of Spirit, or imagine yourself a thin air person, standing in the inside of your flesh body, or what is "Silence?" Analyze it right down fine and tell just how to do it. How do you keep the mind from running all over the Universe on all kinds of stuff? It is curious that teachers leave the vital point untaught. It is like a teacher telling a pupil to work out that problem by "the equation of payments" or by "aliquot parts," and never tell the pupil what these things are, nor how to get them.

Going into the Silence must be experienced before it can be explained. Even after you have had the experience it is hard to make an explanation clear to one who is simply hearing the spoken word or seeing the written word. The Silence does not mean physical stillness. It is not what the Hindoo calls the Silence; simply to sit in stillness and dream is not the Silence of Science. It is an actual transition from the objective to the subjective. You live and move and have your being in the subjective world. You may be conscious of the objective or outward world, but it passes before your mind the same as if it had no existence. It is a mere shadow, compared to the

world of Spirit, where you are living and acting. People think that spiritual activity and physical activity are the same. They are just exactly opposites of each other. Physical activity means movement. Spiritual activity means repose. Indeed, if it were not for this repose of the Spirit, there could not be any such thing as action in the physical. Spiritual being is the basis of all movement. Therefore, when you go into the Silence, your activity changes in kind and in degree. You are still, and yet you are conscious of being able to move anything and everything by your thought. It is a wonderful consciousness. Jesus felt this consciousness when he said to his disciples that they could pluck up mountains and cast them into the sea. It is the awful consciousness that there is only God. All healing must be done in the Silence. The word spoken in the Noise is empty and void of all power. All power in heaven and on earth is given to him who is in the Silence. In this stillness you know that the movement of all worlds and systems of worlds is through the Silence of thought. You think; and it is done. You say, "Let there be light," and the darkness disappears. You say, "Let there be health," and disease vanishes away before your mind. It is fellowship with God. It is the God-consciousness within you. In this place of eternal stillness you are conscious of your own Divinity. There is no happiness to be compared with it. It is that love which casts out all fear. It is that life which knows no death. It is the creative and upholding energy of the Universe.

How can you go into the Silence? I don't know. I found myself in this place of power, but I don't know how I got there. There was a great storm in my mind, there were earthquakes, lightnings and thunders. Then, after it was all over, there came the voice of gentle stillness. I knew that God was not in the noise. I knew that I was not subject to the power of the elements. I knew that the elements had no power within themselves. I found that all this motion, all this movement, all this whirling of things, was based upon the Everlasting Silence. This Silence of the Eternal Spirit is the fulcrum upon which rests the lever of all action. Right here, in this Silence, is the place of health, peace, prosperity, happiness. The one who undertakes to heal the sick, cast out devils or raise the dead in the Noise will fail. They may do some little healing at great expense to their own nervous system, but finally they will destroy themselves in trying to heal others. The real healer takes the bath of the Silence and is refreshed. He goes to the place of power and dips it up, fills his own little cup day by day. He fills his own lungs full of the breath of the Almighty. For this reason the true healer, in giving, does not impoverish himself. But, on the contrary, the more he gives forth from himself the richer he becomes within himself. He gives from the fountain of Infinite Supply, and therefore he is never exhausted. The healer has a bright eye, a quick ear, and a pulse from a strong heart. He is God. Every day he goes into the place where God is, and holds

fellowship with himself. We have only begun to talk about this power of the Silence. Some few have had a little experience. The time is at hand when the kingdom of God will cover the whole earth. It will be as natural for a man to go into the invisible for health and wealth as it is for him to breathe the air. Keep on experimenting. Get more and more of this fullness of power. It is the road which leads to the everlasting HERE, and will cause you to cease going and coming in the whirl of mortal life.

THE NEW TESTAMENT TREATMENTS.

III—CLEANSING LEPERS.

"And it came to pass, as they were on the way to Jerusalem, that he was passing through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off; and they lifted up their voices, saying, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go and show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, with a loud voice glorifying God; and he fell upon his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were not the ten cleansed? but where are the nine? Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger? And he said unto him, Arise, and go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole."

These lepers were not allowed to approach any one who was in health. They were condemned to associate by themselves, and to cry out, "Unclean! unclean!" if any one else came near enough to be infected. Jesus directed them to go and observe the rules of the Church, and to offer for their cleansing those things commanded in the law. I think this was spoken sarcastically, for, if the Church had been in the habit of cleansing lepers, there would have been none to cleanse. It would be just like me saying to a patient, "Go into your prayer-room and pray for your healing," or, "Go to your pastor, and let him heal you." The Church was there, with its regular offices, and regular offerings, but it had lost its power to heal. Of course it was the intention of Jesus to speak the Word of healing, but he didn't care who got the credit. Many persons write to me as if they thought that I was anxious to have my name known in the healing of disease. I also find rivalry among the healers. This is all unscientific. The Word of healing belongs to God. The one who attributes this Word to himself as an individual will find that he cannot heal. It is only when you speak this Word as God that healing follows; therefore, Jesus said, "Go and offer for your cleansing those things commanded by Moses." As they started to obey this commandment, the vibrations of health went coursing through their veins and the leprosy disappeared. How was it done? By the Word of commandment. Who has the right to command life? God Almighty who IS life.

No one can speak the Truth except the Truth. No one can speak God's Word for him; he must speak it for himself. Therefore, when the Word is spoken in you, it will heal all manner of sicknesses; because God spake life into manifestation, and upholds life; therefore he can restore it, and bring order and harmony in the place of discord and disease.

There were ten lepers; nine of them were Jews and one was a Samaritan. The nine Jews went right along on their way toward the Temple, thinking their healing came through their desire to fulfill the law. The stranger knew better. He knew that Jesus Christ had spoken the Word of healing. Therefore he returned to give praise and thanks to the one who had spoken the Word of Truth.

Then Jesus told him that the source of his healing was within himself. "Thy consciousness hath made thee whole." The Word faith, as used in the present day, hasn't the slightest resemblance to the original Greek word. Jesus Christ said that the life within the man had come forth and manifested itself in health. The Word spoken by Jesus quickened the consciousness and brought forth the life. I can hardly find language to express the meaning in these words. A man is sick because he has the consciousness of sickness. His mind is hypnotized with the idea that he is sick, and helpless in his sickness. Health is restored the moment that consciousness is changed from sickness to health. This power to speak the Word so as to quicken the consciousness is the power to heal.

I want to say to you that I have no esoteric meaning to draw out of these words of scripture. I believe that there were ten lepers literally healed of their leprosy. The New Testament is history. Jesus walked on this earth, and did what is ascribed to him in the New Testament. How do I know it? Because the Spirit of Truth has told me the Truth. What has been done can be done again and again. "Greater works than these shall ye do because I go to the Father." The Christian Science movement means the resurrection of the words of Jesus from the dead. I thank God for the opposition to dead. I thank God for the opposition to Christian Science, and hope it may continue until all the world investigates the principle. It doesn't matter about the individuals; it is the principle—the Truth—that will make us free. Some of these fine days I am going on the platform in every city in the United States. When I do, I will back up my words by healing all kinds of diseases, casting out devils, and raising the dead. What will the doctors, lawyers and newspapers do with a man who commands life? The man who can stand up and say to the blind man "See," to the deaf man "Hear," to the lame man "Walk," to the one who is sick of the palsy, "Arise, take up thy bed, and walk," and even speaking to the dead, and making them hear the words of life, will have no controversy with doctors and lawyers. It sounds like a fairy story; and yet the words of Jesus will be raised from the dead. This will be done in a scientific way. Not by religious fanatics, not by men of piety and prayers, but by one who will be as

cool and calm in this work as Edison with his scientific inventions. The world is getting ready for these demonstrations.

CO-OPERATION.

The following letter explains itself:

Dear Sir: I imagine with your beliefs regarding the individual and communities, that you will be slightly impatient when I ask you what you think of co-operation; but will you kindly note the points which appeal to me? I will try to be brief.

Regarding and considering this subject in the light of the Law of Love, it seems to me after several years of study of the questions involved—

That Co-operation is not for a moment to be likened to the various charities and social and political reforms (which are but patches on the Old Garment of Competition—a result of the lack of Knowledge of the Law of Love), because this system is founded on the Law and its natural outcome will be to make manifest the Law on the physical plane; that, although there are many who have developed far enough to recognize the Law of Love and to endeavor to bring themselves into harmony with it, the masses are not yet advanced far enough to grasp the Truth involved—they must grow, and develop beyond their present plane; that the conditions brought about by the system of Co-operation (being founded on and a manifestation of the Law) would help to develop the people RAPIDLY—certainly a very desirable thing.

That by aiding the Co-operative movement, we who recognize the underlying Law can give much help to those who need it most, those who are less developed than we are, which of course will indirectly benefit ourselves, for we are the very ones to thoroughly realize that in helping others we help ourselves.

"Each for all, and all for each."

If you have not LATELY read Bellamy's "Looking Backward" (not for the details but for the sake of the PRINCIPLES underlying the conditions portrayed) will you kindly do it?

And if you become interested in the subject as viewed by the Law of Love, correspond with Commonwealth, Georgia. This is the only community that seems to recognize the source of the Co-operative system. The Ruskin, Tenn., colony, and the four colonies of the B. C. C., Equality, Washington, seem to regard it from the financial and social standpoint only.

Thanking you for the time it has taken you to read this, I am,

Yours truly, VALLA KILTON,

Yes, I have read "Looking Backward," and have made a close study of all the modern theories for the betterment of humanity. Co-operation has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. All kinds of communism are wrong in principle. I have said, and I want to say it over and over, that communism robs the individual and is wrong in principle. It began in marriage, and will end in the trust. A man and woman form a trust called marriage, and agree to live with each other until death. They bring forth children, and deed their name and property to their heirs and assigns forever. The family grew into the tribe, and the tribe into the nation or kingdom. The big families devoured the little ones. The big tribes conquered the small ones, and took possession of the earth. One family became so strong that it ruled all the others, and claimed the right to rule through their heirs and assigns forever. This is co-oper-

ation. What are the nations of the earth today but overgrown families? The individual is absorbed in the organization. In fact, the individual isn't anything; the organization is everything. What right have kings? They say they have a Divine right to reign. But we know that the right was simply a matter of brawn and brains.

This same principle obtains in the Church. The Church is an institution. It is established upon the idea of co-operation. You merge your individuality into the organization. The pope, priest, preacher, are not individuals, speaking from individual inspiration; but organs of the institution speaking for the institution. The institution receives you, baptizes you, and saves your soul. Yet all the time your soul is lost; your individual life is swallowed up in the life of the institution; you dare not speak out of the inspiration of your own heart. You must not hold an idea or an opinion contrary to the established doctrines of the institution. The institution is everything, and the individual is nothing.

And yet, every institution was founded by an individual. Your co-operative associations are founded by and held together by the power of some leading individual. As a general thing, when this individual dies the whole thing drops to pieces. In the religious institution, the leader continues to lead by his writings; his doctrines dominate the minds of his followers long after his death. But in the modern colony the living leader is essential; and when he is gone another must take his place, or everything is dissolved. What do I want? Recognition of the individual without regard to race, color, sex, or previous condition of servitude. I want the state organized on the principle of individualism. I want every child born to be the ward of the state, from the time it is six years of age until it is twenty-one. I want the state to clothe, feed and educate every child born into it, without regard to its color, race, or environment. I want it recognized as an individual child, no matter how or where begotten. I want motherhood honored in accordance with the law of Nature, without regard to any artificial rules or regulations. So called affection is not in the blood, but comes from association. Men and women have loved adopted children as dearly as their own. Therefore, I would remove a child from its mother, and give uniformity of clothing, food and education. When a man or woman is twenty-one, I would continue to recognize their individuality as citizens of the state. On this principle you can have life, liberty and happiness. Instead of having Dick, Tom and Harry bringing up children in every way and every way, we would have every one brought up in exactly the same way.

What do you call this? You may call it state socialism; but I call it individualism. Once we recognize the individual and all these good things can be worked out. This is exactly what Jesus Christ meant when he said, "If a man cometh unto me, and hateth not his own father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life, also, he cannot be my dis-

ciple." Now what does this mean? It means that you are not to own a wife as your own personal property. It means that you are not to own sisters, brothers, fathers, mothers, as your own private kinfolks. Yea, it means still more than this; that you are not to own anything as your private personal property. This breaks up the family, the tribe and the nation, as institutions. This is what I mean when I say I have no wife, no children, no brothers, no sisters, no houses, no lands of my own. These people do not belong to me any more than the sunshine belongs to me. I walk in the light and enjoy the sunshine; but it is not my personal property. I have no more right to claim a portion of the earth as my personal property than I have to claim the air that I breathe. What right have I to heirs and assigns forever? An individual born into this life is the Son of God, no matter who was his earthly father. There never was a child begotten by mortal man. Therefore, let the child be recognized as an individual, without regard to his parentage. It is this owning of things, this building fences around things, which makes this earth a howling wilderness. Then, to whom would all this property go if the individual was recognized? It wouldn't go anywhere. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." I have a right to food, shelter, clothing, and all the comforts of life; but this right belongs to me as an individual, and not because I am the heir and assign of some man who preceded me. I have no right to clutch with my dead hands the property that should go to any individual who comes in my place. It is like a man having a million coats, and only one son to whom he leaves all the garments. A Vanderbilt, a Gould, an Astor, a Rothchild, on the principle of communism, may own the whole earth, and deed it to his heirs and assigns forever. On this principle of the family, it is only a question of time when one family could absorb the whole earth. But, on the principle that I advocate, each man owns what he can use for himself, and no more.

Jesus Christ taught the principle of individualism, and lived it in his own life. The Church has gone directly opposite to the teachings of Jesus. He came to destroy the institution. They have taken up his words and founded an institution. It was a long time before I could get the true principles of Christianity fixed in my mind. But, as soon as I was able to say "I Am God," everything was made clear. The I Am is the only God, the only Good, and this means the Individual; black, white, red or yellow, the individual is God.

Of course, in coming into the Truth, you must adapt yourself to your surroundings. Do as I do in regard to the family, the tribe, and the nation. Live with all of these things around you and about you, but claim nothing for yourself. All wives are mine, all children are mine, all brothers and sisters are mine, all houses and lands are mine, all life is mine; and yet I do not own anything. The moment I put my personal brand on anything it ceases to be a part of the Universal. I must live in the Univer-

sal if I live a large, broad and deep life. The only way I can live in the Universal is to live as God. God doesn't own anything, and yet God is everything.

AN INTERVIEW AT HOME.

As many of my readers know, I was made the subject of sensational newspaper advertising in various Sunday papers in May, June and July of this year. As an answer to many questions I republish the following interview, which appeared in the Little Rock Gazette July 6, 1899:

Dr. T. J. Shelton, editor of the CHRISTIAN, who is said to be making more money than any citizen of Arkansas, returned yesterday from Colorado, where he has been looking after his gold mining properties in that state.

"That article you printed in the Gazette about me a week or two ago, which originally appeared in the New York World, is all wrong as to many of the facts."

"How did the World get all that information?" asked a Gazette representative.

"It started from a lady reporter of the New York World," replied Dr. Shelton, "who wrote to me for treatment. She sent \$1, her letter was promptly answered, and then republished in the New York World. The letter published in the New York World was an exact copy of the one written by me. Nearly all that was said in that article is true. The reports about George Gould, Gen. Grubb, Dunham Wheeler, etc., are all facts which can be substantiated any day. The poor artist who sent me \$1 for treatment did really sell a picture to Geo. Gould for \$15,000. My work is open and above board, and I could fill your paper full of testimonials from persons who have been healed of all manner of sickness, including poverty. I not only give value received, but an hundredfold more, to every one who applies to me for treatment."

"What about the statement that you never see any of the letters, but that your daughter attends to all correspondence?"

"That is the biggest kind of a lie. While my daughter is capable of attending to all of the business, she keeps in direct correspondence with me every day. I attend to all of my affairs, while she superintends all the typewriting. Since the article in the New York World appeared we have had to purchase a third typewriter and employ additional help. My daughter has received letters from my dictation for four years steadily every day, and if she couldn't attend to the details of the business in this time she would display very little talent. All of the healing power goes through women. The greatest healers of the age are women; yet there is always some man who speaks the Word."

"How many subscribers have you?"

"On the 15th of June we had 50,000 paid up, bona fide subscribers. We used to send out many thousands of sample copies; but now we seldom send sample copies."

"How do you account for your success?"

"I have something to say, and know how to say it."

"How do you account for the many thousands of persons who are healed by your Word?"

"It is partly by the law of suggestion. I tell a man that he will succeed in business; or that his physical condition will change. He believes my word. I keep on saying the same thing to him, over and over, every month, until he gets the vibration."

"What do you mean by the 'law of vibrations'?"

"All life is activity. Activity is movement. All movement is vibratory. That is, in waves. A man gets into the vibrations of poverty, and everything goes down hill. I was born of 'poor white trash' in Kentucky. The first words I can remember about money were, 'Times are hard and

money is scarce.' My father was poor folks, and his father was poor folks, and my own children would have been poor folks if I had kept on in the same vibration. One day, when I didn't have twenty-five cents to buy a drink with, or a nickel for car fare, Geo. R. Brown gave me Coin's little book on finances. The only thing that I remember about the book was the picture of a blackboard, where one dollar was made a unit of value. I went down town, got Tunnah & Pittard to issue my paper CHRISTIAN, and put the subscription price at 25 cents a year. I afterwards raised the price to 50 cents a year, and my terms for treatment to \$1 a month. I borrowed \$1.50 to pay the postage on the first 150 pounds. This is only one-half of the fifth year, and my income from subscriptions alone is over \$20,000 a year. Humbug? No! I do more genuine good now than any preacher in the land. I preach the Truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. The man who depends upon the I Am in himself for success is already a success."

"What about the picture given in the New York World that has gone all over the country as a representative of yourself?"

"It was simply a typographical error. The names were transposed. My name should have been under the picture of the man with the mustache, and E. Burd Grubb should have been under the other man. Of course you all know that I have no hair on the top of my head 'in the place where the hair ought to grow,' and that I wear a smooth chin and light mustache. But I can forgive the newspapers for the slight errors reported. The local reporter who wrote the Globe-Democrat could have found out the truth instead of re-hashing old lies. I was never drunk in the pulpit or in the church. From the time that I tore down the old church on Scott street and built the beautiful church on Tenth and Louisiana until the day I went out of the pulpit, I was never known to enter the pulpit in an intoxicated condition. The elders of the church did not take whisky to my house. There are many reputable men in this city who will testify to the fact that I conducted myself as a gentleman and a Christian. You know that I was popular with my people up to the very day I left the pulpit. Let the truth be told. In the transition from the pulpit to my present position I passed through some very hard travel. When I drank it was open and above board, and not behind the door."

"How about your Colorado mining?"

"All that has been told is true, and more than true. I am worth a million dollars. All this will be developed before the year is out."

"Did you see your gold mine in a vision?"

"Yes, I saw the vision for the first time in 1891; then every year for seven years. When I went to Colorado I found everything just as I had seen it in the vision. But I will give you the facts and figures regarding the gold mine in two or three months; after I have finished developing it."

"So, then, I understand you to say that you conduct all of your business yourself?"

"Yes, my daughter, who is my private secretary and stenographer, is in telepathic communication with me all the time, and also forwards to me daily such mail as is necessary for me to see. However, the real success to every one who comes to me is in making themselves a part of this center which I have established. Thousands and tens of thousands are coming to me for treatment, and each one is enrolled; therefore comes into conjunction with the thought center which I have established in this city. It should not be thought strange that such a thing can be. What does the central committee of the Republican and Democratic party mean except the establishment of a thought center? I am carrying on a campaign for the election of His Majesty, Myself, as president of the universe. It is all in accordance with the law of vibrations and the philosophy of mental suggestion."