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Greetings for the New Year

It Is Rich In Blessings For You and All

AS THE old year goes and the new comes one indulges somewhat in both retrospection and introspection. This is helpful if done without sentimentality, regret or condemnation for one's self or others.

In one sense we are done with the past and yet the essence of it goes with us. The Truth and Love and Beauty and Joy that we have realized in it are eternal and can never be taken from us. Knowing this, we should make each year richer than the last in what endures.

As thought goes out to the coming year my one desire for myself and others is for fuller, clearer vision of Truth; that is the one thing needful that one's life may be pure and strong in expression and true in every relation.

To gain this larger vision one must, first of all, form the habit of serenity, for the attitude of serenity is necessary for individual development; it is the supreme thing. No matter how the outer may seem to press, one should be able to say: None of these things move me; there should be a center of peace undisturbed by anything that takes place in the external.

Following this serenity will come the understanding of our daily experiences which will give us true interpretation of the conditions and events of our environment. When one understands what comes into his life he will have only love for it. This love will take from him all resistance and struggle and will bring peace within and harmony without.

Understanding leads to awareness of God, and this consciousness will speak itself forth spontaneously, in fullness, freedom and power as life, health, joy, goodness.

Our outer conditions today are a gage of our consciousness or lack of consciousness. One conscious of Life thinks it, speaks it, lives it; conscious of Love, of Wisdom, of Substance, of Wholeness, must realize these outwardly. This is the place of peace where living is joyful and glorious.

A question that sometimes comes is: "Why do I not demonstrate when for so long I have spoken the word faithfully?"

When one begins to study Truth, he is usually told that if he seems to lack any good thing he must speak the word for it persistently and it will bring the thing desired into manifestation. This is but partially true. It has been found that when one accepts Truth if he steadfastly thinks, speaks and lives in accord with his perception, he takes a step higher, he becomes conscious of the Truth, aware of Reality.

This consciousness reveals to him the beauty and goodness that already is. The word itself does not bring into manifestation, but it opens the spiritual vision and gives to us the consciousness of fulfillment.

Why one takes longer than another to reach this consciousness we cannot tell. But the fact that he asks the question is evidence that he is not far along in his development. To this one I would say: Withdraw your thought from the result and desire earnestly the realization of God's presence. Work for that. Speak the word steadfastly, not to bring about result, but because it is Truth. Above all, give your fullest attention to living the Truth. If both of these are done unswervingly the Light will come and there will be no lack in your world.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matt. 6:33.

During the coming year I wish for each one of us such realization of Truth that our lives may be transformed by the glory of the Inner Vision.

The following New Year's message was sent last year to his people by the Pastor of a Congregational Church on the western coast. It is so good that I pass it on to you this year:

Believing that our ideals are prophecies, that our ills can be cured, that our lives may be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that our personal characters and the social order are determined by the nature of our thoughts and the quality of our purposes, I send you this greeting as we face the New Year with its summons to life, trustworthy and triumphant.

Let us, therefore, live above the **FRET**, which poisons our bodies, disturbs our minds and embitters our spirits; above the **FOLLY** which robs us of our strength and adds to the burden of our friends; above the **FEAR**—of things present or things to come—which crushes courage and destroys hope.

Let us enter into the **PEACE** which shuts out all unworthy thoughts and helps to heal the hurt of the world; into the **POWER** which rises in character and goes forth in service; into the **POSSESSIONS** which impoverish none but enrich all; into the **APPRECIATION** which receives good from all that God hath made and uses for good all that God hath given; into the **PATIENCE** which trusts without shadow of doubt His Infinite Wisdom to supply our needs.

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THE LIGHT OF UNDERSTANDING

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THE ERA of the forced acceptance of any doctrine or creed has passed. We are learning the Truth of God, the presence of love, intelligence and power in which we live, move and have our being. We are learning that religion means the joy of living one's own life in the light of God's presence and the privilege of helping others to live theirs.

Religion is a revelation not to the soul, but of the soul; and the grace of God is of two kinds, that which enlightens the understanding, and that which moves the will. Plato's faith that ignorance is sin and knowledge and virtue are one, is being affirmed in our thought today.

We are beginning to see that creation is the unfolding of God, not as an unapproachable divinity, but as a presence of love and wisdom. Religion has not been discovered accidentally; it has been a steady growth in the knowledge and understanding of God.

An age of comparative freedom, of awakened thought, is also a time of great diversity of opinion. When a powerful impulse is given to thinking, an inevitable variety shows itself; today there are those who emphasize external means as the basis of our physical well being; to others bodily harmony comes through the mental realm alone; while still others insist that man will realize Truth only by denying physical expression a place and giving full attention to the spiritual.

It is the high province of Truth to disenthral us from bondage to limitations. Then we shall see that the physical, mental and spiritual are in Truth one. The law of God is the relation of cause to effect. God the Cause, creation the effect.

There is a canon of interpretation which should guide us in our examination of every teaching: "The human mentality has, under the necessary operation of its own laws, been compelled to entertain the same fundamental ideas, and the human heart to cherish the same feelings, in all ages." There never was nor ever will be a truly philosophical mind, whether Pagan, Jew or Christian, but has followed the same order of thought—first, that which is natural, then the mental, then the spiritual—three steps in soul unfoldment.

"Prove all things and hold fast that which is good," should be the motto of every student. Truth changeless and eternal exists; it is as free as the air to all who can grasp it; it can be neither invented nor monopolized by man. "Seek and ye shall find;" "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely;" "Whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely." Will is the power of decision. God draws us to himself, not by force, but by our own free will. The Bible, the greatest of all human documents, gives us the story of the awakening of the slumbering soul in man.

When we look at Jesus from a personal standpoint and apply to him the rule by which man is

usually measured, we find our measure hopelessly inadequate, for we discover in him a transcendental intelligence, a sublimity of character, an unlimited love, such as are not combined in any other person in the history of the world. But when we see him as one of the full grown flowers of humanity, a man whose mentality was illumined by divine wisdom, as one conscious of his relation to God, to man, to life, all that in him appeared strange or impossible becomes clear and comprehensible.

The Truth Jesus taught and lived, that inherent within each soul is the intelligence and power to adjust itself to the demands of life, is now beginning to be understood. We are learning to use our spiritual feet as well as our mental and physical, thereby knowing more and more of the unity, beauty and dignity of human life.

We find in the life of Jesus the mightiest influence to lift our aspirations to the Father as well as the fullest revelation of hope and peace. Through the understanding of his mission, the most barren life catches a glimpse of the great immortal life that is ours today. Jesus, a teacher of the most sublime code of ethics and filled with the conscious power of God, is the grandest figure of human life; and the gospel he taught and lived will reign supreme on that day when man recognizes but one Father and one Family.

In Jesus the perfect ideal has become real. The exhibition to the world of a perfect humanity in his life has taught a lesson which our systems of theology have overlooked, that sin and disease are no part of man, are not constituents of human nature, and his character in its spotless purity and healthfulness, exhibits the possibilities of our nature. Jesus is the model showing the sure result of **law understood and obeyed.**

Thy message of love has conquered, oh, Galilean! We are leaving behind us the dullness which belonged to the period of tradition; we are entering upon ages whose spirit we are seeking more clearly, and the future draws us by the vastness of its possibilities. The rich history of the past, so full of various incident, of suffering and sorrow, of grandeur, of powerful souls, fades into oblivion in the brilliancy of the illumination of that **inextinguishable light** which Jesus revealed to the waiting world, "The light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

"When a bit of sunshine hits ye,
After passing of a cloud,
When a fit of laughter gits ye
An' yer spine is feelin' proud,
Don't fergit to up and fling it
At a soul that's feelin' blue,
For the minit that ye sling it,
It's a boomerang to you."

PRACTICAL LESSONS IN DIVINE SCIENCE

MRS. C. L. BAUM

LESSON ONE

DURING the last few years while the strain and burden of the Great War lay heavy in the thought of humanity, there has been a returning of man to God, and with it came a strong desire to gain Spiritual Understanding that he might help the restless world enter into an abiding peace.

With this Spiritual longing came the question many times: "What is the something that is called Divine Science? Is it demonstrable? Does it help men to live better, stronger lives, and is it really practical? Or is it merely another form of religion that fails to satisfy or to help?"

Let us be very sure of one thing in the beginning, that Divine Science is not a new kind of religion, because there are no new kinds of religion. "What does the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy and walk humbly with thy God?"—Micah 6:8.

But there are thousands of theological beliefs, innumerable churches and many forms and ceremonies as results of various conceptions about religion.

Divine Science is a simple, logical and spiritual teaching, based wholly upon one great fundamental Truth—the Omnipresence of God, the All Good.

Divine Science means just what the words imply, God Knowledge, or Spiritual Understanding.

Let us start from this Basis:

God is all there is, Unmanifest and Manifest, Invisible and Visible, Creator and Creation.

There is no other Source or Cause but this one Infinite Presence and Power.

This One that is All fills the Universe with its Wisdom, Love, Power and Life.

As we think of this, we know, both from reason and from intuition, that it must be true; the old belief of two Powers, one good and one evil, will fall away and we then can take our next step, which is to realize our unity with our source and our Identity with all that It is.

We all need this understanding, for the race has drifted a long way from the simple, direct teaching of Jesus that God is Love, God is Spirit, God is Omnipresent, God is "Our Father," always helping us, healing us, blessing us with the Light of His Presence, "Closer is He than breathing, nearer than hands and feet."

Today we are forgetting the old dreary struggle of "trying to be saved," and we are experiencing comfort, strength and power by simply accepting the Omnipresence of God, the changeless Good, as the only reality.

It is in this Omnipresence that we can rest and find peace, rest from the problems and perplexities that still trouble the race thought.

Since our Source is Divine, then we, too, are Divine in nature, hence we can think, speak and live Divinely and for our own encouragement we can easily learn that thousands of people are doing this same thing today.

"There is one thing that is mightier than armies, that is an Idea when its time has come." The Idea of Man's Divinity has been born into the race thought with more power and understanding than ever before, hence man can declare: "Since I am born of God I can now manifest every quality of my Father."

In the first place, God is Love; therefore, I, as a center in this great Love Presence, can be continuously loving in thought, word and deed.

Since my Source is Spirit, I, too, am a Spiritual Being endowed with power to see the Truth and Goodness of the world in which I live.

Since my Father is Life and Health, I am eternal Life and Health. I can begin today to know this and to forget the foolish claims of sickness and disease, weakness and lack; for none of these delusions exist in my Source, hence they can no longer be realities to me.

All of this teaching of the One Presence everywhere is so simple, so understandable, that we wonder why man does not come out of his ignorance and suffering into a very real knowledge of himself as the eternal expression of the Living God.

Upon investigation, we find that it is because man has had a material basis from which to reason, he has believed in the external world that he sees about him as the only cause; hence, he has placed himself under things, under weather, under body, under conditions, and consequently he has brought to himself much tribulation.

When man is ready to come up higher he "will arise and go unto his Father" at once, for, unlike a child, he does not have to continue wearing his material clothes until he outgrows them, he can simply cast them aside and receive a whole new suit of Spiritual Ideas, a comprehension of his Divinity, one in Substance, Nature and Life with his Father—a self-revelation that will give him a far larger outlook and a wonderful understanding.

This Light does not come all at once, for at first we see partially, but then "face to face;" but in this Light we can see that each step we take is perfect and complete in itself. Finally we come to the place of renunciation of the personal, limited, separate self in the knowledge that "I and my Father are one."

From now on, we bear witness in all ways, at all times, to our Divine Nature, and we regard our life in the world as an opportunity, a great privilege and a greater joy.

Let us accept the will of Christ as our law, the spirit of Christ as our light and the love of Christ as our daily inspiration. So may we spend our days in the greatness and gladness and gratitude of our faith and steadily serve our fellows by what we say and do and are.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

RUTH DALZIEL ELDERKIN

IN THE early days before men had learned the arts of transportation and storage; before furnaces had been invented and systems of running water, the people of the North were held in bondage for months by snow and ice. They lived in semi-starvation and great discomfort, and were often visited by plagues. The lengthening days had for them a wonderful message of returning spring with fresh food and warmth. Festivals were held to celebrate the conquering of light over darkness, of life over death.

No matter how the storms might rage or the cold crack the trees and drive away the game, hope could not be discouraged, for spring, glorious spring, was on its way—the turn had been made, the sun was victorious.

Not by works of men did the great miracle take place, but by changeless law the warmth and light loosened the bonds of frost and brought forth the green fire of the forest and the beauty of the blossoming fields.

This is but the outward symbol of the mystery of our awakening to the Presence of God in ourselves and as our environment. The fullness of this wonder does not break on us all at once, lest we be blinded, but as the days slip by surely, inevitably, the light grows stronger, shining more and more unto the perfect day.

As the spring comes, with all its wealth and joy, not by man's effort but by Divine law, so the miracle of revelation comes to us, not by personal will but by the quickening of Divine Love. By the grace of God's Presence, by the truth of what we are, comes the day when the vision of Truth dawns on our mentality.

When, after bondage to beliefs in materiality, after the winter of belief in separation, limitation, sickness and death, we awaken to the glory and the goodness of Life.

We know that we are children of light, immortal spirit, partakers of the joy and power of the Father.

In this light we see the truth of the body, the flowing garment of God, marvelous in its living substance, perfect in form, shining with the radiance of the Presence: the Body of the Lord.

Through all our circumstances and relationships flows the love of God, manifesting the harmony and abundance, the joy and freedom of the One, that is All; making visible to our eyes the goodness and richness of Life.

No matter what the appearance may be we have had the revelation; we can never again be discouraged; regardless of the opinions of others, our light is come, the glory of the Lord shines round about us.

So we celebrate the coming of our New Year, the dawning of our new day. With faces turned eagerly to the light we greet each new month with joy, knowing that it brings a treasured gift; light on our path, fuller wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

This year, more than ever, we can face the New Year with courage and faith for the teaching that

Jesus gave to the world two thousand years ago, of the unity of man with God and of man with man, has been tested in the fire of world-experience and all the old beliefs of the righteousness of might, of belief in separation have been broken and men stand today with a vision of the unity of Life: the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man.

Through actual experience men have learned the strength of co-operation, the success of united effort. Through the trial of war they have learned that only righteousness shall endure forever and that the golden rule is the only practical standard of living.

Through the test of facts they have learned that to love one's neighbor not only brings a blessing to the neighbor but is the only sure way to bless one's self.

Thus has the race learned that to love God with all the heart and soul and mind includes all humanity and is indeed the fulfilling of all law.

For ages this knowledge has been held before men by the prophets; it is man's acceptance and application of it that makes the changed conditions. This change gives added joy to the New Year.

As this truth of the power of love has always existed—so has the truth of the perfection of life—and now this moment we may enter into its realization.

Those who are willing to lay down the burdens of the personal will and throw themselves with complete abandonment into the embrace of the will of God, relinquishing all belief of separation, will find that "underneath are the everlasting arms."

As surely as the days lengthen and bring forth the abundance of the earth, so surely will God's love glorify our lives and bring forth abundant fruits of wisdom and power, of supply and joy and companionship.

The one who studies, meditates on and gives to others this knowledge of the oneness of God and man will find health of body and peace of mind; he shall have a thousand virtues. He shall find love for his fellow man and for all creatures flowing from him as light radiates from the sun.

In the bliss of God's Presence we may now live the life of inspiration and of spontaneous expression.

Facing the New Year, let us anoint our eyes with the salve of wisdom and let not ignorance lead us into the belief of lack and limitation; let us anoint our hearts with the elixir of love and let no belief of separation blind us to the vision of God as all in all.

Now we are in the Glorious Presence, free from all harm; everlasting life is ours; we bask in the sunshine of Truth. Now the satisfying waters of the River of Life make our desert to blossom; now the leaves of the Tree of Life heal all our diseases.

"It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

"Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not

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RELIGION AND SCIENCE

First of a Series of Articles by

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ON BOTH sides of this great controversy then, truth must exist. An unbiased consideration of its general aspects forces us to conclude that religion, everywhere present as a weft running through the warp of human history, expresses some eternal fact, while it is almost a truism to say of science that it is an organized mass of facts, ever growing and ever being more completely purified from error. If both have bases in the reality of things, then between them there must be a fundamental harmony. It is an incredible hypothesis that there are two orders of truth, in absolute and everlasting opposition."—Spencer.

The race is demanding at the present time a religion that is scientific and a science that is religious. In the perception that truth never conflicts with truth, that a truth discovered by a Darwin or a Spencer must corroborate a truth perceived by a John or a Paul, man demands a rationalistic religion and a spiritualized science. The inevitable consequence of the fulfillment of this demand will be the utilization of this knowledge for the betterment of the human family, the demonstration of life and the development of the latent powers inherent in man.

Religion and science are the two sides of one great truth, the one incomplete without the other. Two truths may be complementary to each other, but one cannot contradict the other. There can be but one truth in the last analysis, and that the eternal order of universal life. Science, the systematic classification of discovered facts, must be the foundation of religion, and religion the intuitive perception of cause, order, beauty, design and purpose, is the fulfillment of science. Comprehending both sides intelligently, man acquires the mental grasp upon life and its methods which enables him to become the spiritual artist, with power to work out his own salvation.

Religion is primarily for the purpose of saving souls, but a stupendous truth is dawning upon man's consciousness today—the salvation of the soul includes the salvation of the body. It is impossible to be sound in mind and soul without being sound in body. Religion saves the soul first, and the salvation of the body follows as naturally and inevitably as seed time and harvest.

Religion, commencing with the interior life, is only completed when it establishes the kingdom of heaven on earth; science, commencing with earth, or the exterior of life, must grasp the heavens and hold them as the flower holds its perfume ere it satisfies the aspiring soul in man. The religion that is not completed and fulfilled by science is untrue, and the science that is not corroborated by religion must be rejected.

It is only with the union of the two that we are enabled to see through the design of God, the Creator, thus gaining power to work with the Designer. Then we become what the Designer has willed that we become—a part of the established order itself, with free hand and free will to work out the image that in us lies, a free soul in a spiritual world, a child of God working in an ocean of limitless possibilities.

Only the truth makes us free, and truth has always two sides, the inside and the outside, the cause and the effect. A careful study of the two aspects, however, will reveal the importance of the spiritual phase, for through this alone we gain our touch with cause, God.

Science will be used in the following pages mainly for illustration, the whole purport of these articles being to lead souls to God through a comprehension of exact truth and the application of that truth in the daily life.

When a soul awakens to the realities of life and discovers that a work has been laid out for it, and that this task is the working out of its own salvation, the principles of life are demanded in order to do it. **A principle is a statement which, when applied, demonstrates its exactness.** To work out our salvation is to bring into our outer lives what we innately are.

We have discovered the direct principle in mathematics, in chemistry and in music, and now life must become a part of the realm of exact and demonstrable science. We have demonstrated a more systematic and exact knowledge of our arts and sciences than we have of the Life which includes them all, and we have demonstrated their exactness to ourselves so frequently that we are qualified to speak and act upon them with authority. Because we have proved them, we know that they work out according to certain discovered laws. Now must human life, also, be brought into the same exact and definite category.

Science rejects all that cannot be proved and subjects all phenomena to a rigorous criticism and analysis in order to ascertain exact knowledge. Science as a basis of human civilization is now universally conceded. It is not doubted in art, industry, invention, agriculture or government. An intelligent people will not be less intelligent in religion, the most important domain in life, than in scientific fields of accomplishment.

Science is sacred—as sacred as religion—for all truth is divine and therefore spiritual. Herbert Spencer has this to say for science: "Be there or be there not any other revelation, we have a veritable revelation in science—a continuous disclosure through the intelligence with which we are endowed—of the established order of the universe. This disclosure it is the duty of every one to verify as far as in him lies, and, having verified, to receive with all humility."

One man spake with authority of the power of the spiritual life, and the truths that he uttered are demonstrable by us today. Jesus spoke with authority and directness, because he had proved his doctrine. The truths that he has given us are provable. Healing of thought, body and environment is demonstrable scientific fact, fact that we can prove for ourselves, irrespective of the experience or knowledge of anyone else. To fail to study and comprehend the spiritual truths of Christianity is suicidal—nothing short of it. It is from and through the Spirit that our lives are energized. Unless the stream be opened and kept flowing through our conscious knowledge and will, our lives, like the lamps of the foolish virgins, are going out because, forsooth, we have neglected to buy oil.

A few principles comprehended and applied would enable us to live our lives in joyous, unencumbered, spontaneity and freshness. The supreme principle of human life is its kinship to the Divine Life. What God is, man made in his image is also. All that belongs to God rightly belongs to man. Spiritual power is the ability to stand steadfast upon this basis and work from it. The life of the Infinite is man's to the extent that he is capable of appropriating it.

"Nature is an endless repetition and combination of very few laws—she hums the same well-known airs through innumerable variations." It is the "air" we must acquire. We must know it by heart; know it so systematically and thoroughly that we recognize it throughout its millions of variations; know it so that a strain of the true air will never fall upon our ear unheeded. Culture is sensitiveness to this air. The ability to consciously reproduce a variation of this that will be our own distinct contribution to the whole is creative power.

There is an unrest surging through the hearts of mankind that will no longer permit them to accept a religion which promises salvation in another life only. Our hearts are crying out for God now. And behold! when we open our Bibles and turn to the words of Christ a new meaning, a new revelation, bursts upon us and floods us with spiritual illumination. He tells us of the God that now is—of a God who is a very present help in the daily life. No longer is religion to us a matter of procrastination, but it supplies all of our requirements now, a God that stands ready to serve us now; a God whose good will it is to give us the kingdom now; a God who is fullness in our lives, health in our bodies, accuracy in our minds, illumination in our souls, now. This is an entrance into Reality, and in its divine light we gladly let go of former things—things that are of the earth earthy—and come into the life of the Spirit here and now; for lo, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Were half the power that fills the world with terror,
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts,
Given to redeem the human mind from error,
There were no need of arsenals and forts.

—Longfellow.

The Lord Almighty Versus Germs

A germ is so minute that it takes the most powerful microscope to discern it. It is the earliest stage in the development of an organism.

God is the omnipresent, universal Spirit of Life, Love and Power; the Fullness of all that is.

Yet we fear the microscopic mite to the exclusion of our trust in the All Powerful One, the very Spirit of Good. We array this unseen and unknown formless, minutest expression of life against the Creator and Expressor of all Life.

Where is all our talked-of faith? Where all the spiritual wisdom and knowledge of the ages? Of what avail all the promises in the Bible?

All germs are expressions of God, for he is the Source and Cause of all, and the mission of all germs, as of all other expressions of God, is benevolent, for all that God made is good. The only power for ill the germ can have is the power we give to it through lack of knowledge. We grant more power to the expression than to the Creator of that expression.

Our bodies are the temples of the living God, not a prey to vicious germs, nor subject to anything less than Infinite Life.

We can be so filled with the consciousness of Omnipresent Life in every place, and at all times that we can not conceive of anything to fear, from within or without. To one who dwells in this consciousness a germ can have no terror.

Open wide the soul to receive the fullness of God; open the eyes of the mind to see the expression of infinite perfection everywhere; breathe deep of the breath of the Almighty, for it giveth life.

The Lord has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. The mind of God in us forms righteous judgment and we have the wisdom to see everything in its right relation to ourselves and to our fellow-men. We see all things in their right proportion. We are not overcome of evil, but we overcome evil with good.

We are to base all judgment on the supreme fact of the universe—God and God manifest is All there is—and stand firm in this judgment.

When we come to see God first, and always, and everywhere, we shall not know fear of anything. We shall know that there is nothing to fear. A thousand may fall at our right hand and ten thousand at our left, but it shall not come nigh us, for we have put our trust in God.

A STUDENT.

"Divine Love has always met the need
As each new day appears;
Then why should doubt o'ershadow us,
And fill our lives with fears?
With each new need we ever find
A fresh supply of grace,
And prove God's promise always holds
When we his guidance trace."

THE SIGNS THAT FOLLOW

This interesting testimonial is from Chicago:

A young married woman, a student who had had only five lessons in the Divine Science Primary-Training Class, was asked by her teacher to write a paper stating just how she was applying the Principle of Omnipresence as a Working Basis in her daily living. The following is what she wrote:

"I have used the One and Only Power to help me in my sewing and have had some wonderful results."

Again:

"A girl friend of mine and I had a little misunderstanding not long ago, and I had not seen her nor heard from her for four weeks. Last Tuesday she called me up to tell me how sorry she was, for she knew she was in the wrong. I had been sending her thoughts of love and truth."

In her paper she referred to the healing of her little girl, a week before. She had been in the habit of calling a practitioner when sickness appeared in the family. On this particular day the practitioner was out and could not be reached by telephone. The mother decided that now was her time to practice very faithfully what she had been studying in the Divine Science Class.

Her little four-year-old girl had been taken suddenly and seriously ill with a very high fever. The mother, instead of giving way to fear and extreme nervousness as had been her custom in the past, clung to the Truth and applied as best she could the teaching she had been studying. She declared in spite of this appearance that God was the Only Real Presence, the Only Real Power there within the child and all around her. The fever left almost immediately, the child had a fine night's sleep and by the next morning no one would have known that she had been ill. She was perfectly normal and well in every way.

Although this mother felt bad when she first found that she could not get the help of her practitioner, after the demonstration had been made she was glad that this had been the case. It was a real joy to her to prove the teaching she had studied. This proof of the efficacy of acknowledging only God gave her new courage to apply the Truth under all circumstances and conditions. From it she gained a greater certainty and assurance that the application of Truth does bring harmonious results.

My dear Miss Brooks:

As you know, I have been studying Divine Science for about four years. In the beginning of my studies I was healed of very serious lung trouble. For almost two years I was happy, oh, so happy, for not only was I free, but I could help my friends when they needed it.

A splendid business opportunity came to me just then—I was a business woman when I married. Although my husband did not wish me to do anything of this kind, I was attracted by the offer and accepted it. I became absorbed in my work; from early until late it was my one thought. I was having splendid success, and it went to my head. On Sundays I either worked or lounged all day, too tired to even think. Sometimes I knew I was making a mistake and promised myself to reform—after a while when I had put through something important I had on hand.

I became suddenly very ill. Do you wonder? I was ashamed to turn to Science after my long neglect, and, thoroughly indifferent as to the outcome, I let my husband send for a doctor. For days I was very ill, no hope of recovery, they said. During this time my thought turned with great longing to a Divine Scientist whom I dearly loved but had not seen for a long time. I felt that just the sight of her would help. My husband sent for her and she came immediately; how sweet her calm presence was to me. I could talk but little, but she sat beside me and I was happy. When she rose to go I grasped her hand and said:

"Bless me before you go! Give me strength to face the going. I do not ask healing. I do not deserve it. I ask only peace."

She stood for a few moments leaning over me, holding my hand. I shall never forget the light in her face. I looked and looked and felt a great peace possessing me. She left quietly and I lay transformed with joy. I knew I was healed. I am so thankful to God for his blessed Truth. I am glad you asked me to tell my story, for I hope it will help others not to make the mistake I made.

I am no longer in business. I am studying and trying to live Divine Science. I am also making a home for my dear, patient husband. I do not have to tell you that I am happy; you know that.

MRS. H.

NOT TOO LATE

"It is too late! Ah, nothing is too late.—
Cato learned Greek at eighty; Sophocles
Wrote his grand 'Ædipus,' and Simonides
Bore off the prize of verse from his compeers,
When each had numbered more than four score
years;
And Theophrastus at four score and ten
Had begun his 'Characters of Men.'
Chaucer at Woodstock, with the nightingales,
At sixty wrote the 'Canterbury Tales.'

Goethe at Weimar, toiling to the last,
Completed 'Faust' when eighty years were past.
What then? Shall we sit idly down and say,
The night hath come; it is no longer day?
—For age is opportunity no less
Than youth itself, though in another dress.
And as the evening twilight fades away,
The sky is filled with stars invisible by day."

—Longfellow.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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neither do they reap; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them."—Matt. 6:26.

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not neither do they spin; and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."—Matt. 6:28, 29.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God."—Rom. 8:38, 39.

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."—Psalm 1:3.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."—I Cor. 2:9.

Believe, take courage, have faith in all the good you have ever heard of, for more and very much more is true.

So shall it be a happy, happy New Year.

THE JOURNEY

One day Little River started out to find the ocean. It was a bright, laughing, gurgling streamlet, full of youthful innocence and in high glee at the journey before it. All went well with the young pilgrim until it came to a hill, which it went around and was soon merrily journeying on. But a second hill—a larger one—confronted it. This time it patiently washed away the sand and rock until it made a passage through the obstruction and came out on the other side, widening into a broad expanse and mirroring its content up at the blue sky. The wanderer had now grown to be quite a large river and after a while it again longed for activity. Pushing on, it came to a bold precipice. Undismayed and unhesitating, it leaped onto the rocks below and was dashed into a fine spray or thrown into a surging whirlpool and only after a long struggle was it able to proceed to the ocean.

One day some people were journeying down Little River, and as they followed its course, they remarked upon its wisdom in going around the hill, instead of weakly giving up and becoming a miry pond. When the sight of the gorgeous canon through the mountains came into view, they were lost in wonder and admiration. At the quiet spot they looked into the smiling surface and saw the reflection of their own faces, nor did they need to lift their eyes to see the blue above. But when they reached the water falls, they exclaimed, "What a marvelous thing is this! What great dynamic is here produced!" Little River's influence is felt the world around; its beauty is shown both in activity and in repose. It is proving the purpose of its being. The demand of the Universe is not for inertia and impotence, but for Life and Strength.—S. K. P. W.