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DEVOTED TO THE VITAL PRINCIPLES
THAT HEAL THE SICK AND RESTORE SOULS TO LIFE



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The old order changeth,
Yielding place to new,
And God fulfills Himself
In many ways.

—Tennyson.

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The Voice of our Father saith:

"I am Infinite Love,
And every soul is dear to me.
I will not leave any soul in hell.
The Beautiful Image of my Being,
The Likeness of Me in any Soul
Cannot be lost in corruption,
In the darkness of mortal passion and
misery.
I will show each soul
The Path of Life.
In My Presence is fulness of Joy;
In My Positive Mind
There are pleasures forevermore."

Psalm 16

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THE CHURCH'S OPPORTUNITY



THE Episcopal Church recently brought Mr. Hickson, a Healer, from England, and the Churches were opened to his healing ministry. When he first visited Boston and New York, the public paid little more attention to him than they did to the many local healers. So a publicity campaign was launched through the newspapers and the influence of the Episcopal Church was exercised to gain newspaper notice on a large scale in New York, Philadelphia, and Boston papers.

As soon as the newspapers began to publish the articles provided about Mr. Hickson, their readers showed immediate interest; and soon there was not enough room in the large Churches for the multitudes which thronged for relief from pain and disease.

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While Mr. Hickson did no phenomenal healing, people felt some relief from his blessings; and if the work were continued, the interest and power of the work would have increased.

Although I am very busy, I offered my services as a Healer gratuitously to the Churches through the newspapers and through personal letters to leading Ministers; but as usual the response was not from the Ministers but from the people. I had many letters of inquiry from those who saw my advertisements.

What a wonderful opportunity it was for not only the Episcopal but for Churches of all denominations, to engage local Healers who are doing as great or greater works than Mr. Hickson and open their doors to this great flood of stricken humanity who proved they were willing to pour into the Churches when the Churches fulfilled their Master's command to "Heal the sick."

Let us pray that the seeds we have sown by such publicity as we could afford at this time, will open the Churches later to our Healing Love-Service.

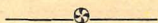
We have the equipment which would

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be of vast value to the Churches. Should they give us their influence and financial backing as they gave it to Mr. Hickson, we could use the publicity to draw thousands into their folds. But if they do not embrace the opportunity, we shall soon have the aid and influence and financial strength of our growing organization to do for God's people what they have failed for centuries to do.

The following letters are copies of those sent to leading Clergymen and to newspapers.

On the inside of the back cover, we have reproduced two of our newspaper advertisements.



The Reverend Mr. —

Dear Sir:—

Christians are now waking as never before to the realization that by service to humanity they can best illustrate the doctrine of Love for which they stand.

The publicity given to Mr. Hickson drew to the Churches the class which Jesus served, and which the Church must learn to serve as sincerely as Christ served it before the Church can attract its faith and force.

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The Church must regain its lost prestige with the masses if it would save the world from a very present hell of discontent. It should exercise the Spirit which will draw the masses to itself and permit it to bring order out of social chaos.

If the Church permits this healing-in-the-Churches-movement to languish for lack of healers, it will merely have provided publicity and a new field for Healing outside the Churches.

The Church has aroused a new interest in Divine Healing, and a mighty opportunity for service is opened which will endear it to the hearts of the masses. The practise of the Christ Doctrine will heal not only physical but social and national disorders.

I feel that the Church with its atmosphere of reverence, its beautiful architecture and music, provides the proper psychological setting for Divine Healing, and I have long looked forward to this day when the Disciples of Christ would be disciples in works as well as in words.

If I can be of service to you or your Church in this matter, command me.

Yours to serve,

Walter DeVoe.

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Editor The Transcript:

Boston, Mass.

I sent you a letter last week in which I deplored the failure of the Churches to provide Healers for the multitude in whom they had awakened a new hope of healing. I also offered my services as a Healer to the Churches, gratuitously.

The newspapers have made Divine Healing popular and attracted into the Churches those unaccustomed to entering Churches; those who most need the Service the Church can give.

This is a great opportunity for the Church to gain the goodwill of the masses; to convince them that they really desire to serve them. Through this service, they can bring healing not only for physical ills but for that class hatred which threatens to breed universal social disorder.

I have healed people by correspondence and before audiences in halls, but I feel that the Church with its atmosphere of reverence and music, provides the proper psychological setting for a larger manifestation of healing power.

I have long hoped and expected that the time would come when the Disciples of

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Christ would be disciples in works as well as in words.

I am a doer, not a preacher. I have proved that the doctrines of Christ when practised will result not only in physical and spiritual health, but in prosperity as well.

I desire to show Ministers of the Gospel how they may regain the power to heal the sick. I also want to show that this same healing principle can be applied to our sick and discordant social condition, that through its practise, permanent prosperity may come to all. Poverty is a social sickness which can be healed by the application of Divine Principles.

The Teaching of the Master was fundamental, and his principles applied will heal the nations. His Spirit will give success only to those who apply His principles in service to their fellowmen.

Yours to serve,
Walter DeVoe.

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STUDY COURSE IN THE SCIENCE OF CHARACTER HEALING



THE increased cost of paper and printing compels us to place our Lessons in the magazine instead of publishing them separately. Published Lessons in stock will be sent upon request.

Letters from our patients and students show that the current issue of the magazine is not studied sufficiently, and consequently its value is not incorporated into the mind of the student.

Keep your study hour sacred and not only read the current issue of The Living Word until you can practice and teach its truths, but spend a week reviewing each back number. The benefit of the principles of Truth can only be realized as you build them into your spiritual nature and you can do this only by daily study and practise. Compare and study the article in this issue on Soul Development with A Powerful Statement, and Man's Relation to the Universal Mind, in Healing Currents; with Ye are the Temple, and The Dominion of Mind

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in Mystic Words; with Value of Affirmation in Developing Positive Personality, and Meditation uncovers SOUL WISDOM, in The Doors of Life.

It would be well for you to write a paragraph or more a day, as you study, for the benefit derived from writing Truth. Think of some particular friend when you write even though you do not send the written word, and you will transmit the spirit of the words to his soul.

Try to recall passages of scripture which confirm the thought of these studies and write the scriptural statements that they may be impressed on your conscious mind.

After reading or studying an article then return to the consideration of one paragraph and determine to make the thought of one paragraph or one sentence your very own as a result of that day's study. When you do this in the morning your whole day will be spiritualized by the morning study.

Ask yourself questions relative to the thought of a paragraph until you are certain you would be able to tell it to some one, clearly. Use the dictionary for all words you do not understand perfectly. It will help to a deeper understanding. Study, Think, Practise and you will Progress.

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CHARACTER HEALING



PHYSICAL diseases may have either a physical or a spiritual cause. Spiritual causes are primary. Physical causes are secondary. Among the many physical causes for disease are over-indulgence in food and sense-gratification, drugs, overwork, impure air, stimulants, narcotics, etc.

Swedenborg revealed over one hundred and fifty years ago that there is a correspondence between all physical and spiritual things. He stated:

“Every disease corresponds to its own evil. This is because the all of the life of man is from the spiritual world. Wherefore if his spiritual life sickens, evil is thence derived into the natural life, and becomes a disease there.

“Diseases correspond to the lusts and passions of the mind; these also are origins of diseases. For the origins of diseases are envyings, hatreds, revenges, lasciviousness, and the like, which destroy the interior of a man; and when these are destroyed, the exterior suffers and draws man into disease, and thus into death.

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"On the cessation of the cause, the effect ceases.

"It has been made known to me from much experience in the spiritual world, that from head to foot, that is from the primes in the head to the ultimates in the body, a man is such as his love is.

"If man had lived the life of good, his interiors would be open to heaven, and through heaven to the Lord; thus also the smallest and invisible vessels would be open also, and hence the man would be without disease. When in old age, the body could no longer minister to its internal man, or spirit, he would pass without disease out of his terrestrial body into a body such as the angels have, thus out of the world immediately into heaven."

These statements of Swedenborg anticipate modern Mind Cure by one hundred years, and point to the real, primary causes of diseases and show them to exist in man's spiritual character. ✓

The Scriptures also teach that man's spiritual state of mind is the cause of disease, and may become the cause of health by a change of heart, which is called regeneration. The daily practise for a year

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of the principles in this book will prove to anyone that he can become regenerated in spirit by the right thought, right feelings, and right actions, which constitute righteousness. This simple system of soul culture effects character healing by which all weaknesses of mind and body can be overcome.

Understanding is a well-spring of Life.

Prov. 16:22

A tranquil heart is the life of the flesh;

But envy is the rottenness of the bones.

Prov. 29:30.

A cheerful heart is a good medicine.

Prov. 17:22

The pure in heart shall see God.

Matt. 5:8.

Keep thy heart with all diligence;

For out of it are the issues of life.

Prov. 4:23.

Girding up the loins of your mind, be sober, and set your hope perfectly on the grace of Jesus Christ; not fashioning yourselves according to your former lusts in the time of your ignorance.

1 Peter 1:13,14.

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SOUL DEVELOPMENT



THE Creator is the Presence of Intelligence in every degree of nature; for all nature is His Nature and every form is a form of His Intelligence. We have senses which perceive His physical nature spread before us in inconceivable magnitude and grandeur. We also have more or less developed spiritual perceptions which as yet but dimly perceive His spiritual nature and its angelic inhabitants.

All forms of His nature are Good in His sight, even though apparently evil in our sight; because all are developing forms of His intelligence. Ignorance is but a negative form of Intelligence. Ignorance begets experience, and from experience comes Wisdom. In all creation we see His Presence coming into consciousness, and in the Spirit of Understanding, we see as the Creator sees, that All is Good.

The great Consciousness of God the Good is in your soul awaiting realization. Your Intelligence is Good. All your good feelings are of God. When you express good feelings constantly, you make those

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around you feel good and awaken the good Intelligence in them. Thus you arouse their Divine nature and attract them to the Good in you.

The Creator is an inconceivable Power in you now, in your thoughts and in your feelings; the very Power that enables you to will and to do.

For it is God who worketh in you
Both to will and to work,
For His good pleasure.

Phil. 2:13.

You live from the Omnipotent Power day and night, and by the right use of your thought and will, this creative Intelligence will come into expression through you.

Think the truth that All is Good because all is God's nature and Good will vitalize your faith and manifest in all your life and affairs. Feel Love for all and you will feel the very Life of your Creator blessing all creation through you.

Blessed are the Merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy. Matt. 5:7.

Your thoughts are living cups which, when rightly formed, become receptacles for the Healing Spirit. When your

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thoughts are so pure that they see no evil, they are luminous with Divine Intelligence and enable you to see with the understanding of God into the mysteries of Divine Wisdom.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God. Matt. 5:8.

You have been told to have faith; that with faith all things were possible. But you have not been taught how to develop faith. You are now shown that you can develop new faith hourly by affirming thoughts of Truth and generating feeling of Love. You are given the long hidden secret of how to regenerate your entire mind and body. "Ye must be born again," but how?

Begotten again through the word of God. 1 Pet. 1:23.

Where is the word of God?

The word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayst do it. Deut. 30:14.

There is a Spirit in man and the inspiration of The Almighty giveth them understanding. Job 32:8.

There is one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all, and in all. Eph. 4:6.

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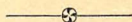
What is His name? I AM! Exod. 3:14.

These scriptural statements will enable you to understand the most vital, the most glorious, the most transforming truth you have ever conceived, namely:

The Creator is in you.

You can know His inspiration.

You can voice His words of power.



WHEN you affirm "I Am," you speak the name and power of Divine Being.

Your present mind-body and affairs have been generated from limited mortal thoughts and feelings. You have taken the name of your Creator in vain when you have affirmed the limited beliefs of mortal thought and feeling. You have said "I AM" mortal, sinful, weak, poor, sick, unsuccessful. According to this limited faith you have created limitations.

Now you can re-generate or reform your mind, body, and affairs from the faith born of the Thought of God.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for.

Heb. 11:1.

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Because your I Am is the Image of God,
you can say:

I am Love, Wisdom, and Power.

The Eternal One is my Creator. I am
Immortal!

"All that the Father hath is mine." I
am Rich!

Omnipotence succeeds with me. I am
Successful!

I trace my lineage not to the mortal,
but to the Divine.

I am of the nobility of God, my Father.

I will be perfect in Love as my Father
is perfect.

Your thought is your faith. Your faith
has been as weak as your thoughts. All
the possibilities of a new, strong faith are
opened to you as you regenerate your mind
by the development of positive thoughts of
Truth. Do not separate feeling from
thought; for it is the life of thought.

You can know God only through your
own thought; only as you can conceive of
the beauty of His Ideas and express their
quality through your own nature. But you
can know as much of Divine Love and
Wisdom as you can generate through your
thoughts and feelings.

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The possibilities of a Christ exist within you, and you can by daily study and practise build yourself a spiritual temple of thought which will reveal the Health, Beauty, and Perfection of a soul of God.

Soul development requires as much study and practise as the learning of any art or science. The student should consecrate part of his time daily to the cultivation of his soul nature. He should retire into a room alone or into the quietness of a secluded retreat close to nature and nature's peace. Material work and plans, and all thought of material things should be put aside, and the whole mind be given to deep study; not in extended reading, but to the application of the lessons and thoughts that strengthen the spiritual nature and give character and dominion.

As your mind by the exercise of praise, prayer, affirmation and blessings, is lifted from the negative to the positive state, from the mortal to the immortal range of feelings, you will become aware that you are keeping company with the angelic Beings who are the perfected Ideas of the Divine Mind. They will touch the inner springs of your soul life as only awakened souls can. They will hold your mind in

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the emanations of Divine Thought and quicken your soul to a new consciousness of its power as the expressed image of Divine Wisdom.

As you cultivate communion with God's Thoughts and keep yourself positive with the faith and love of your Creator—omnipresent and omnipotent Love, you will become one with the angelic Army of the Almighty and grow in the Power to serve all humanity.



ARE PRAYERS ANSWERED?



The Boston Post has been printing letters from its readers under the above heading. We sent the following letter for publication



MAN is a small universe, made in the image of the great universe. There is a correspondence of all things physical with spiritual principles whereby the activities of man's nature reveal active principles in the great nature of the Creator.

Man's body is pervaded and governed by his intelligent, personal spirit. The cells

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that compose the body may be compared to the inhabitants of the planets. In like manner, the great nature of the universe may be said to be pervaded and governed by the intelligent, personal Spirit of the Creator. The universe is the body of God and human beings are the most intelligent cells in His body.

When the body cells become hungry, they pray to the spirit of the body for food, and man's spirit feels hunger and answers the prayers of his cells. When destructive elements cause disturbances in any part of the body, the intelligent cells of those parts pray for relief, and the prayer is answered by the white corpuscles which penetrate right through the tissues to the part affected and destroy the destructive substances.

If man's spirit is intelligent enough to answer prayer, is not the Mind of the Universe sensitive enough to the calls of every intelligence within its nature to answer prayer?

To carry the analogy further, to show what is the right attitude in prayer: When certain cells in the body grow selfish and store up nourishment, thus depriving other

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parts of that nourishment, they also become sluggish and do not yield to the whole body of cells products which it is their duty to give; hence the body becomes diseased. When all cells pray for only what is good for all and give of their own products generously for the good of all, then all cells prosper and have sufficient; and peace exists.

If all the intelligent inhabitants of God's great nature were wise enough to think and pray and act only for the good of the whole body of humanity, then would all prayers be answered by that Love-Intelligence which is the Creator and Sustainer of all.

The practise of Love toward everyone is conducive to the fulfilment of desires or prayers because thereby the human spirit becomes an avenue for the expression of the Divine Spirit.

Jesus perceiving this commanded his followers to "Love one another," and said if they fulfilled His commands, they should ask what they would and it should be done of the Father.

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APPRECIATIONS

My dear Mr. DeVoe: Massachusetts.

I want you to know I am feeling stronger in every way. I realize a more satisfying understanding from your lessons and books that I ever have in my years of study. I know you are helping me, and I desire to improve. I hope in time to be a real help to many as you are.

Mrs. E. D. C.

Dear Mr. DeVoe: Ohio.

I am improving already and getting along fine. I am not going to take any more electric treatment. I feel the Power of God flowing in and through me, and see myself perfect and pure in Christ. Mr. DeVoe, I thank you for the Healing Power which is doing me so much good, and thank and praise God for His wonderful work.

Mrs. E. M.

My dear Mr. DeVoe: New Jersey.

Your letters always come with messages of strength, and always when I most need them.

Miss B. S.

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Dear Friends:

Illinois.

Enclosed will find the addresses of two friends for subscriptions to the Living Word. Healing Currents is wonderful. I am so thankful this book came into my life.

Mrs. S. N. M.

My dear Mr. DeVoe:

Pennsylvania.

Just a few lines to let you know how I appreciate the Healing Currents. It is full of lessons. The more I read, the more interesting it gets. I loaned it to a friend of mine, and she said she loved to have it, gave me the dollar. I had to write as I felt I had to thank you very much for it. The Healing Prayer is a wonderful comfort to me.

Mrs. H. E.

Dear Mr. DeVoe:

Illinois.

I am sending my blessing card for the month. I want to thank you for the sweet calm that has come to my soul through your faithfulness. My physical condition seems to improve also. God bless you and your work.

Mrs. L. A. R.

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(A letter to an Eloist)

My Dear Mrs. D.:

Truly the Light of the Infinite is revealed within the pages of Healing Currents, and I want to thank you for your great kindness in loaning the book to me. It is God's Hand in bringing to the minds of this century thoughts like these that bless the people. Thanking you again, I am yours in truth.

Mrs. J. G. D.

Dear Friend:

Nebraska.

It is with a heart filled with gratitude that I write these few lines this A. M.; it is not alone that I am enabled to send you some money but for a revelation that came out of the void while I was busy with the work of the morning. Up until past twenty years of age, I was like my New England ancestors, a fluent linguist. I was clear headed and a good talker. After a lingering illness, that all went from me. The only way I can express myself since is with my pen. The gift of talking might have come back had I lived among people, but I have on account of poor health, been deprived of even ordinary associates having lived miles in the country. And since coming to town and in between, I

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have noticed when thoughts were clamoring to be expressed, that my vocal cords and tongue and throat were unequal to the effort. Then my brain would cease functioning right in the midst of a sentence. Words would be forgotten. Now don't imagine I made a scene or acted queer. But what once would have been eloquent, or touching, or inspiring, simply fell flat. I have grieved more than anyone can ever know over this.

This morning I was brooding over it; and out of the void this came, "The only way to impress a Truth upon people is to live it. What are words? Mere vaporings. What you live counts both to yourself and those you contact." Yes, I went into the Secret Place, closed the door and thanked God.

Mrs. M. E. R.

Eloist Ministry: Pennsylvania.

Your food is most nourishing and satisfying to my hungry soul, and my one ambition is to so grow and give out, that I may be able to absorb more and more.

Mrs. J. B.

Divine Healing

I have been practising DIVINE HEALING for many years. The practise of Healing is my religion—doing the Will of the Father—and I have been earnestly searching for the wisdom to bring the most perfect results to my patients.

I have proved the virtue of Prayers and Blessings for those at a distance as well as for those present, getting results that at times seemed like miracles to my patients and their friends.

Write me a short statement of your mental or physical needs and I will gladly co-operate with Divine Intelligence to heal or prosper or strengthen you.

In order to work more in accord with the Law of Love, I am giving my time and service on a free-will offering basis. In this way I have been able to help those of small means, and those who can pay from five to twenty dollars a month are willing to do so, as thus they fulfil their part of the Law of Love.

WALTER DEVOE

Coolidge Corner - Brookline, Mass.

A Healing Prayer

LIVING FATHER!

I recognize that my life is one with Thy unlimited life and power.

Thy constructive Mind is within me, building my mind and body in strength and perfection.

I open my mind to the influx of Thy mighty Presence of health and peace.

Thou art within me a fountain of vitality, flowing into every faculty and organ of my being.

Thou art God within my nature, and Thy life and health have all power to regenerate and heal my body.

I am organizing Thy life and strength into a mind and body of health and perfection.

Thy substance is feeding and restoring every part of my body to positive health.

I praise Thy healing life and intelligence in every organ, in every nerve, in every atom of my flesh.

I praise Thy glorious wisdom which is illuminating my soul and purifying my mind of every limiting thought.

I praise Thy tender, healing Love which invigorates and upholds me and dissolves away all fear.

Oh, living Father, this is Thy holy Temple, make it a perfect dwelling place from which shall radiate Thy healing love and wisdom to all Thy children.

Father, glorify me with Thy healing power, that I also may glorify Thee.

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Read this prayer over a few times, trying to realize every word within your being, and then sit quietly with closed eyes while the Spirit of the Father flows through your nature, fulfilling your desires.

—FROM—

"HEALING CURRENTS FROM THE BATTERY OF LIFE"

BY WALTER DEVOE

Dear Friends in The Eloist Ministry,

Please speak THE WORD OF PLENTY
for me, daily, for the next month, that I may realize
and express health, happiness and prosperity.

My Name is

(Mr., Mrs. or Miss?)

Address

In order that the mental contact may be renewed each month, we ask you to sign a new card each month and return it to us.

By this means you will become aware of the mighty Power of Truth we are generating for your benefit.

As you express God's Love and Generosity to others, so will you receive more generously from God and humanity.

We give our help and healing to all, freely; and as we give, we receive.

You can aid us to increase our work of helping the sick and unhappy by donating a certain sum each month.

Many of our members donate one dollar a month, while others donate more. In this way we are enabled to do a large work among the sick and unhappy.

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COOLIDGE CORNER

BROOKLINE, 47, MASS.

SPECIAL 50¢ OFFER

We have placed our order for the new edition of HEALING CURRENTS, to be ready May 15th.

YOU may buy as many copies of this health-giving book as you want at fifty (50¢) cents each.

Just fill in the blank below; or if you cannot use this blank will you kindly hand it to some one who you think might be interested?

THE ELOIST MINISTRY,

Coolidge Corner, Brookline, 47, Mass.

Enclosed find \$..... Please mail me copies of HEALING CURRENTS at the low price of fifty cents each.

Name and address
(Mr., Mrs. or Miss?)

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

We can help one another to peace of mind, health of body and prosperity of affairs by affirmative prayer.

Affirmative prayer creates faith, and faith is the cup we form to receive the healing spirit. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for."

"Believe that ye receive, and ye shall have."—Mark xi., 24, 25.

We are helping thousands to health and prosperity by correspondence. Write for a healing prayer. There is no charge for our love-service, as our work is supported by the free-will offerings of those healed. WALTER DEVOE, The Eloist Ministry, Inc., Brookline, Mass.

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

BLESS, and you shall be blessed. Love is the saving, healing and prospering Power. But it must express through you.

Bless your friends and enemies with your love, and you shall see God's Love and Prosperity increase in and around you.

"Give, and you shall receive."

The Kingdom of Love is at hand. Enter in!

Thousands unite daily in Blessing humanity, that Divine Love through us may bring Peace and Prosperity to all. Learn to Bless. WALTER DEVOE. The Eloist Ministry, Inc., Brookline, Mass.

MAN

"Whoever was begotten by pure love,
And came desired and welcomed into life,
Is of immaculate conception. He
Whose heart is full of tenderness and
truth,
Who loves mankind more than he loves
himself,
And cannot find room in his heart for hate,
May be another Christ. We all may be
Saviors of the world, if we believe
In the Divinity which dwells in us,
And worship it, and nail our grosser
selves,
Our tempers, greeds, and our unworthy
aims
Upon the cross. Who giveth love to all,
Pays kindness for unkindness, smiles for
frowns,
And lends new courage to each fainting
heart,
And strengthens hope and scatters joy
abroad,
He, too, is a Redeemer, Son of God."

G. T. C.