

THE WORLD IS WIDE.

The world is wide In time and tide And—God is guide; Then, do not hurry.

That man is blest Who does his best And leaves the rest; Then, do not worry. —Dr. Deems.

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

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*** Hot! Just think of Christmas.

*** Christian is sent on trial to new subscribers, free of charge. Send us names and addresses of persons whom you think would enjoy Christian.

*** I beg pardon for the delay in sending out "I AM Sermons." They are now going out every day. Therefore, if you do not receive your orders promptly, let me know.

*** June Christian was exhausted before the month was out. I am sorry I did not print four or five thousand extras. Glad you gave it such a warm reception. I will add four thousand extras to the July number, so that all can be supplied.

*** Henry Harrison Brown, editor of "Now," says: "Christian has the largest circulation among all mental science papers and is the strongest." This is true as far as its circulation is concerned, but I leave my readers to judge of its strength.

*** When I look at the sign boards along the street, I think that the only real way to immortality on the earth is to have a good cigar named for you. It is a sure monument, and, as a general thing, they make a better picture of you than you can find anywhere else.

*** Once more, let me say that I do not receive or make calls. Do not receive contributions or advertisements. This is my way of doing things, and you must let me have my way. I do not give private instructions through correspondence. I give treatments and a few words of encouragement and instruction to my patients.

*** My books are not for sale by dealers and are not supplied to the trade. When I wanted my books published by the dealers, they refused the manuscript. This was several years ago. Now that I have built up a trade of my own, everybody must come to me for my wares. I have adopted the methods of the Roycroft shops, and sell only from headquarters. *** "If the sun is 'pure spirit,' why the spots, and what are the spots on the sun? What do you mean by 'pure spirit?' "

I don't know that there are any spots on the sun. I have often known people to see spots that were only in their own eyes. These spots may also be gateways into the interior of the sun. Pure spirit is spirit unmixed with matter.

*** My sweetheart, Eva Vescelius, is making quite a success in Mental Healing. She uses musical vibrations and has opened up a home, her own home, at Forest Hill, Newark, N. J., for the reception of a limited number of students and patients. In addition to her own self, you will find beautiful woods, walks and drives, a field club and golf links, to add to your pleasure.

*** "If there is no future punishment, how could God be so mean as to send His Son to suffer death on earth?"

I don't think He did. The passages of Scripture you quote have reference to future sufferings and not future punishment. Punishment is something inflicted by another as a penalty; suffering is what you endure yourself in the regular order of unfoldment.

*** Flora Parris Howard says that her correspondents took my little item about the caustic letter seriously. I was only poking fun at Flora. She never wrote anything caustic in her life. She is as sweet as a scientific woman ought to be. Flora and I are not fussing. I think I will have to write under my jokes an explanation like the man who painted a horse and wrote under the picture, "This am a hoss."

*** I am asked to explain how there could be a tree of the knowledge of the good and evil, when God created all things and pronounced them good. Evil, as a condition, exists, for it is ignorance; but, evil as a principle has no existence. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is the tree of the right use of that which is, and this can only be learned by experience, either of yourself or others.

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*** You must tell truth from error by its vibrations. For instance, I knew that "Francis Truth" and "Mrs. Francis Truth" were fictitious names as soon as I felt the vibrations from his paper. He would have called himself Francis Schlatter if that name would have served his purposes better. But don't be alarmed over all these attempts to sell the truth for money. Evil has no permanent existence; all is really Good, for "all things work together for good."

*** "What do you mean by spiritual marriage?"

I mean the marriage of the whole man and the whole woman. It is a uniting two minds into one mind; two souls into one soul; which will make "the twain in one flesh."

"What do you mean when you say that you have not any kind of religion?"

I mean that I have no system of worship; that is, the recognition of inferiors and superiors. I say no prayers, make no petitions, have no kind of ritual, have no creed; therefore, I have not any kind of religion. I worship the good, and I AM the good; therefore, I worship myself.

"Is a man born July 23 and a woman June 6 all right to marry?" Yes.

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People who are followers of Mrs. Eddy or any one else are liable to be mistaken as to what I will do and what I will not do.

*** My old friend, Thomas Cook, editor of The Spirit of Truth, gives all of his first page for June to a lamentation over the editor of Christian. Say, my weeping Jeremiah, there is nothing to be sorry about; I am all right, and so is Blanche. I have no objection to your communicating with all the spirits in the universe, but I prefer to communicate with THE SPIRIT. You complain because I will not make nor receive calls. I mean calls from people in the flesh, who bring their physical bodies into my presence. It is not because I want to be a hermit, or exclusive, or unsocial, but because I can not do a local work and a universal work at the same time. My beloved, Bre'r Tom, says: "We are as much a soul mate of his as is 'Blanche;' and she is as much our eternal mate as she is Shelton's;

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The Spoken Word being the creative principle, it must be spoken. You had as well say: "Why didn't the old abolitionists wait until the negroes were free before they advocated the abolition of slavery?" There never would have been an abolition of slavery, if it had not been for the spoken word of a few brave men and women. These prophets kept agitating the question in the face of jeers, sneers and mobs. Praise God for such prophets! I am the prophet of Regeneration and the new Life. As long as Christian is published it will proclaim the coming of the new order of things. No amount of abuse, criticism, or censure will cause me to be silent. Mortality is a mistake. This error, this sin, must be corrected. It does not matter how many sons of God die to redeem the world; it must be redeemed at any cost. We can not endure this state of things any longer.

"Thou wilt not leave us in the dust;

Thou madest man, he knows not why; He thinks he was not made to die; And Thou hast made him; Thou art just."

If this last statement, "Thou art just," is true, the time has come for a manifestation of Divine Justice. Mortality is a mistake, and by the law of unfoldment this blunder, this mistake should be corrected. The day is at hand! The more enlightened, the more sensitive we become, the more awful seems the mistake of mortality. It is all well enough for men and women on the animal plane to die, or even go out and slaughter each other with bullets and swords. But the thinker, the refined, the sensitive souls who live by love vibrations are not in sympathy with mortality and death. Death and disease belong in the same vibrations. What is disease? It is a mistake! It comes from a violation of law. Then death comes in the same way. It is no part of our being, but is an error, a sin of ignorance. There is no doubt but disease and its consequence, death, is the result of ignorance. But shall we forever remain in such a state of mental stupidity? Shall the terror of death so paralyze our thinking powers, so stupefy the intellect, that we shall forever be led as sheep to the slaughter? Man has conquered many enemies. He will yet conquer the Last Enemy, called Death. When a man like Edison sets his mind to work on electricity, he is soon borne onward by his idea. He is no longer master of his thoughts. They master him, control him, inspire him, until he succeeds in illuminating the world. This is true of Regeneration in my own mind. It is not a fad, a hobby, or even a theory, but an inspiration. I have no other object in living. I AM the Resurrection and I AM the Life is forever sounding in my soul and filling my thoughts.

I have been severely criticised for airing "my private affairs" in Christian. Bless you, I have no private affairs. Ten years ago I threw away my own name and my life. The I AM assumed my life and my name. I am nothing and have nothing. I wouldn't care two straws if Christian should be suspended and all my present work cease. I have no father, mother, wife, children, houses, lands, or life after the flesh. If the I AM is not the husband of She Whom My Soul Loves then she hasn't any husband, for there is none other. For many long years the voice of the Spirit has been writing the Words: "I AM, T. J. Shelton." Therefore I am watching and waiting His movements. Utter indifference as to the outcome is my own attitude of mind. I put ten thousand dollars into "a hole in the ground," and am still putting more money into the same "hole," because the I AM furnished the money and gave the orders. I haven't the least doubt but millions will come out of this "hole in the ground;" but

I am not concerned about it. It is none of my business. "You are a fool," has been said to me over and over again by the wise ones who think they know it all. "Let him that would be wise become a fool that he may be wise." I am glad I was wise enough to become a fool. The revelations already fulfilled in me, if nothing more ever comes, are worth more than I ever received from man or books. Prophecy is a science. The prophet is never infallible. He makes many blunders; but in the end he succeeds with an infinite success. I am not satisfied with any other kind of success. I am studying the science of the Infinite; nothing less than the whole will fulfill my Ideal.

The prophet is not only not infallible, but is often not original, that is not consciously original in his utterances. For instance, I have been using the expression, "She Whom My Soul Loves," and in June Christian, in answer to a question. I said the words were not in the Bible. A friend calls my attention to Solomon's Song, and the words in Chapter 1st-"Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth." In all my Bible reading I had turned away from "The Song of Solomon" as something on the order of sensuality and voluptuousness. Since having my attention called to it, I find it is the only love song on earth. If you read it in the revised version, it is sublime and gives expression to the Divine Feminine in the fullness of inspired song. The words, "She Whom My Soul Loves," sang in my heart and I gave them expression without knowing that the same words had been used in the remote past.

The prophet must speak truth without regard as to who has spoken it before him, or who will speak it after him. For instance, if the Spirit of Truth was to write a new Bible, He would not leave out the inspired parts of the old Bible. He would, perhaps, use the very language of the old Bible in making the new one. Truth is always truth. It is never new and never old, but always the same, yesterday, to-day, and forever. In searching out the truth always bear in mind that you are studying a science and not a religion. In coming into a knowledge of Regeneration and the New Life, we will often make mistakes, but we must keep right on studying as we would any other science. There is no doubt, but the Universal wisdom is ready to impart this knowledge as fast as we are ready to receive it. Therefore put away all prejudices and preconceived notions, and receive the Truth as a little child. It will not do to get any particular theory into your mind and hold to it as if it were the truth and the whole truth and nothing but the truth. This is dogmatism. All such attitudes of mind block the way of truth. They are stumbling-blocks to all investigation. Put them away. Be ever ready to right about face, and go even in the opposite direction. We are in search of truth, and not simply trying to be consistent.

Intellect alone can not sustain man—without the inspiration of hope and love their labors cease or seek another sphere.

CASTING OUT DEVILS.

I find that my work of easting out devils is growing on me day by day. The world is full of unrest. The nerves of the human body are being worn threadbare. Nervous prostration is becoming one of the common diseases. It is a dreadful malady. Men and women are run at too high a pressure. They do too much work. They don't get enough sleep. There is too much anxiety. The nerves are strung up during the day, and there is no relaxation during the night. There is too much mental work, and not enough play. The following letter is a sample of many coming to my office. This letter was written by a bright, intelligent woman who is stenographer and typewriter for one of the largest firms in one of the largest cities in the United States. She has been carrying the burden of business in her own brain and pushing it forward with her own nerves. It is a shame that men will leave such a burden in the hands of a woman! But here is her story:

Dear Sir—I do not know whether you are a believer in the return of spirits or not, but I wish to relate a little of my experience, and if you can help me, I will be grateful to you always.

About a couple of months ago I began to operate on a Ouija board, and found that was able to get a great many messages on it that I could not account for. Spirits came purporting to be my guide, my brother, etc., and several others, claiming that I was their medium and that they were bound to look after me through life, telling me what a brilliant future I had before me, and some things concerning my family, nearly everything of which they have since contradicted. They told me that if I would use a pencil they would control my hand to write, and sure enough when I took a pencil something forced my hand to write, which spiritualists say is automatic writing. I also could play the piano the same way. These spirits, or whatever they were, began to grow very tyrannical, wanting to use my hand all the time, and said if I did not do exactly what they said, that they would make me so sick that I would be glad to. I am sure they are very sensual, for they began telling me that I should have sexual intercourse with some man or several, and that I should encourage this feeling. I told them that I was not that kind of a girl, and that I did not care for any such advice. They said I would do exactly as they said, and they also could have intercourse with me, and would, and if I resisted I would be very sick. Of course I resisted, and have not written any since or allowed them to say a word to me, but I have actually been very sick since, having very severe pains in the lower part of my abdomen and head, and a creepy feeling all over my body, that is awful to endure. Now, I would like to know what this is. I am pos-itive it is not my imagination. I have never believed very strongly in spiritualism and believe less in tampering with it now. I went to a physician and told him how I felt and he said there was some derangement that caused my nervousness, but of course I would not explain what I believe to be the cause to him, as he would think I was a little unbalanced, or something of that sort.

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This is not an endorsement of the present order, for it is wrong in both principle and practice; but it can not be changed by open war against it. The change must come through the law of non-resistance. The sun does not attack the iceberg; it simply shines and shines until the iceberg disappears.

The new life must come into manifestation gradually, by slow unfoldment, and the old life will go out in the same way. Somebody must proclaim the new gospel and somebody must begin to live the new life. "The only way to resume is to resume," is what John Sherman said, when everybody was discussing the resumption of specie payments. The only way to change the present order of life is to change it in yourself. I am frequently asked: "Why do you discuss regeneration and the new birth before it shall have been accomplished?" Because all things are created by the Word. There is no other way of making things, creating conditions, or manifesting except through the Spoken Word. This earth would have forever remained shrouded in a mist of darkness if God had not said: "Let there be light." All things were created and are now held together "by the Word of His Power." It is the creative principle.

The Spoken Word being the creative principle, it must be spoken. You had as well say: "Why didn't the old abolitionists wait until the negroes were free before they advocated the abolition of slavery?" There never would have been an abolition of slavery, if it had not been for the spoken word of a few brave men and women. These prophets kept agitating the question in the face of jeers, sneers and mobs. Praise God for such prophets! I am the prophet of Regeneration and the new Life. As long as Christian is published it will proclaim the coming of the new order of things. No amount of abuse, criticism, or censure will cause me to be silent. Mortality is a mistake. This error, this sin, must be corrected. It does not matter how many sons of God die to redeem the world; it must be redeemed at any cost. We can not endure this state of things any longer.

"Thou wilt not leave us in the dust;

Thou madest man, he knows not why; He thinks he was not made to die; And Thou hast made him; Thou art just."

If this last statement, "Thou art just," is true, the time has come for a manifestation of Divine Justice. Mortality is a mistake, and by the law of unfoldment this blunder, this mistake should be corrected. The day is at hand! The more enlightened, the more sensitive we become, the more awful seems the mistake of mortality. It is all well enough for men and women on the animal plane to die, or even go out and slaughter each other with bullets and swords. But the thinker, the refined, the sensitive souls who live by love vibrations are not in sympathy with mortality and death. Death and disease belong in the same vibrations. What is disease? It is a mistake! It comes from a violation of law. Then death comes in the same way. It is no part of our being, but is an error, a sin of ignorance. There is no doubt but disease and its consequence. death, is the result of ignorance. But shall we forever remain in such a state of mental stupidity? Shall the terror of death so paralyze our thinking powers, so stupefy the intellect, that we shall forever be led as sheep to the slaughter? Man has conquered many enemies. He will yet conquer the Last Enemy, called Death. When a man like Edison sets his mind to work on electricity, he is soon borne onward by his idea. He is no longer master of his thoughts. They master him, control him, inspire him, until he succeeds in illuminating the world. This is true of Regeneration in my own mind. It is not a fad, a hobby, or even a theory, but an inspiration. I have no other object in living. I AM the Resurrection and I AM the Life is forever sounding in my soul and filling my thoughts.

I have been severely criticised for airing "my private affairs" in Christian. Bless you, I have no private affairs. Ten years ago I threw away my own name and my life. The I AM assumed my life and my name. I am nothing and have nothing. I wouldn't care two straws if Christian should be suspended and all my present work cease. I have no father, mother, wife, children, houses, lands, or life after the flesh. If the I AM is not the husband of She Whom My Soul Loves then she hasn't any husband, for there is none other. For many long years the voice of the Spirit has been writing the Words: "I AM, T. J. Shelton." Therefore I am watching and waiting His movements. Utter indifference as to the outcome is my own attitude of mind. I put ten thousand dollars into "a hole in the ground," and am still putting more money into the same "hole," because the I AM furnished the money and gave the orders. I haven't the least doubt but millions will come out of this "hole in the ground;" but

I am not concerned about it. It is none of my business. "You are a fool," has been said to me over and over again by the wise ones who think they know it all. "Let him that would be wise become a fool that he may be wise." I am glad I was wise enough to become a fool. The revelations already fulfilled in me, if nothing more ever comes, are worth more than I ever received from man or books. Prophecy is a science. The prophet is never infallible. He makes many blunders; but in the end he succeeds with an infinite success. I am not satisfied with any other kind of success. I am studying the science of the Infinite; nothing less than the whole will fulfill my Ideal.

The prophet is not only not infallible, but is often not original, that is not consciously original in his utterances. For instance, I have been using the expression, "She Whom My Soul Loves," and in June Christian, in answer to a question, I said the words were not in the Bible. A friend calls my attention to Solomon's Song, and the words in Chapter 1st-"Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth." In all my Bible reading I had turned away from "The Song of Solomon" as something on the order of sensuality and voluptuousness. Since having my attention called to it, I find it is the only love song on earth. If you read it in the revised version, it is sublime and gives expression to the Divine Feminine in the fullness of inspired song. The words, "She Whom My Soul Loves," sang in my heart and I gave them expression without knowing that the same words had been used in the remote past.

The prophet must speak truth without regard as to who has spoken it before him, or who will speak it after him. For instance, if the Spirit of Truth was to write a new Bible, He would not leave out the inspired parts of the old Bible. He would, perhaps, use the very language of the old Bible in making the new one. Truth is always truth. It is never new and never old, but always the same, yesterday, to-day, and forever. In searching out the truth always hear in mind that you are studying a science and not a religion. In coming into a knowledge of Regeneration and the New Life, we will often make mistakes, but we must keep right on studying as we would any other science. There is no doubt, but the Universal wisdom is ready to impart this knowledge as fast as we are ready to receive it. Therefore put away all prejudices and preconceived notions, and receive the Truth as a little child. It will not do to get any particular theory into your mind and hold to it as if it were the truth and the whole truth and nothing but the truth. This is dogmatism. All such attitudes of mind block the way of truth. They are stumbling-blocks to all investigation. Put them away. Be ever ready to right about face, and go even in the opposite direction. We are in search of truth, and not simply trying to be consistent.

Intellect alone can not sustain man—without the inspiration of hope and love their labors cease or seek another sphere.

CASTING OUT DEVILS.

I find that my work of easting out devils is growing on me day by day. The world is full of unrest. The nerves of the human body are being worn threadbare. Nervous prostration is becoming one of the common diseases. It is a dreadful malady. Men and women are run at too high a pressure. They do too much work. They don't get enough sleep. There is too much anxiety. The nerves are strung up during the day, and there is no relaxation during the night. There is too much mental work, and not enough play. The following letter is a sample of many coming to my office. This letter was written by a bright, intelligent woman who is stenographer and typewriter for one of the largest firms in one of the largest cities in the United States. She has been carrying the burden of business in her own brain and pushing it forward with her own nerves. It is a shame that men will leave such a burden in the hands of a woman! But here is her story:

Dear Sir—I do not know whether you are a believer in the return of spirits or not, but I wish to relate a little of my experience, and if you can help me, I will be grateful to you always.

About a couple of months ago I began to operate on a Ouija board, and found that I was able to get a great many messages on it that I could not account for. Spirits came purporting to be my guide, my brother, etc., and several others, claiming that I was their medium and that they were bound to look after me through life, telling me what a brilliant future I had before me, and some things concerning my family, nearly every thing of which they have since contradicted. They told me that if I would use a pencil they would control my hand to write and sure enough when I took a pencil something forced my hand to write, which spiritualists say is automatic writing. I also could play the plano the same way. These spirits, or the plano the same way. These spirit whatever they were, began to grow very tyrannical, wanting to use my hand all the time, and said if I did not do exactly what they said, that they would make me so sick that I would be glad to. I am sure they are very sensual, for they began telling me that I should have sexual intercourse with some man or several, and that I should encourage this feeling. I told them that I was not that kind of a girl, and that I did not care for any such advice. They said I would do exactly as they said, and they also could have intercourse with me, and would, and if I resisted I would be very sick. Of course I resisted, and have not written any since or allowed them to say a word to me, but I have actually been very sick since, having very severe pains in the lower part of my abdomen and head, and a creepy feeling all body, that is awful to endure. Now, over my I would like to know what this is. I am pos-itive it is not my imagination. I have never believed very strongly in spiritualism and believe less in tampering with it now. I went to a physician and told him how I felt and he said there was some derangement that caused my nervousness, but of course I would not explain what I believe to be the cause to him, as he would think I was a little unbalanced, or something of that sort. I have been told that if I would make my-

self positive and will them away, that they would be forced to go, but I am not able to do this all of myself, and what I wish of you, doctor, is that you would send out very strong thoughts to force them away, and also help me to be stronger and assert my rights to rule my own body. I can not explain to you how anxious I am about this matter, or what I have suffered mentally and physically.

I enclose a dollar for one month's treatment, and only wish it was ten. You may think this a very strange case, but if there ever was a case of a mortal being pursued by evil spirits, I am surely one of them. I hope you will not think this come from disordered nerves, for I assure you it does not. If you will give my case a little special attention, and relieve me of this condition, I shall never cease to be thankful to you.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and that you will regard this as confidential, I remain, Yours truly, (Miss) H. L.

No, my dear girl, it is not a strange case, but a very common one. There are no "spirits" connected with it. If you were thrown into the water, and were not able to swim or float, you would drown. Why? Because the water pressing in and around you would smother you and take away your breath. You are surrounded in the psychic atmosphere with all the thoughts of the world, past and present. Through the Ouija board, you opened the door for all kinds of thoughts to flow into your mind. You made yourself passive and negative to these influences, and so you came very nearly drowning. The top of your head was affected; the base of your brain was affected; the spinal column reaching to the sexual organs was affected. Therefore, you heard all kinds of thoughts passing to and fro in your mind. Did you ever stand at a telephone when the wires were crossed? You know how many different voices float in on you. It is precisely the same condition your nervous system was in when you heard all of these thoughts speaking in you. Sweetheart, you must remember that thoughts are things. There was no ghost or spook, but simply the influx of all kinds of thinking. It was just the same as if muddy water and clear water and all kinds of water should come flowing into the room in which you sat. What are you to do? I have already done for you the very best thing that can be done. I have spoken peace to your soul, rest to your nerves, and clearness of vision to your mind. I want you to get strong and then close the door and keep it closed to all kinds of thoughts except those in harmony with the Truth. Put forever out of your mind the idea that any other individual is in control of you. You are Queen in your own realm.

THE POWER OF EVIL.

There is not any power in evil except what we put into it. Evil is not a principle of being, but a condition of the understanding. If evil were a principle, a truth, then all would be evil. There can not be two principles or two truths. All principle and all truth is one. In the very nature of things you can not have two principles of being, one evil and the other good. There is no such thing as positive and negative forces; there is only the positive. But man, in his ignorance, has made a God and a Devil. Now, in the nature of things, there is only God, the one Principle of Being. Therefore, all power outside of this one principle is reflected power. It is borrowed

splendor. You put into evil all the power there is in it.

For instance, there is something in nature that we call alcohol. It is the vital spirit of corn, wheat, rye and other grains. It is the spirit in the grape; it is the sunshine in luscious fruit; it is God in everything. Men learned to make wine and strong drinks by extracting the alcohol. It was used as a medicine and a stimulant. The time was when all men drank wine. Jesus Christ drank it. It was a common beverage; it was just as common and just as harmless as our tea, coffee and milk. But in modern times alcohol is a dangerous thing. Why? Because men have put power into it. They have put alcohol on the throne, and have placed a sceptre in its hands, and bowed down to it as a king. They have crowned this king and called it "King Alcohol." Men have preached sermons about its power; women have prayed to be delivered from its sovereignty; it has been thoroughly advertised all over the earth as a great and mighty monarch. This has given power to an evil, or made a blessing into an evil. There was really no power in alcohol to injure any one, else Jesus Christ would not have made wine. All power is in thought, and men have put into alcohol the power of their own wrong thinking. They have given it a crown and a sceptre which really belong to themselves. Many a man and many a woman go staggering to a drunkard's grave because they have surrendered their own power into the hands of this imaginary monarch. All power in heaven and in earth belongs to man, but when man abdicates his throne and surrenders his sceptre to evil, he becomes a serf, a slave to his own imagination.

Men are now busily engaged manufacturing another king, whom they call Capital. There are apostles, prophets and evangelists all over the earth preaching power into what they call Capital. They are making a distinction between capital and labor. On the one hand, Labor is crowned and given a sceptre to rule over and regulate Capital; on the other hand, Capital is made to appear as a tyrant, an oppressor, an enemy to Labor. The world is becoming divided into two great armies, under two imaginary kings, called Capital and Labor. Now, there really is not any harm in capital or labor. In principle they are one and the same. Capital is labor, and labor is capital. It is silly to try to array these into antagonistic forces. It is the old fraud of God and Devil. Just as long as men think there are two principles of being, it will crop out in their practice. Capital is not the enemy of Labor, and Labor is not the enemy of Capital. The one is essential to the other. There would be no labor to employ if there were no capital to employ it.

This principle works good in all imaginary evils, and all evils are imaginary. You put into disease, distress, poverty, and all other ills, all the power and potency they possess. Why? Because all power is in you. You are God in your own domain. You are master of your own environment. You are the architect of your own fortunes. There is no power in evil unless you put the power into it. You give forth from yourself the power that all your antagonists possess; they have no power against you unless you lend it. You are good; there is not anything in your essential being but good; therefore, disarm all your enemies by putting away enmity. Take the crown from King Alcohol, King Disease, King Poverty, and put it on your own head!

IN AN EDITOR'S EYE.

The following fraternal letter is from the editor of *Spirit Fruit*, Lisbon, Ohio. He sends a dollar for Christian. It is not often that an editor pays for an exchange; but since Elbert Hubbard has extracted the exchange list from newspaper etiquette, I don't know but that it will be a good plan for us to pay for what we get. This would save us from loading our desks down with papers that we never read. But here is the letter:

Lisbon, Ohio, June 10, 1900.

T. J. Shelton, Denver, Colo.: Bro. T. J.—I've just finished June "Christian." I feel like writing a few words of congratulation to you and "Blanche."

That a new spirit is entering "Christian" is evident. The "Not I" is being crowded out slowly but surely, for he can not remain in the presence of "Blanche." Of course, you are aware that a large number of your readers expect the "Not I" in you to help the "Not I" in them. They pay you for it, and have a right to expect it of you. So, while the "I AM" is free, the "Not I" is still under contract. I believe you are now receiving the life which will rid you of this fellow who enters contracts. Of course, as long as you retain him, you must expect some of his fruits.

I have been much interested in the "dashing charges" you have made. You have entered many a tunnel with great bravery, declaring that "now you had it," only to come out at the other end of the opening, to show your honesty, in telling your readers, "you're mistaken, it was only theory and not fact." When you made your positive assertions regarding what you have now found to be the opposite of those assertions, some of your readers smiled and said, "Just wait until he finds her." Now you are again making statements concerning which we "smile," and say, "Wait."

Do you know that all spirits go to the sun center at death? Where is the sun center? You say, in your last issue, you have just lately entered that center. Would you have gotten there sooner, if you had passed out of the mortal a year or two ago? And since you are in the sun center, can not you communicate to Edna through a medium concerning anything you choose? Does it not give people the impression that the sun center you speak of, in your writing, is far away?

Your work and joy are equally great. With love, I am,

J. L. BEILHART, Editor of Spirit Fruit

Only a few words in answer to the above. First, a new spirit is not entering into Christian. The same spirit that has always edited Christian is still editing it. There is a little more fullness of the same spirit, that is all.

The I AM is not under contract, neither is the Not I. "Freely ye have received, freely give." I give something for something, and all persons who want something for nothing are not drawn to me. I am giving my time and attention to those who pay me for it—and this is scientific.

The sun center is in the sun, whether in me or in the heavens. I am a whole solar system within myself, made after the image and likeness of the solar systems of the Universe. My sun center is in my own sun, and my own sun is within me. Instead of revolving around my zodiac, I have found my sun center and know that my zodiac revolves around me. All I know about spirits going direct to the sun is what was told me by the Sun. My word is not proof to you, but the word of the I AM is proof to me. It doesn't matter to me whether you or any one else believes it or not. I know it is the truth. I say these things, because I feel like speaking, not that I want to convince you. The man who speaks the truth does so for the joy of utterance, and not for the sake of making converts.

She Whom My Soul Loves is the inspiration, and not the intellect of CHRISTIAN. She is the Spirit of healing. My power to heal has been doubled by her coming, as my patients are already beginning to realize. I return your greetings, and may *Spirit Fruit* continue to bear fruit.

AUTOMATIC TELEPATHY.

Mr. W. T. Stead, after several years of critical investigation and personal experience in automatic telepathy, has embodied the results of the same in a plain, concise and reliable statement, as follows:

"I have now for several years conducted a series of experiments of automatic writing with friends in various parts of the world, and have arrived, after much experience, at certain conclusions, about which I feel tolerably certain. 'Automatic hand-writing' is a term used to describe writing which is obtained when the recipient, holding pen or pencil, places his hand lightly upon a sheet of paper and allows the mind of the communicating person to use that hand as their own. To many it may seem incredible that if you disconnect, as it were, your hand from your mind, and place it at the disposal of a third party, your hand should write anything intelligible. I do not say that all persons have this faculty. was extremely surprised when I was first told that such a thing was possible. But after a very little practice I found no difficulty in obtaining results as described, and to this day I have only to make my mind passive, place my hand with a pen upon a sheet of paper, to ring up, as I may desire, on the telepathic exchange, any friend of the circle of those who can write with my hand, and my hand then and there differs only from the letters which the person would write himself in that it is in a different handwriting from his own or from my own, and is usually much more frank and outspoken than if it had been written by his hand instead of by mine. The conclusions at which I have arrived as the result of experiments carried on for the last six or seven years

are: "First—That no one can say beforehand whether any particular person can or can not use my hand for the purpose of telepathy or automatic handwriting. Some friends who are very near and dear to me utterly fail. Others with whom I am not on particularly near terms write with considerable accuracy. "Secondly—It is not in the least necessary for the person who writes with your hand to be conscious that you are receiving" such a communication from him. That is to say, you ring up your friend and ask him to communicate by the aid of my automatic hand. That message does not, as a rule, produce the least impression upon his physical consciousness. The friend will use my hand to tell me the whole series of incidents which he did not intend to communicate to me.

me. "Thirdly—It makes no difference for the receipt of the telepathic communications whether the person from whom you receive them is asleep or awake, or is engaged in any kind of mental or physical exercise. The sub-conscious mind, which alone is exercised in all sub-telepathic transmission, takes no account of these external circumstances, is always ready to be rung up and never resents any questions. "Fourthly—The most accurate commu-

"Fourthly—The most accurate communications are always those relating to subjects upon which the person from whom the communication is received feels deeply. An intense feeling, either of joy or sorrow, is transmitted not merely with accuracy, but with a certain intensification of emotion, whereas the inquiries as to prosaic details, such as what they may have had for dinner, or by what train they came up to town, are apt to be considered quite wrongly.

"Fifthly—The value of these auto-telepathic communications is materially impaired by the fact that the transmitting sub-conscious mind, of whoever it may be, is apt to confound thought with things, and to describe a fierce determination to do harm as if the harm were absolutely accomplished. In the same way a great dread lest an accident should occur will often be rendered as an absolute statement—as a fact that the accident has occurred.

"Sixthly-Another element which deprives the communications of the value which at one time I thought they might possess, is that the communicating mind, whoever it may be, is sublimely oblivious to considerations of time. That is to say, my hand has often written accurate descriptions of the mental state of a person from whom the message came which were perfectly accurate some years, months, weeks, or even hours before, but which were not correct at the moment at which the message was written. This, however, is a comparative bagatelle, compared with the element of marvel that is introduced by the fact that the automatic hand will frequently describe events as having already happened which have not happened at all, but which subsequently happened exactly as described. have had so many experiences of this sort that if any one of my friends were to write with my hand and inform me that any accident or piece of good fortune had befallen him, especially if the message were given with any particularity of detail, I should feel tolerably certain that if it had not happened at the time of writing it would certainly happen before long. I always make a rule of submitting all the writing which I receive to my friends from whom it purports to be a communication, and their annotations are extremely interesting.

"Automatic Telepathy" is rightly so named because the word "automatic" is "applied," according to Webster, "to animal motions." Though the word is "especially applied to machinery, in which certain movements, commonly made by hand, are made by the machine itself," this does not preclude any movement made by the hand from being automatic. Indeed, it seems to show that all movements of the hand are automatic, and certainly so in the way Mr. Stead describes.

I quote the above statements from Mr. Stead because they apply to automatic hear-

ing as well as to automatic writing. I believe that all parts of the body act automatically and that the I AM that I AM is the only Mind, or Moving Power in the universe. All parts of the body obey the brain and the brain obeys the Spirit. I used to think that I had a mind of my own and a will, separate, and apart from the Universal Will. Then, when I began to hear and see in the subjective I thought I was under the control of a spirit. Now I believe that the Universal Spirit controls both my hearing and my seeing. If any departed one was used by the Universal Spirit, it was only to approach me with a better understanding. Therefore, I come to the Fountain Head, and ask to be directed from headquarters. Mind you, I don't say that departed spirits may not communicate by telepathy with the living; but if you can get light directly from the Sun, what is the use in using a tallow candle, or even a star? Therefore the highest order of mediumship is that which appeals directly to the Universal Light. In this way we may come into the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth. The individual intelligence is always limited by its environment. Somebody must get information first hand, and why not I? All books were either written second hand, and are therefore plagiarisms, or else they came by direct inspiration from the Universal. I prefer to be a seer, a prophet of the Sun. I don't want any more second hand information. It is said in the old Book that God is no respecter of persons; therefore, I have a right to approach the I AM that I AM and ask for knowledge. Humanity has been weakened by its inclination to take everything second hand. It is so much easier to follow in the lead of some one else. It saves time and the putting forth of energy to get thought as a "hand-me-down." Therefore, we let the lawyer, the preacher, the physician, the politician do our thinking for us. But it is a great joy to know that you may approach the very fountain of thought and receive Truth from the Eternal Source of all Truth. This is the reason why I am asking you to put aside all of the lower orders of mediumship. Refuse to be the medium of any other than your own spirit; and demand that your own spirit communicate with the Father of Lights, in whom there is no variableness or shadow that is cast by turning. This is part of the unfolding spirit mentioned by the prophet: "They shall all know Me, from the least to the greatest, saith the Lord; for I will put my law into their minds, and write it in their hearts."

This is the only way that happiness can come to mankind. All of us must know the Truth and know it for ourselves. Light must shine for all and in all. Now, this automatic hearing is like automatic writing. There must be sincerity, honesty and truthfulness in the one who is making the investigation. You may communicate with any person anywhere in the universe, if you are only honest and true and ask for what you really want to know. It is not at all necessary that the person with whom you wish to communicate should have objective consciousness of what is going on; and yet, the subjective will shut up and close the door, if you attempt to steal information, which you ought not to receive. The human will is never coerced or hypnotized by the Divine Will. Human freedom is always treated with respect. The domain of another is private property. But where you need to know, you can always get information. You must always remember the point made by Mr. Stead, that the Spirit does not recognize time. In the domain of Spirit, what is to be already is, and therefore may be so communicated. The prophetic vision always reveals things that are to be as if they had already occurred, or were at least close at hand. Things that have transpired this year were revealed to me ten years ago. You not only see and hear, but you feel the vibrations of what is to be, as if it were actually taking place at the time. This is the one point that you are to guard.

It is a study, a science, and must be systematized. The world is just now getting ready to take its first lessons in telepathy. Distance, space, time are all unknown in the domain of Spirit. Therefore, you must get used to omnipresence, omniscience, and come into a sense of eternity. This will prepare your mind to receive instruction from the Universal Spirit, otherwise you will be led hither and thither by the individual spirit. The first lessons, and most practical, are in the use of telepathy between individuals now living on the earth. When I shall have finished this kind of investigation I am ready to explore other domains.

Another fact that you want to heed is that the transmitter is seldom conscious of the communication. The receiver is the only one conscious of hearing words spoken. This is not always true, but it is generally true. Edna does not try to communicate with me by telepathy. She simply thinks, knowing that I will hear her thoughts. In calling her up, through Helen, I not only received her communication, but heard her voice. The voice was heard clairaudiently. But this is on the same principle of the telephone. You do not hear the words spoken in the ear of another person at the telephone. Helen was simply the instrument, and my own clairaudience, the receiver. I receive the same kind of communications without the assistance of any one; but I can't always call up the person with whom I wish to communicate. The use of another as a telephone assists in calling up the one with whom you wish to communicate.

The one strong point is that the human ear and the human eye can see more than is seen and heard in the objective world. There is a double vision and a double hearing. The limit of physical vision is the horizon of earth and sky. There is no limit to spiritual vision. The same is true of spiritual hearing. We have just begun to find out that we live in two worlds.

Some men are deep versed in others, and shallow in themselves.

CHRISTIAN

THE GIFT OF HEALING.

I use the following letter as a text for a few remarks upon the above subject. It is a private letter and I give extracts. It is written by a lady who has given much thought to this subject. She says:

"To the question in Christian, 'Why did not the I AM use the mother without tele-graphing to you?' you answer 'I don't know.' I thought a little about it, because I thought your teachings, as well as others, would favor the idea that in all manifestations, whether natural or spiritual, a universal law was always followed. And it is generally conceived in these days, that to follow or carry out a law, always concerns both mas-culine and feminine. Is it not getting to be quite certain that one never works without the other, whether you know it or not? It was your own experience and suggestions of late, that you were going to manifest more and better in regard to telepathy, now you had found some one who was sure to Last night the idea seemed to help you! unfold. I could see what I meant, but the difficulty was in giving expression to what I understood, and it kept me awake. I got it well after a while, but it wafted away, and I kept trying to fix it up into an intelligent way. Finally I got up and wrote a sentence that satisfied me, but if you do not see much in it do not laugh at me, but you may laugh with me. The masculine realizes truth (sun) by thought in the abstract: the feminine reflects that thought and manifests by action. I went asleep soon after. Now the nearest I can give to my idea is, the masculine impregnates the feminine with his thought (hence you were called upon as being needed, that she might-moonlight-

by reflection make manifest in action). "Now this is the best I can do to express what I seemed to understand very well. Do not fear to express your opinion, if it seems nonsense to you."

It is not nonsense to me, but on the contrary it is science. Everything is governed by law. The law of manifestation is, that the principle back of manifestation must be male and female. I am satisfied that in all my healing, the feminine principle has been active, while my word has been silent. I am so sensitive about even the handling of my mail, that no one but She Whom My Soul Loves, or Helen, handles the letters coming in or going out. There is a subtle, spiritual influence imparted by the touch of the hand, in fact the whole aura of the room should be under the control of the Spirit of Truth. If I should receive callers into my healing room, it would soon be filled with discord. Certain kinds of people are permitted to enter this room, but it is seldom any one is in it, save us three and those we call here, in the Spirit, for healing.

The creative principle is the Word, but the Word is both male and female. Everything in the objective world was born out of the Word. In the universal language of symbols, every object in the material world is a word. These words are signs of ideas. For instance, a horse is a truth; certain variations of truth are expressed by different colors. A white horse is the highest spiritual truth; a red horse is war; a black horse is justice or law; a pale horse is death and hell. A living horse is the living truth, and to be mounted upon a horse is the highest symbol of success. Every individual thing in the objective world is an idea. Now all these things were brought into manifestation by the one principle which is male and female. A man and woman upon the physical plane have the power to bring into manifestation a human being. This is on the very lowest order of action, and all life is activity. It has been demonstrated that the masculine and feminine mind acting together, have produced the best literature of the world. It may be that the woman is the objective or dominant force, as in the case of George Eliot and Prof. Lewes. But in all demonstrations of this kind, the woman is either silent or active, she is never absent. There are seeming exceptions to this rule, but I do not believe in all literature there is a real exception. If the facts were all known, it would be found that in all productions worthy of immortality, both the feminine and masculine principle have been in evidence.

Since men and women have the power to produce upon the physical plane, by the law of vibrations used in ignorance, why can they not reproduce, recreate and regenerate, by the use of these vibrations, intelligently? They can, and they are just now coming into their own divinity. "Let them have dominion," was the first word spoken by the Word in reference to the man and the woman. This dominion is without limitation. It is the male and female acting together, thinking together, who constitute the image and likeness of the universal principle. The trouble has been that the man has endeavored to do things by himself. He has looked down on woman as a plaything, an inferior, and himself as the great and mighty force in nature. Woman has either submitted and become the serf, the servant of man, or else when she asserted her own individuality she went in the opposite direction and separated herself from man. Why is it, when a woman comes to the front and begins to assert herself, that her husband hides away and becomes a cipher? Because neither understand the principle, the universal law behind all manifestations. Man by himself is a half-God, and a half-truth is the very worst form of a lie. A woman by herself is a half-God. She is whole in her femininity, but that is not the wholeness of the principle. A half-truth is deceptive, in the fact that you think it is the whole truth. We are just now coming into the place where we understand that the masculine and the feminine must be blended together to form the whole truth. First, there must be love, not lust, not mere animal desire, but love. Love is universal in its vibrations. Desire is local and selfish. Therefore, I say unto you that love must exist between the man and the woman, and then harmony. Harmony is the first essential of music. Healing vibrations are always musical vibrations. Given love and harmony between the masculine and the feminine, you will have all power in heaven and on earth. There isn't any kind of disease or disorder that can exist in the presence of this harmony. The twain become One and put themselves in unison with the Universal. Therefore, the Universal Harmony becomes the harmony of their own souls. Universal power the power of their own individual being. In other words, the individual is identified with the Universal. Here is where the eternal paradox comes before the mind. You can not tell where the individual ends and where the universal begins; therefore, when I say on the one hand I AM God, and on the other hand, I am nothing, I am speaking the truth in both statements. Either statement separated from the other would be a half truth. If in my thought I separate myself from the I AM, I am nothing, but when I identify myself with the I AM, I am everything.

This principle holds good when I attempt to separate myself from my feminine self. "Nevertheless, neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. For as the woman is of the man, even is the man also by the woman; but all things of God." If I should say I am feminine, I would be speaking the truth, and yet I am masculine. But my being is not a whole thing, if it is separated from my other self. Therefore, in speaking the truth, I can not speak the whole truth unless she whom my soul loves speaks it with me. The time must come when she will see objectively and subjectively all that I see. She will hear clairaudiently all that I hear. Our hearing must be one hearing, our seeing one seeing, and our thinking one thought. The two natures must be so perfectly blended that you can not tell where the feminine begins, and where the masculine ends. This is the high plane to which mortality is tending. The descent of the divine feminine means the ascent of the divine masculine. The physical woman came forth from the physical man; whether we take this symbolically or literally, it is the truth. But in regeneration, the order is reversed and the spiritual man comes forth from the divine feminine. Out of her side during a deep sleep is taken the rib which forms the body of the real man, the one who reigns as the Son of God, the image and likeness of the Creator. It is She who is clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars upon her head; and from her comes forth a man child who is to rule the earth with a rod of iron; and it was her child who was caught up unto God, and to His throne. No matter if she did have to fly to the wilderness to escape from the lust of man. She has been fed there a thousand two hundred and three score days, and is now coming forth with the clear light of day. This universal law that brings forth everything through the union of the feminine and masculine is being understood. First demonstrations are in the healing of the sick, for there is nothing that will cause men to stop and investigate truth like being relieved from physical pain and distress. When she whom my soul loves speaks the Word in me, I will command life. There will be no "treating" day after day. and month after month, but my word of commandment will bring results at once.

It is fashionable for people to disbelieve the record of healing in the New Testa-

ment. But I know that Jesus Christ did all the healing ascribed to Him, and much more that has not been recorded. The record of the Gospels is true. Jesus commanded the blind to see and they saw. He healed all manner of sicknesses, cleansed lepers, cast out devils, and raised the dead. This is just as true as that the sun shines. These records of healing lie at the foundation of all our aspirations. It was this spirit of hope, of life, of power which created art, gave us music, and made it possible for us to be what we are to-day. Therefore, all these hints given in the New Testament are to be expanded into a world-wide science. The gift of healing will become the science of healing. There is no reason why I should not speak to a paralytic, to take up his bed and walk. Mind controls matter. If mind controls matter in small things, it controls it in great things. There is only one law governing vibrations. When we speak the right word, all power is behind that word. But we have been paralyzed by disease and death. It is the nature of mortal man to conform himself to the customs and habits of his environment. Disease has become so common, pain and misery so general, and death so certain, that we have taken all these conditions as a matter of course. The man who stands up and questions the present order is called a crank, a fanatic, a fool. And yet the electric light came to us through a slow unfoldment from a spark made by striking two flints together. The man who struck the two flints together and made a flash of light was the beginning of the great dynamo which lights our city. Jesus Christ walked on earth and commanded life. Instead of following up His teachings in a practical way, and developing the gift into a science, they made a religion out of it. Religion never improves, never makes any kind of progress; therefore, the flash of light from Jesus Christ is yet to be developed into the science of healing.

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Let us look, then, at the environment of Jesus Christ. He was born of a virgin. Don't you people get scared at what I am saying. It was a miraculous conception, and yet it was by the law of generation. Gabriel was the father of Jesus Christ. This is just what Luke says in his record. I will not say that I believe the story, for I have no kind of belief in anything. I know the story is true, for I have received my information from headquarters. The first miracle of Jesus Christ was performed by His mother Mary. It was her silent word and His spoken word which caused the water to turn to wine. Then afterwards, that other Mary, who was the soul-mate of Jesus Christ, spoke the Silent Word for all of His wonderful works. It was this soul-mate Mary who stood weeping at the sepulchre, and, by her silent word, raised Him from the dead. He was not dead, but He was among the dead. There is a deep spiritual meaning in all of these words. This one picture of Jesus Christ and the women with Him is the only redemption for the awful record of mortality. It is the one silver lining behind the dark clouds. Humanity has had this one beacon light on the shores of mortality. It is yet to be the splendor and the glory of the whole earth.

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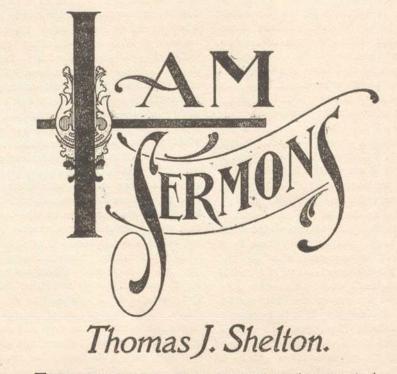
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