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### TWILIGHT.

In the tender, pearl-gray sky  
Shines the star of even.  
Like a golden blossom dropped,  
By some hand from heaven,  
Falls the twilight's silver spell,  
Makes the world enchanted;  
Comes the balmy purple night,  
By the plovers haunted.

Now the sweet dew spirits glide,  
Balm and spice distilling;  
From their crystal chalice  
Showers of diamonds spilling.  
Fire-flies fringe with golden sparks,  
All the velvet shadows—  
Burn like golden gems along  
Blossom-scented meadows.

Softly through the fragrant hush,  
Sounds the river's flow;  
With its rushing music blends  
Sigh of sweet winds blowing,  
Sigh and whisper of the leaves,  
Gently rising, falling—  
And the plover from afar,  
Like a spirit, calling.

'Tis an hour for perfect rest,  
And for visions tender,  
That from still seas of the past  
Rise, in softened splendor;  
Faces of the loved from whom  
Long ago we parted,  
They whose going left it dark;  
Left us broken hearted.

'Tis an hour when whispers soft  
Flout across the river,  
Saying: "Bear the cross; the crown  
Shall be thine forever!"  
Ah! despair can never chill  
Hopes that rest on Heaven!  
For Love's precious ties shall this  
Nevermore be riven.

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Inarticulate Voices out of the Silence,—  
what do they say to us who so miss their  
familiar tones, and the enrapturing inspira-  
tion of their earth-life song?

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION, H. B. OF A. L. & E.

CHICAGO, March 27, 1898.

**T**HE star of hope and promise, struggling through the darkness has risen. The square has become the five-pointed star, with all the fulness of progressing conditions therein typified.

The first glance within the Home Temple was one of surprise and delight, for the decorations were as unique as they were beautiful. Florida moss, dropped from the ceiling, and the emanations from it seemed like a benediction of the wisdom of the ages. The lines on which it was draped were carried from the four points of the compass and the intermediate points, uniting at the chandelier, and representing most beautifully the concentrating thought of the whole Brotherhood on this occasion. The queen of flowers, American Beauty roses, occupied the place of honor upon the shrine. The pillars next the mirror were wound with smilax, and the motto: "Love is the fulfilling of the law," placed above it, was the key to which the music of the day was set. And here and there, were many bright touches, that only loving hands could give. The whole effect was decidedly picturesque and charming. No part of the general design was without its special significance. And in this atmosphere of loving harmony the Temple Keepers waited the striking of the hour.

It required more than the lowering clouds and threatening aspect of the weather to daunt the brave hearts who had looked forward so eagerly to this day of days.

We missed the genial face of the Master of Ceremonies at the opening, and so Elder Brother read the following call:

"The Fifth Annual Convocation of the H. B. of A. L. & E. will convene at Headquarters, 4006 Grand Boulevard, Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, March 27th, at 10 o'clock A. M. and continue through the day. We shall be glad to welcome as many of our members as can find it convenient to come. We would also request those who intend to come, to write us of their intention, so we may know about how many to expect and provide for. Let the united thought of the Brotherhood send its harmony and peace for our success. No other notification will be made." Address

W. P. PERLON, M. D., E. B.  
or NANCY MCKAY GORDON, M. B. B.

In his own behalf the Elder Brother welcomed the brothers assembled and declared the Fifth

Annual Convocation of the Hermetic Brotherhood duly opened.

He then said: "In order that we may move along the lines of meditation, on the lines of coming in contact with the Invisible Section, and with each other, and with the Brotherhood at large, I ask you to meditate for a few moments on this sentence: "*Who are my comrades?*" Let your thought go out at this time and on this day when there is so much confusion and doubt in our own minds as to who is my comrade and who is entitled to our comradeship. At the very beginning of this, the Fifth Convocation, which I am sure is full of events for us all, which the unfolding thread of time will develop. I ask you to take earnest thought of this question: "*Who are my comrades?*" Let us go into meditation."

The meditation was indeed a source of harmonious power and inspiration. This thought of comradeship formed the theme of the day. Its melody running through all the talks and meditations. We could hardly have had a subject more pertinent to the present time and situation.

The mantrium, which has appealed to us so strongly the past year was voiced with a wholeheartedness that could hardly be surpassed.

At the request of the Elder Brother, the Second Elder Brother took the chair while the Most Ancient Elder Brother gave his greeting, as follows:

I, Maha Savandrihn, speaking for the Most Ancient Elder Brother, whom you well know, desires me to say to you for him: That out of the many ways in which you are obliged to walk from day to day in the pursuit of those things by which you hold on to the life of the present coming from the different states of thought; the different conditions of mind; the varying states in which you all find yourselves from the lowest to the highest, or from that of harmony to that of unrest and discord.

You have gathered yourselves together for the Fifth Annual Convocation of this our Brotherhood, which lays so near our hearts. The only Brotherhood in all the world that acknowledges an equality of those who have gone before and of those who are in the present. Acknowledging this equality, this perception of each others' conditions, of each others' desire and influence, we come together once a year that we may look into each others' faces. Then we may go hence into our homes and onto the paths of life, filled full of joy, harmony and

peace; filled full with the feeling that somewhere there are those whose hearts beat in unison with ours; whose thoughts are our thoughts; whose words are our words, whose beliefs are our beliefs. If we desire to speak that which fills our real selves full, we shall know where to address them. There are those on the earth, who, rising in the scale of conditions, in the scale of unfolding, are enabled to find hearts to listen and tongues to reply in all kindness and in all the brotherly love, but if we know that there is some one somewhere who thinks as we think, who believes as we believe, in the Fatherhood of the ONE and in the comradeship of those who stand shoulder to shoulder as helpers, first for themselves, then of their comrades and those outside we are strengthened beyond belief. I say second of our comrades, because we are obligated, pledged to each other for this. I say first of ourselves, because it is from ourselves we must seek the help that we can obtain, that power and strength to lay hold for helping and uplifting I ask of you, my beloved associates, brothers and comrades, one and all, to recognize to-day, you are one in the ONE, and that there is nothing that can come between you and any comrade here met with you. In all loving harmony, in all loving peace, let this one day give to you perfect Brotherhood, peace, and trust in one another. Then going forth, you will carry with you the germs of new vibrations which will strengthen you for the year to come. And as this is for us of the ancient time, the feast which you call Easter, that is, the first of the New Year, so are we gathered together to make our feast, in all its oneness, the most on all planes that can be given to us under any circumstances or in any condition.

As the day goes by, drink deep draughts from the love of God, which is freely proffered to your lips to be transmitted by you into the love of your comrades, the love of your brothers, the love of all mankind. And as he who stands in charge of the work of the Brotherhood on the Invisible side, I bid you all welcome. As I look into your eyes; as I look into your hearts; as I feel the throbbing thrill of your souls, I am sure that each and every individual one responds to that which I am saying. Out of all the world, our Brotherhood first and foremost, seeks to inspire in its members love for one another. Let other Brotherhoods have their tenets, their formulas and their creeds, but let the Hermetic Brotherhood of to-day, manifesting itself as it does on all planes, wherever it can do good,

carry with itself but the one assertion, that "God is love." Therefore, we, born into the true Brotherhood, into the true state and condition must also learn to love one another and to be thus carried forward into the truth and beauty of unfolding. I say to you all again, welcome and greeting from the Invisible Section. Welcome and greeting to those who have come long distances to meet with us, and in the name of the local Brotherhood we give you, with our heartiest good will the freedom of access to all that we have ourselves; and as the day moves on may we grow closer and closer together. Remember also that you have not come to us as strangers but as our dearest friends on earth. And may the guiding care of the infinite messengers, the Great Angels, who guide, direct and protect us, love us and bless us in all that we do in the day that lies before us.

The following report was read by the Second Elder Brother:

#### REPORT OF THE ELDER BROTHERS OF THE TEMPLE.

As Convocation after Convocation convenes, there comes the question from the Brothers who are so widely scattered: "How goes the work?" "What is the sum of the progress of the year that is numbered and about to be filed in our archives?"

We have the pleasure of replying, that the interval between the fourth and fifth Convocations, has been one of intense activity. The work that has developed, has come from sources that seem very different from the usual operations of man's ideas. The impetus of growth and activity has continued from last years impulse. Standing in the calm center of the immense force, we have been permitted to see some of the springs of the forceful silence; and to know how universally we, as a mighty Brotherhood, are led to seek the loftiest and most generous views of comradeship, thus bringing a common unity of effort into loving harmony.

During the year, the weekly receipts have been diverted under the direction of the Executive Council to immediate use. The closeness of the times and the vacation of the Temple services through the hot months of the summer has kept down the receipts.

The Publishing Company has put out two booklets, "Letting Go," and "Holding On," and has another book in hand, "Healing, Causes and Effects." The first thousand of "Esoteric Vibrations," published last year, is over half

sold. The same statement can be reported of "Letting Go," and "Holding On," the sales of these booklets have simply been phenomenal.

In June, the publication of THE HERMETIST was resumed, and our organ has, to date, received many kind words of appreciation and commendation, from both members and non-members. It still needs from all our membership an active, personal interest, if we desire to make it what it should be.

Acting in obedience to the suggestion of the Executive Council, the School of Hermetic Philosophy, has been organized, and classes have been arranged at headquarters for the study of Atlantean History; of Black and White Magic; of Symbology; and of Sociology. These classes are but the beginning of what we hope may grow into a full and larger fruition as the domain of the School and its affiliated membership increase in numbers and widen in influence.

The work in the Southwest is spreading. We have now two Knots in New Orleans, Louisiana. San Francisco has five Knots; Chicago has five Knots and the Headquarters. The work on the Pacific coast is in a state of vigorous and healthy activity.

It will be an important part of the work of this Convocation to strengthen and energize the whole Brotherhood, that we may go forward with renewed activity, during the coming year.

We commit ourselves and the work to the hands of our comrades, and to the Invisible Executive Section of those who know, and have thus far guided us safely, in harmony and loving peace.

W. P. PHELON, M. D. Elder Brother C. of I.  
NANCY McKAY GORDON, 2d E. B. C. of I.

Upon the calling of the roll of Knots the Elder Brother read reports from the various points. The banner must be awarded San Francisco for their work during the past year, as the following report gives evidence of their able activity, (this includes the work of Knots 5, 33, 40 and 50):

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23, 1898.

DR. W. P. PHELON

Dear Sir and Elder Brother, Greeting: Another year has been recorded on the cycle of time, and we as brothers are striving to keep the path direct, towards the goal of ultimate achievement.

During the past year we have taken into the Brotherhood 28 new members.

From that number Knot 50 was formed, with twelve members. All are actively and

workers, striving for the reward worthy student may expect.

Outside of local work our members have materially aided and assisted in forming Knot 46 in San Jose, and putting it in working order, and we are happy to know that it holds a strong center, capable of accomplishing a grand work.

We have established the nucleus of a library, containing the best of mental food for students and if its high standard of excellence shall be maintained, there will be no lack of aid to mental unfoldment within the order.

There has been no propaganda work done, by lectures or open meetings, still in the outer court, or instruction Knot, there are ten candidates in training for initiation.

We, brothers of the sun-set division are debarred by distance, from meeting with the Brotherhood in Convocation and giving greetings in person, but in spirit we shall surely be present, and hope that our heartfelt respect, which will be sent on the interior lines of the Silence, may become vocal and express all, and more than personalities would dare.

With fraternal greetings, cordially thine,  
B. R. ROCKWOOD, Scribe, pro tem.

We give below the earnest words from Knot No. 39:

OMAHA, NEB., March 23, 1898

Dear Noble Brothers: The members of Knot 39 send their love and kind thoughts to you on this day. Although not present in body, yet we meet you in the realm of thought and become united with you in behalf of our beloved Brotherhood. We meet again to-day, not to mourn for the past, but to take wise measures regarding the future; how best to serve our great Father and to render our services most effective. If the name of the host of unhappy souls dwelling in gloom and darkness, I say, let us lead them back into the light and peace again and teach them brotherhood and love.

Hoping the Convocation will add more strength and greater unfoldment to the Order and also unite its members more closely, that they may feel and act as One, I am most sincerely yours for more truth.

V. SVENDBERG.

From the Elder Brother of Knot 11, who was with us last year at the Convocation, we have the following message:

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., March 24, 1898

Dear Brothers: I have delayed writing you the last moment, almost hoping that it might

be arranged so that I could attend the Convocation, but I am obliged to give it up.

Give my greetings to all who inquire for me; tell them I am beginning to claim my inheritance and hope to grow more the next year than I have the last. My love and faith in the Brotherhood is growing all the time and I feel the strong vibratory currents flowing through the cord that binds us in one Eternal Brotherhood.

Our Knot has not grown in numbers but the members have grown individually and there is an increased interest in the work we do.

Lovingly and fraternally,

CLARA REYNOLDS SMITH.

We had also greetings from Knots 21 and 31, Leadville, Colo., Knot 52, Troy, N. Y., and Knot 53, New Orleans, La.

We had with us the Elder Brothers of Knots 18 and 31, Chicago, the Elder Brother and Scribe of Knot 49, South Chicago. Bro. McKinney represented Knot 24, St. Cloud, and we had the pleasure of welcoming the acting Elder Brother and the past Elder Brother of Knot 41, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mrs. Mary H. Ford had been asked to speak upon the book of Job, its symbolism and teaching. She responded in her own inimitable way. Seldom have we ever had anything more uplifting and inspiring than the interpretation she gave of this grand old book, so little understood, and yet so full of the most profound wisdom.

There being no miscellaneous business to be attended to, the Elder Brother requested that this time be given to the assistance of Bro. Montville in sending a treatment to a member of Knot 41. This call met with a hearty response and we are sure the strong, helpful vibrations sent toward this brother could not help but accomplish that whereinunto it was sent.

After the necessary announcements, the Elder Brother reminded us (though it was hardly necessary) that on this day there could be no strangers amongst us, and the invitation to "eat, drink and be merry" was accepted most gracefully, and the interval between 12:30 and 2:30 passed quickly.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Silence being both our refuge and our inspiration, our first action, after the call to order by the Master of Ceremonies, was meditation upon the subject: "*Where can I find my comrades?*"

The members-in-bounds were not without representation. Bro. Thieband, Paola, Kans., Bro. Gould, Moline, Ill., Bro. Bergmeier, St. Paul, Minn., Bro. M. F. B. Smith, West Superior, Wis., showed the interest of this division of the Brotherhood by their attendance.

Many of those not able to attend in person, remembered that the written word served to keep them in touch with the center. Among these were letters from Bro. Hughes, El Cajon, Cal., Bro. Dye, Bonner Springs, Kans., Bro. C. K. Smith, San Diego, Cal., Bro. Mariner, Bushnell, Ill., and others. The letters one and all gave evidence of the most devoted interest in the Brotherhood and its work, and kindly wishes for our success were not lacking.

Mme. Bielski's subject was: "Gold and Silver," the esoteric meaning and relation of the two noble metals, as indicated by planetary conditions and symbols. The paper was replete, as are all Mme. Bielski's papers, with her erudition and research, and was delivered with all the enthusiasm of one who was born heir to occult knowledge.

Since our last Convocation there has been published a second book by Edward Bellamy, entitled "Equality," which is a continuation or sequel to "Looking Backward." In this last book, the new order of things yet to be, is depicted with wonderful clearness; and Bro. C. M. Loomis, who considers "Equality" the greatest educator along these lines ever printed, read an original paper with this book for his text. The subject was quite in harmony with the spirit of the day, for it is what we are all striving for—equality in the highest and broadest sense of the term.

The next number on the programme called for a Concensus for the good of the Order. The effect of the meditation at the beginning of the session, "*Where can I find my comrades?*" was quite apparent in one way, for judging from the remarks made many were sure they had begun to find their comrades and gloried in it.

There were few who had any suggestions to offer, as to any particular change in the methods or operation of the work, it being conceded that with the present equipment the work was progressing very satisfactorily.

A number said that while they perhaps had not been of very much aid to the Brotherhood, they could not let opportunity go by, without saving the Brotherhood had been of invaluable service to them. Several expressed their thoughts in verse, others, less gifted spoke in humbler

mode, but with it all, the melody of the undertone could not be mistaken.

As to the practical benefit to be derived from the gathering, Bro. Clough summed it up in a very few words: "The benefit to me is that it has filled me up with love, which, when I go from hence I hope to distribute. Love is a mighty factor. "Love is the fulfilling of the law." If we distribute love we get it back. It is the poorest policy in the world to try to economize in this. Freely ye have received, freely give. If you don't drop any seed into the ground you will have a very poor crop when harvest time comes." To learn a lesson thoroughly we must be able to apply it, to use rightly and intelligently the power given into our hands.

The appreciation by the Brotherhood and the Circle of Isis of the efforts of the Second Elder Brother during the past year, was most cordially and heartily expressed.

The last number for the afternoon programme, but by no means the least in interest, was a paper from Bro. Maille, New Orleans, on "What is a Priest."

There was one little instance that occurred during the afternoon worthy of note. It had been raining very hard, but in the latter part of the afternoon ceased for a time. Suddenly there appeared a rift in the heavy bank of clouds at the western horizon and a sunbeam struggled through, and for a brief time the beauty of the sunlight glorified the room. The omen might be interpreted thus: beginning under difficulties, as necessary, perhaps, as the rain to vegetation, yet there is also the promise of ultimate achievement.

The evening meal was announced in due time, and during the intermission many lasting friendships formed.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The subject for this, the closing meditation, was very appropriate: "*When can I find my comrades?*" bringing most forcibly to mind the phrase one hears so often: "Now is the accepted time."

This part of the service is devoted to the loving remembrance of those who have been associated with us in the visible section, but who, having responded to the call to come up higher have been admitted to Knot 10. It is with no feeling that they have gone any off, but it is with the hope of bringing within our own consciousness a fuller realization of their constant

presence and helpful guidance that we have set apart this portion of the service in their memory.

The Elder Brother began his address by remarking: "Instead of saying that our comrades are dead, which is false, instead of saying that our comrades have passed into the Unseen. We simply say they have been admitted into Knot 10, and we understand by that that they have left us for the present in the bodily form."

After the reading of a beautiful little poem entitled "Twilight" the Elder Brother continued:

Previous to the Convocation of '96 a member of the Brotherhood went hence, (Mrs. Phelon) and the Angel of the Fire received her form. Previous to the Convocation of '97 one of the older members (Mrs. Moore) of the Brotherhood went hence, and the Angel of the Fire received her in his arms. Previous to the Convocation of '98 another of the older members has gone hence (Mrs. Gage-3 18-98) and again the Fire has received another of those whom we loved and cherished. They were all near and dear friends, those who delighted in each others' company. You know the story. It is not necessary for me to repeat it, but we know they have joined themselves into Knot 10. That is to say, they are still members of the Brotherhood in the Invisible. From other parts of the country, we have had news of some four or five more who have been added to the number of the Invisible. Out of the toil, out of the trouble, out of the travail of all the years from the cradle to the grave they have been removed. They have reached the place where nothing can conflict. They have reached the place where their helpfulness is unmarred by a single obstruction, and understand better than we know. They reach out to help and guide us, and point for us the way, in which if we will walk, we will make more attainment and fewer mistakes. So far as I am personally concerned, I feel as if I had advisors, as if I had friends far more than the ordinary, who, while their advice in words was listened to in the earth life, they are listened to with greater earnestness and intensity as they whisper and speak from out the Silence. I know that as their judgment was good while they lived in the form, so their judgment must be better, where their opportunities of judging and of perceiving are much larger, and broader. So, as we think of them to-night, as members of our Brotherhood, living entities who for it and themselves, have as much interest in our work as they ever did, who are drawn to us



now in this Convocation as they were in the last Convocation before the first one stepped into the dark river separating the mortal sight from the invisible form.

Thus we may know as love is the fulfilling of the law in the earth life, so is it the fulfilling of the law when that which belongs to the spirit has cast aside all the limitations, imperfections, and burdens, and lifted itself into the light and life of the Infinite Power. I rejoice at their freedom. I rejoice that our privilege is coming, and that whoever may next go hence from the Brotherhood will find on the other side those who will welcome as we cannot on this side, and there will be no strangers there. I expect, when my eyes close for the last time in this mortal, they will open where I shall perceive those whom I have known and loved, and there will be no twilight wandering for me. I shall immediately perceive the breaking of the day, and as this day breaks, there will still come to me a fulfillment of all the promises, of all the instructions, of all the hopefulness. As I shall pass out of the shadow into the Eternal and Everlasting Light. Oh, I thank God that I have come certainly into the knowledge that there is no death, but that we pass on and on, everlastingly on, through cycles of eternal and constant change. We are sometimes visible and sometimes invisible, and whoever of us shall go next I doubt not will step bravely into the unknown waters. Then perceive that the horrors and terrors said to surround death are but an illusion. Born again into the everlasting light, we too shall perceive anew the thing to which we are assigned, is a reality.

I have always felt in our remembrance of those who have gone hence; at this stage, it would be well if we had something in the way of music, because there are some things we can only express in music. Perhaps some day the Temple, which is materialized already in the invisible, will manifest itself, and in that we shall have the means and the power of having a musical service for this number of our programme.

Phael's talk followed, and was the culmination of an eventful day. The events that had preceded, seemed but the paths that led up the heights. In the course of his remarks he answered most touchingly the query contained in the topics for meditation during the day, and like the keystone of the arch, while last put in place, it took just that to complete and round out the perfect structure.

The benediction after the ancient manner by the Most Ancient Elder Brother, the members standing shoulder to shoulder, furnished a most beautiful finish to a day long to be remembered.

"And looking eagerly into the darkness of that which lies before, may the Great Angels help us all to penetrate the veil and pass into the fullness of light and life."

M. E. APPLEGATE, Scribe.

W. P. PHILON, M. D., Elder Brother.

NANCY MCKAY GORDON, 2d Elder Brother.

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## HOW ABOUT YOUR CHIN.

Drunkards usually have a circular line about their chins.

Square chins, with little flesh, denote firmness and good executive ability. The owners make good haters.

Broad chins signify nobleness and large dignity, unless vertically thin, when if thin, bloodless lips go with them you will find cruelty.

The chin, taken in connection with the rest of the face, is almost as good an index of character as is the thumb. Slovens have wrinkles around their chins.

Owners of long, thin chins are poetical, unstable and delicate in constitution. If thin about the angles of the mouth the owner is liable to tuberculosis and is generally short-lived.

Protruding chins characterize men and women of the get-there type. Successful people usually carry their chins thrust forward with compressed lips. If this style of chin is heavy and swelling it denotes fighting blood.

A retreating chin shows lack of force—mentally, morally and physically; the owner is of the yielding kind, soon discouraged, needs protection, and has small executive force. The development of other faculties usually make up for this lack.

Medium chins, with a suggestive bifurcation in the center of the order of a dimple, with small mounds of flesh on either side, characterize generosity, impulsiveness and a cheery nature. The same-size chins, with a flap of flesh under the center of the lower lip, indicate meanness, selfishness and brutality.

A small, well-rounded chin indicates a pleasure-loving nature, and if dimpled, all

the more so, for dimpled chins belong to coquettes. People with dimples love to be petted and liked and are fond of admiration and praise. They are generally sickle. Usually the owner of this chin is healthy, recuperative and long-lived.

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## IS CREATION FINISHED?

What is Creation?

Creation is that moving, never-ceasing energy, that compels all life, from its very nature.

Thence it is a constant creation—a continual moving forward to the *goal of perfection*. New, only in the sense that a constant change of manifestation, or form is being made visible. All things that exist have existed throughout eternity, and will continue to exist in some form. But an ever changing form. When we speak of *new elements, new thoughts, new inventions*, we speak of things old as Creation itself. Only *new to man's consciousness*. Man has not evolved (spiritually) sufficiently to comprehend the vastness of the Universe.

Hence when a light, or spiritual perception is recognized for the first time—we hold and cherish it as a product wholly our own.

We have proof time and again, that things of the same nature are unfolded simultaneously at opposite sides of the earth, and among a foreign people. This illustrates clearly, that we as individuals, can lay claim to nothing—in the sense of discovery, or invention. The entire macrocosm is alive with living and moving forms, beings and ideas.

When man developed to a plane corresponding to the macrocosmic forces he at once recognizes them, and they become his only by the law of recognition, and remains so until he has evolved sufficiently to understand his relation to the universe. As his spiritual nature unfolds he is able to perceive and understand that Creation is, not a creation, otherwise than his recognition of existing conditions. Creation therefore never had a beginning and can never have an ending.

Different phases of manifestation or *evolutions* of forms, will continually be expressed.

LOUISE CHAMBERLAIN.

## POWER OF TRUTH.

HE who always uses TRUTH as she comes from the IT, pure, boldly, fearlessly, dashingly and recklessly if needs be, under any and all circumstances, is in the front rank of the Masters and the most powerful men on the face of the earth, even if he has neither food, money or shelter. Such a one is a majority with the INFINITE. However, his life hangs on a thread. How many such souls have we on earth to-day?

Jesus was a man of the bold and fearless type we allude to. His method was to call a spade a spade under all circumstances.

Most words, to express our real desires, are senseless and in many instances, insipid.

The silent, persistent meditation on one's desire is productive of more results, than a whole dictionary of words.

It is error to fear to offend by stating the truth at all times. Such fear is an injustice to one's self and the other, by withholding the truth on one hand and leaving the other on the wrong path. The idea is to know how to tell a truth without saying "you're a liar" or words of the same import.

JOSEPH MALLIE.

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## IN MEMORY.

On Friday, March 18th, in the early evening during a violent thunder storm, Mrs. Matilda Joslyn Gage passed from the visible to the Invisible Beyond. She had been ailing for some time, and her demise was said to be due to a stroke of paralysis. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Baum. Always a reformer, a searcher for the truth, she joined the Hermetic Brotherhood several years ago, and has ever been an earnest advocate of its tenets and doctrines. She was greatly interested in the causes which most needed support from her pen and voice. She was early a co-worker with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony in their efforts to bring about woman's suffrage. In this, she was most earnest, even to the day of her death. In a room bowered with flowers in which she delighted, Rev. Dr. Thomas delivered an address to her friends and children, and at the Crematory, Dr. W. P. Phelon, the Elder Bro. of the Hermetic Brotherhood, made an address, as the closing scenes of putting away the earthly tenement, transpired. We are absolutely certain that she has only gone before, and that we have not lost her friendship nor her influence.

## MY SYMPHONY.

"To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable; and wealthy, not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; to listen to stars and birds, babes and sages, with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common."

This is to be my symphony.

WM. HENRY CHANNING.

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In vain men may talk of law—whence came law? In vain preach of cause and effect—whence the decree which marries cause and effect? No world of conflicting powers this.

Thou art not gone, being gone; having been thou still must be. Whatsoever of good has passed from out thy life to bless us, and make our lives more rich and fair, shall still come and abide with us, a sanctifying influence, if only we keep our natures open to its touch.

And the Watchman cried, "All is well. This is the New Jerusalem come down out of heaven." And He said, "Seal not the Book, the time is at hand; behold, I come quickly; not by the destruction of the material world, but by the development of the spiritual, cometh the new heaven and earth."

Our thoughts should belike flowers in their choice varieties and fragrance, or like æolian harps in their soft harmonies.

Nature is rythmical in all of her expressions. If we would tune our instruments to the key-note of Love, a new world of melody would be speedily opened to us. The music of the spheres is more than beautiful metaphor to ears that are not deaf.

Vibration is a grander science than many have yet perceived.

Every human being is said to throw off eight ounces, troy, of solid carbon every day, which is about six and a half tons in a life time of 75 years. This carbon is used continuously by the race. Is it not equally reasonable to believe that we derive from the Universal Mind a circulation of thought like that of the blood corpuscles, which are formed from the universal atmosphere?

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Don't worry.

Don't hurry. "Too swift arrives as tardy as too slow."

Simplify, simplify, simplify.

Don't over-eat. Don't starve. "Let your moderation be known to all men."

Court the fresh air day and night. "Oh, if you just knew what is in the air!"

Sleep and rest abundantly. Sleep is nature's benediction.

Spend less energy each day than you make.

Be cheerful. "A light heart lives long."

Think only beautiful thoughts. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

"Seek peace and pursue it."

"Work like a man; but don't be worked to death."

Avoid passion and excitement. A moment's anger may be fatal.

Don't carry the whole world on your shoulders, far less the universe. Trust the Eternal.

Never despair. "Lost hope is a fatal disease."

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## CREATION OF THE WORLD.

The Orphic poets conceived the world as having been formed by the Deity out of pre-existing matter, and upon a pre-determined plan. The Eros was the *Spirit*, Wisdom, or Love of God. The following is from Aristophanes, *Avos*, 688, says:

"First was Chaos and Night, and black Erebus, and vast Tartarus;

There was neither Earth nor Air, nor Heaven; but in the boundless bosom of Erebus;

Night with her black wings first produced an aerial egg.

From which at the completed time sprang forth the lovely Eros.

Glittering with golden wings upon his back, like the swift whirlwinds.

The race of the Immortals was not till Eros mingled all things together.

But when the elements were mixed with one another, Heaven was produced.

And Ocean, and Earth, and the imperishable race Blessed of the Gods."

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"Nothing and something are relative terms.

Easy and hard are the same."

The loud or the short a persuasive affirms.

Which the high to the low also claims.

The tones and the notes are but modifications.

And before any belief can be reached, a contrary."

By some grand mountain's surging stream, where sombre pines cast gloomy shades that speak of night and pain, where clouds drop down from overflowing hands the fruitage of the sea, where sunlight gleams like smiles of joy amid the tears of sorrow, there falls a tiny seed.

The miracle and mystery of life lie there, unfolded close within, the power that draws from all environment the forces that transmute the waiting elements until they manifest themselves in higher forms.

Time's changeless change goes on; the days new birth attends upon night's death; the music of the wind throbs with the joy of life, and sinks to silence in some strain of voiceless suffering.

And then, born of the strife and clash of elemental powers, product of forces working since the birth of time, holding the secret of the patient years, the perfect flower holds up to heaven a message from the heart of Love for souls that read the mystery aright.

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No man can pass into eternity, for he is already in it. The dead are no more in eternity now than they always were, or than every one of us is at this moment. We may ignore the things eternal; shut our eyes hard to them; live as though they had no existence,—nevertheless, eternity is around us here, now, at this moment, at all moments; and it will have been around us every day of our ignorant, sinful, selfish lives. Its stars are ever over our head, while we are so diligent in the dust of our worldliness, or in the tainted streams of our desires. The dull brute globe moves through its ether and knows it not; even so our souls are bathed in eternity and are never conscious of it.—*Canon Farrar*.

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"When we have gained a knowledge of that which constitutes beauty, we shall also have gained a knowledge of that which constitutes its reverse.

When we have gained a knowledge of that which constitutes goodness, we shall also have gained a knowledge of that which constitutes evil; for all things stand in a mutual relation to each other."

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Over every new-made grave there is a voice trying to make itself heard; a gentle, loving, but firm voice, summoning to the days and responsibilities to come.

Individual culture of piety is a supreme duty. As the spiritual life is personal and single, so must be its nourishing. Each one for himself must eat the bread of life; eat daily and regularly; and so grow up into the strength and purity and grace of a health-filled and perfect man in Christ Jesus, and thereby be ready to do a man's work with a man's full power. If the aster planted in a garden of roses is neglected, no special rose culture in that same garden will make the aster a thing of autumnal beauty. Each separate spiritual life must be fed and nourished by private and inward communion with God.

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He that knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool. Shun him.

He that knows not, and knows that he knows not, is simple. Teach him.

He that knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep. Wake him.

He that knows, and knows that he knows, is wise. Follow him.—*Arabian Proverb.*

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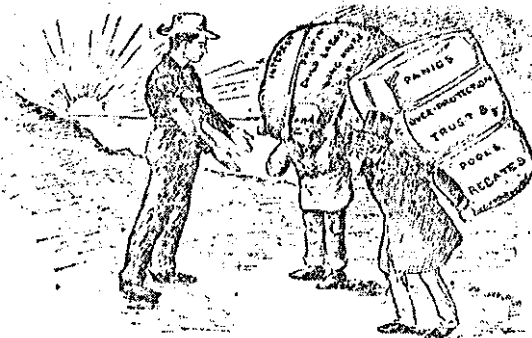
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