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Foreword



O you who read this message, I would say, "I have seen Jesus, the Christ." He stood in my kitchen as I ate my breakfast, and talked

merrily to me in a playful, loving, way at a time when he knew how soul-weary I was, after meeting with a super-human effort that which had appeared to be less than human in its attack. I had been healed from far-distant and exalted states, when I was not equal to the consciousness needed at the time, and had no one to whom I could turn and be understood. Possibly, and likely, he, himself, was there in the very church in which I almost succumbed, yet, no one, not even I, saw him; nor did I that day-but the Wednesday following, he came merrily into my presence and stood, while his great heart and mine proved itself one. He said to me, as we were about to part, following our jolly play-time, which seemed a good deal of a tease to my

7,2 (Nov1914) the Master Mind

Our friends, the Theosophists, are very practically extending us the hand of fellowship in asking certain of us to present our quota of Truth. Your Editor has been asked to address them at the Institute Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, at 8 p. m. The higher any of us go the nearer we draw together.

In Berkeley, Cal., a New Thought Peace Conference will be held on November 27th, under the auspices of the Berkeley Truth Students, where all the prominent speakers along these lines will be asked to give addresses, and a fine musical pro-

gram will be prepared.

All the financial returns will be contributed towards the 1915 New Thought World Congress Fund. They have procured the beautiful I. O. O. F. hall in Berkeley, and no efforts

will be spared to make it a great success.

A letter from Perry Joseph Green of Portland, Ore., tells of a flourishing work there. Speaking of the Sunday meetings, he says, "We have organized a Young People's Work, which meets at 7 o'clock before the evening lecture, and a Truth School, that meets before the 11 a.m. lecture.'

Mrs. Florence Crawford of Portland, Ore., is bringing out a new magazine, which, under her exquisite touch, will be a gem outwardly as well as a treasure box within. I have invited her to write a letter about it, and her own words are

its best introduction:

Portland, Ore., Sept. 9, 1914

My Dear Mrs. Militz-

I feel I would like to tell you of the little magazine, "The Comforter," which the Spirit is sending forth, through me, as its editor, and which is to make its first flight o'er the world the first day of next December. I say "flight" because on its cover of Persian blue, a silver dove with outstretched wings will be embossed, and I am expecting each little booklet to fly to some home and nestle there with its comforting message of Peace, Truth and Love.

It will surely interest you to know something of the way in which the Spirit has led me on toward this expression of Itself. I had long felt the urge to bring out a magazine, but took no active steps because I felt no especial leading: but one night, as I was sitting quietly in my study, the Spirit said the words "The Comforter,"-and then I knew! All at once, I saw its design, the blue cover with the dove, and the message of Peace, Comfort, Love, it was to bear. I realized it was to be a little magazine of the heart—so small that it could be carried in a handbag or pocket, and so be near at hand always.

This all came to me early in the summer, and now, since the cry of war is so appalling, I realize, more and more, the field that awaits "The Comforter." Even after the name had been given me, I went no further with the idea until one morning just as I woke up, I knew all that was to be in the first number, and that it was to make its appearance December first,—the Christ's birthday month.

The lessons, one of which will appear each month throughout the first year, were given to me by inspiration, as I treated a blind man; and the charts I use will be seen to bear a strong resemblance to an eye. Then again, the poem, "The Threshold," by Floy Tolbert Barnard, was written at the direction of the Spirit especially for "The Comforter." and it is so fitting that it should appear just as the magazine crosses the threshold of its career.

Nor is this all,—one evening, as I sat contemplating this new work, suddenly came the thought, "Do you realize the import of the name you are using? Are you big enough for that?" Startled, I quickly opened my Bible, lying near, and found my finger touching the words, "If you will not go your own way, nor do your own pleasure, nor speak your own words." What an answer!—the great Truth which man is so slow to learn! The way is not found through being "big," but through being NOTHING, NOTHING, nothing! Less and less all the time, that Spirit may be all.

This little magazine of the heart reaches out lovingly to your magazine of THE MASTER MIND for a loving blessing. When mind and heart

unite in His service what cannot be accomplished?

In Love and Truth, FLORENCE CRAWFORD.

May this blessed messenger go as far as the Spirit reaches in this earth, and be an abiding love-light throughout the years, until time shall be no more.

Harriet Hale Rix embarked from England on the American S. S. New York on October 10th, to enter into a very active ministry prepared for her at the Home of Truth, 147 West 73rd St., New York City. From Monday, Oct. 19th, to Nov. 14th, she gives an evening course of twelve lessons, Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, on How to Heal Yourself; and an afternoon (3 p. m.) class Mondays and Thursdays, on Concentration; conducts the Sunday services, 11 a. m.; also gives treatment and interviews privately, by appointment.

Miss Rix will give lessons in Philadelphia and Washington, and perhaps Syracuse and other places before her return to the Pacific Coast. She has been doing a good work in London, and lately a strong letter came from her to the Homes in San Francisco and Alameda, to join her in treating the state of mind in Europe that contributes to the prolonging of the war. It was my intention to publish the letter in this issue of the Magazine, but recent developments show that its publication had best be deferred a little time.

Mrs. Helen Rhodes Wallace writes a graphic letter of the way that matters stand in Edinburgh, and asks our good thoughts and whatever of our substance we may feel led to contribute towards keeping the Edinburgh Higher Thought Centre, 49 Shandwick Place, open and able to minister to those needing spiritual help and material also. Here is room for a good-neighbor work.

Mrs. Anna C. Howlett has opened rooms in Syracuse, N. Y., at The Kenyon, Warren St., where she holds meetings Monday evening, at 8, to which all are invited; and meets individuals by appointment.

Our Australia friends are full of activity. Sister Veni Cooper-Matthieson writes that the work in Perth has increased greatly, that her people have taken much of the ex-