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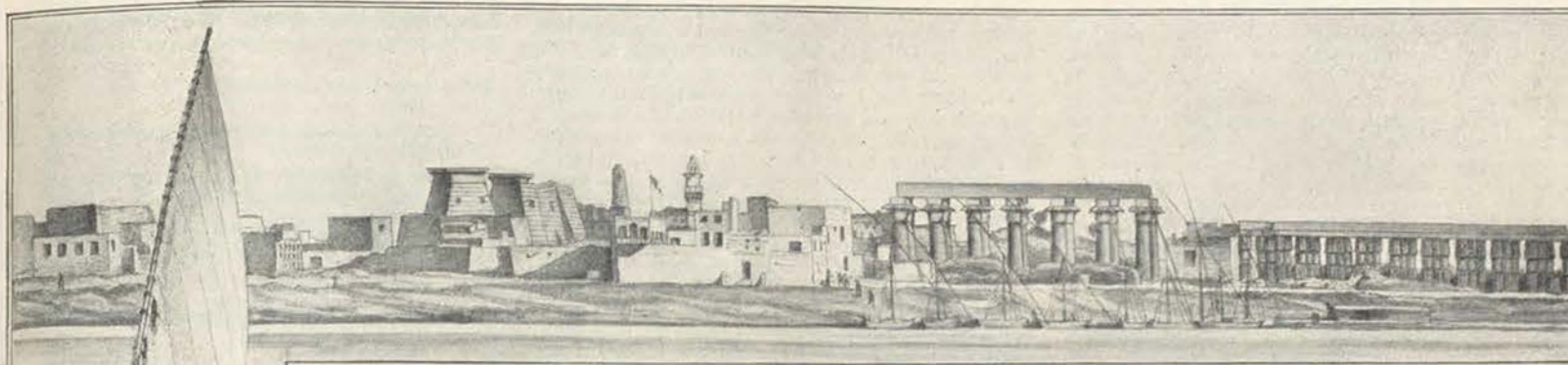
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HARBOR OF ALEXANDRIA.

A THANKSGIVING TREAT.—We are pleased to present to our readers the first of a series of six illustrated articles prepared by Mystics Nos. 1 and 7, who have just returned from a visit to Egypt. Valuable facts have been ascertained concerning the Pyramids, Mummies, Temples and Brotherhoods of Ancient Egypt, as well as the manners, customs and religion of the Egyptians.

The second article, appearing in the December (Christmas) issue, we promise you will be especially interesting, as it deals with Cairo. This article will be profusely illustrated with photographs taken by Mystics Nos. 1 and 7. Do not miss one of these articles, or fail to speak of them to your friends.

MY Brothers, we send greetings from Egypt, the land of wonders, of mystery and achievement. After thousands of miles on sea and land, at five o'clock on the morning of August 10th, Mystics No. 1 and No. 7 were privileged to catch their first glimpse of Egypt. The beautiful city of Alexandria, with its white walls, its pillars, domes and minarets, lay before us gleaming in the early sunshine.

Our ship sailed majestically into the harbor, and though it was over an hour before we could land, we gazed with deep interest at the low-lying shores, lined with square white stone buildings that mark the harbor of this famous old city.

There was the lighthouse, which guides ships safely into this rocky haven. In the time of the Greeks this was called the harbor of Eunostos, which means "good return."

There is a real Brotherhood vibration in these words, for they certainly imply a wish for a fair and safe voyage to and from the distant port. The lighthouse meant much as we thought of all its significances, for is it not always a token of that regard which takes thought and care for brothers in possible peril? As a most eloquent symbol and good omen, we welcomed it as the first message-bearer from the land of the Pharaohs. Once landed and free from the clamoring, importunate, insistent hack drivers, guides and supplicants of all kinds, we were driven rapidly through the streets to the Cairo station. The short journey was full of interesting sights. Flocks of goats driven from place to place to be milked, donkeys, heavily paniered, carrying melons, hay, merchandise, furniture and what not, varied groups of Arabs, Jews, Nubians, Egyptians with their blue, brown, striped or white gowns and their crimson fez and white or bandana turbans, all made a scene never to be forgotten. And these, too, unkempt, strange, repulsive even, were our Brothers. Did we shrink from acknowledging in our hearts the relationship? A little; yes, perhaps more than a little. But a little incident brought back our better selves. An Arab mother, in rags and tatters, in abject need, apparently, fondled her sick infant as she sat in the dust of the street in the midst of all that is indescribable. The child was covered with sores and flies, a poor, weak, little skeleton, but to the mother heart the little bundle of bones and rags was precious beyond all else in the world. The driver lashed the horse and we were past it all in an instant, but we had seen the magic of God's love that makes all children equal. Realized the truth of Brotherhood with a new and grander meaning. Yes, these were our brothers, by the invisible, matchless bond of the love that hath no beginning, no end, no boundary and no space.

At the station we presented our cards and the name of a gentleman to whom we had a letter of in-

roduction. Presto! Brothers sprang up all around us. Greetings and wild vociferations in the midst of volleys of words from several broken languages followed in quick succession, while Egyptian coffee, in the most cunning of small pots and poured into the daintiest of china cups, was served as if by magic.

And then a carriage was called and we were whirled away through the more handsome streets, where we gained a glimpse of Pompey's column or pillar, one of the few relics left of the ancient city. You will see it as the column on the right in the picture. Its height, including the triangular pedestal and Corinthian capital, is ninety-nine feet.

According to tradition this pillar marks the tomb of Pompey the Great. Originally it was a landmark for sailors (another testimony for Brotherhood), and was built three hundred years before Christ.

Among other fine buildings in this city of the old and new civilizations are the mosques, some of them most beautiful, but the one in the picture on the next page is among the finest. Note the exquisite pattern of the dome ornamentation, the cornices, windows, etc. The minarets and domes of the mosques give a most pleasing and picturesque variety to the architecture of the city.

But the ride was too soon at an end; the Brother is at home, and gives most royal welcome, besides delivering twenty-five or thirty letters which have been awaiting our arrival—some of them doubtless from you who are reading these words.

They were all as so many links in the glorious chain of Brotherhood, which seems even stronger and more precious since they were received.

After greetings, inquiries, more coffee, and what-



ON THE SQUARE, ALEXANDRIA.



THE COLUMN ON THE RIGHT, ACCORDING TO TRADITION, MARKS THE TOMB OF POMPEY THE GREAT—ITS HEIGHT IS 95 FEET AND IS CALLED POMPEY'S COLUMN.

ever Eastern hospitality could suggest, we were taken to see a Brother who is doing a wonderful and most practical Brotherhood work, the Rev. Peter Rudolph, who has for twenty-five years been feeding the many poor of Alexandria who are not able to take care of themselves.

We went to the large, square, comfortable building standing within a stone's throw of the beautiful blue sea, whose rippling, shining waters lie bathed in the perennial sunshine. On the way our friend told us of the wonderful self-sacrifice of this man, whose compassion for the hungry and afflicted was so great that he began his work twenty-five years ago on a poor side street, under the hot, burning sun. He began in the most humble way to cook and serve food to any who applied so far as his means would permit, and, after a time, seeing his self-sacrifice and intense sincerity, the well-to-do and wealthy began to contribute, "and this you see is the result," concluded our friend, as we rang the bell at the door and waited for answer. A wide, hospitable vestibule, with hall and dining tables on either side, savory smells from a kitchen immaculately clean, greeted us as we entered and were ushered upstairs to the private rooms of the master and his most interesting little family. Most cordial were the greeting and welcome from Brother Rudolph, a genial, big-hearted, elderly gentleman, who spoke good English and warmly proclaimed his allegiance to the United States, in which he was an adopted citizen and of which he had fond memories.

Cool lemonade, an invitation to lunch and every possible thoughtfulness for the comfort of his guests, marked our host at once as a true Brother. But we were anxious to hear from his own lips the story of his beginning in this grand work, and as nearly as possible will tell it in his own words:

"I was born a Jew, but my father was very liberal in his views, and, being a judge, was in contact with all kinds and conditions of people. He brought up his children to respect all religions and consider the condition of all people. This bringing up started me in the right direction, I suppose," said

Mr. Rudolph, modestly. "When I grew up I became a Christian and was appointed missionary to the Jews. I felt a profound call to be a helper to all, and not merely the Jews; so, after some years' hard work, finding the theological restraints hindering my efforts, I sent in my resignation. It was not accepted for some time, everyone urging me to remain, and then, thinking it was more salary I wanted, they offered me a generous addition. But I said I was working for a Principle, not Money, and money could not buy the Principle. My Principle demanded that I work for humanity according to the Divine revelation within, not according to instructions from without, which I was paid to obey. So at last they let me go, and with less than *two piastres* (about ten cents) in my pocket I left the missionary organization, free to do whatever the will of God led me to do. What was to be next I knew not, but waited, believing God would show me the way. In a few days I found an old, low, filthy loft and entered by a ladder from the outside and over an absinthe shop. It was the only place obtainable, and there, with an old quilt on the floor for my bed and my books in the corner, I betook myself. One way and another I managed to live, eating some cheap Arab bread and fruit, and believing that in His own way the Lord would take care of me. In the daytime I went out and visited the poor, as usual, and at night crawled into my loft, sometimes almost stifled with the sickening fumes of the absinthe from below."

"But what was the beginning of your great work of feeding the poor?" we interrupted, fearful that he had wandered away from the point we wished for most.

"Wait, I am coming to that," replied the dear old man, with a rare smile. "One night, when I returned to my loft, I found a large, thick envelope lying on the floor near my bed."

But here, dear Brothers, we must close, waiting till next month for the rest of Brother Rudolph's story.

Yours in holy love,
BROTHERS NOS. 1 AND 7.

Nature's Lullaby

LISTEN to the swinging and the singing of the trees.
Listen to the rustle of the grasses, soft and low.
How the waters splash, as they coolly dash
Over pebbly beds, or through the valleys go.
In and out the flower bells
Delves the busy bee.
On the wings of swiftness flits the humming-bird,
Over all the sun and moon, with their witchery,
Speak in voiceless beauty of Nature's chord.

But man idly turns from the Mother's heart,
Spurns her gentle wooing and her myriad charm;
Walks in royal self-hood, from his own apart,
Heedless of her pleadings to rest within her arms.
Deep within the Silence, there with God alone,
She would show the Father's face,
Bid him never fear.
Keep him in the pureness of her witching grace;
But he turns away, her mission does not hear.

Patience yet, sweet Mother,
Your children yet shall know;
Hear again your lullaby,
Their early cradle song;
See in cloud and sunbeam,
Reflecting Heaven below;
Join the heart in unison
With angel chorus strong.
Then all eyes shall see thy face,
Know the Father's love.
See the lessons of their lives
They earthward came to prove;
Souls be lifted from the low,
To the heights above;
And in rhythm of beauty
The universe shall move.

—Abbie A. Gould.

Co-operation

By Samuel V. Cole, in *Youth's Companion*

"COME," said the little Ether-Atoms,
"Let us cling together and march together.
Millions and millions and millions are we;
Let us form and march like the waves of the sea.
With shoulder to shoulder, hand linked in hand,
Line behind line of us. Here we stand!
Steady, there! Wait for the word of command.
Steady, my comrades! Is everything right?
Now, all as one of us, into the night!"
So they clung together and marched together,
And the world was filled with light.

"Come," said the little Vibrations-in-Air,
"Let us cling together and work together,
Starting not off on our separate tracks,
But all within touch, that whatever each lacks
The rest may supply, and that each, great or small,
May something contribute—to soar, run or crawl—
Toward the one common end, there is work for us all;
And mingling our efforts, the weak with the strong,
Break we a path through the silence along!"
So they clung together and helped one another,
And the world was filled with song.

"And now," said the children of men on earth,
"Let us cling together and work together,
And help one another and turn our words
Into golden action, and sheathe our swords!
Let us tunnel the mountain, span the plain,
Stretch hands to each other across the main,
And each man's wealth be for all men's gain;
Then unto his neighbor let everyone
Say, 'Be of good courage,' and let the word run."
So they clung together, and, lo, as in heaven
His will upon earth was done.

DOCTOR KNEW

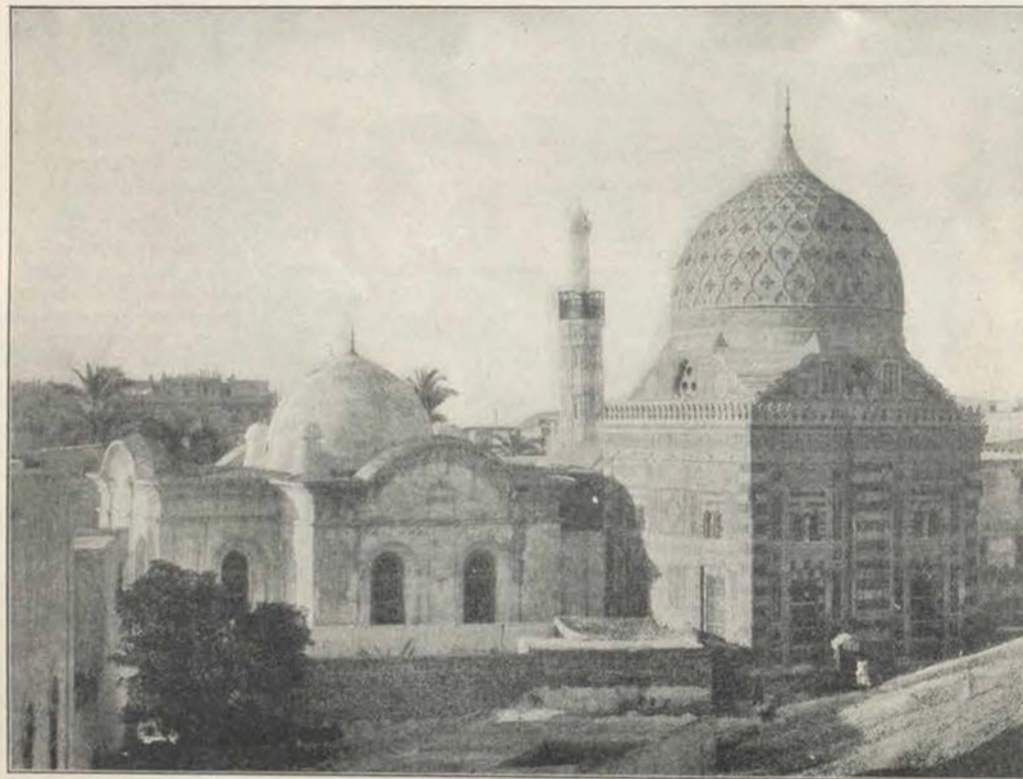
Had Tried it Himself.

The doctor who has tried Postum Food Coffee knows that it is an easy, certain and pleasant way out of the coffee habit and all of the ails following, and he prescribes it for his patients, as did a physician of Prospertown, N. J. One of his patients says: "During the summer just past I suffered terribly with a heavy feeling at the pit of my stomach and dizzy feelings in my head, and then a blindness would come over my eyes so I would have to sit down. I would get so nervous I could hardly control my feelings.

"Finally I spoke to our family physician about it, and he asked if I drank much coffee, and mother told him that I did. He told me to immediately stop drinking coffee and drink Postum Food Coffee in its place, as he and his family had used Postum and found it a powerful builder and delicious food drink.

"I hesitated for a time, disliking the idea of having to give up my coffee, but finally I got a package and found it to be all the doctor said. Since drinking the Postum in place of coffee my dizziness, blindness and nervousness are all gone, my bowels are regular and I am again well and strong. That is a short statement of what Postum has done for me." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."



NOTE THE EXQUISITE PATTERN OF THE DOME ORNAMENTATION OF THIS BEAUTIFUL MOSQUE.

Love is the substance of life.

Men are not always content to sleep on. This is the Awakening Age.

Let us all try to bring others into the sunshine of Life. But remember, the blind cannot lead the blind nor the deaf speak. Open the mind! Open the mind! And see the Light, and hear the Voice and the Angels, and be dignified and sober when you help others.

From everlasting to everlasting there are always blessed words that come down to men in their evolution from plane to plane and form to form. "Be still, and know that I am God," will always soothe and strengthen and heal man, no matter where he is on the Path.

Love the world and the world will love you. The more love we have the broader, straighter and smoother the Path—the more of omniscience and omnipotence we have.

When we are fit to receive psychic and occult powers, by our becoming universal lovers, then all the "secrets" are revealed to us.—*A Mystic.*

Mystery is only mystery to the uninitiated—to him who has not come into full and complete union with God. At-one-ment is full recognition and realization of the eternal and omnipresent God that dwells within all souls—all beings. The inner conception of Being opens the mind to all the mysteries in the universe, all the seen and the "unseen." With clairvoyance there is no unseen and with clair-audience we are open to all the sweet eternal songs and messages of the universe. We now walk and talk with God and the Angels for ever and ever. This blessed awakening may come now, and here or there, but come it must, to all. This is the Blessed Plan—the eternal plan of Involution and Evolution. To the unawakened all things and all events are more or less of a mystery. Blessed truth!—none of us can sleep forever. Awake! beloved, awake!

"Behold, I make all things new," is always applicable. This is the order to-day—"Behold, I make all things new."

The highest happiness consists in aiding and blessing others—in loving all.

There is no ideal that cannot become real, that will not become real.

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Stern NOVEMBER!
Yet filled with Life Vibrations, especially in the
Golden Days of Indian Summer.

"A veil of golden air was o'er her flung,
The South wind whispered, and the robins sung."

The great God is in all seasons!—calm, stern or
turbulent seasons.

Come, eternal child of God, shout with joy! It
is God's good month! Nature is glad—she does
not pine.

To walk with Joy in Spring, Summer, Autumn or
Winter is divine.

THE GREAT SOUL NEVER GRIEVES!

"Great Nature holds no fellowship with grief.
Think not the wind is sighing through the sheaf
For sorrow that the Summer's race is run;
Think not the falling rain and shrouded sun,
Or the white scourge of frost laid on the ground,
Are tokens that her pleasures are disowned
From their brave empires in the earth and sky."

What a blessed thought!—hold no fellowship with
grief.

Feed thy soul with perfect love, orderly action,
perfect service and perfect praise, if thou wouldst
know perfect joy.

"By action 'tis we life enjoy;
In idleness we're dead;
The soul's a fire will self destroy,
If not with fuel fed."

Love will set aflame and keep aglow our souls,
hearts and minds, whate'er betides.

Come, let us, with Emerson only, see and chant
the beauty of the good.

'Tis the golden gleam of an autumn day,
With the soft rain raining as if in play;
And a tender touch upon everything,
As if autumn remembered the days of spring.

The spring-time longings are past and gone,
The passions of summer no longer are known,
The harvest is gathered, and autumn stands
Serenely thoughtful, with folded hands.

O glorious autumn, thus serene,
Thus living and loving all that has been!
Thus calm and contented let me be,
When the autumn of age shall come to me.

God's love and providence are everywhere, in all
seasons!

Every moment is the sweetest and serenest.

Beyond each sunset is a brighter and fairer dawn.

Let's show thanks and gratitude to the great God
by keeping a cheerful, hopeful mind.

Joy! Joy! this is the Thanksgiving time.

O give joyful thanks unto the great God of Provi-
dence: bless His name forever: remember all His
great blessings.

"Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the
LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for-
ever."

It is NOVEMBER!

Blessed is the man that loveth God and is grateful!

It is NOVEMBER!

Providence endureth for ever.

GLORIOUS AUTUMN!

God be praised!

This beautiful universe is a Perfect Whole. God
is omnipresent. God is omniscient. God is om-
nipotent. God is the All in All and the Whole.
How is it that our puerile minds will not grasp the
truth of the oneness of All? Because we are either
asleep or are attached to parts of the Whole.
Come, beloved, awake! try to break the bonds of
attachment and realize the One Reality, the Abso-
lute

The Mighty Love of Jesus

THERE never was a man that loved more than
our blessed Elder Brother, Jesus. Read His life and
His teachings if you would read the greatest love
story in the world. "Of all the love stories that
the world has ever heard, this stands out unique."
There is no other like it. Never man loved like
this Brother. "There never was such a love re-
vealed as this, a love utterly self-forgetting, a love
equal to intense serenity and devoid of all fear."
Jesus had no maudlin sentiment—He was the
highest manifestation of pure love. "He could be
severe. He uttered words that scorched and
scared the conscience of man. But he never
uttered such words but you could see behind them
a divine reason. He had a fervent love that could
be intense and devoid of fear, and yet love that
could discover good where no one else could. His
love was the love that sees the worst in a man, and
yet bids him hope because He the Christ, is able
to bring out the best because of the worst. Never
was there love like this."

It is the Christ-love all must have before they
can hope to attain to the Most High—attain to in-
finite perfection.

"I come to give life to souls that need it."

Our Elder Brother was moved with only love and
compassion.

Man is weak until he has the love and compassion
of Jesus—until he is Christed.

"I can do all things through Christ which
strengtheneth me."

All men are surely moving onward, forward and
upward to oneness with God—the state of universal
love. Says Tennyson:

"One God, one law, one element,
And one far-off divine event
To which the whole creation moves."

Blessed is he who is led by Eternal Law.

When the spiritual man attempts any work in
which he needs the help of the whole world, the
whole world always serves him.

Our first step toward the Infinite is when we first
begin to love and search for the Infinite. Man may
never hope to be omniscient until he knows God is
not incomprehensible. The old dogmatic teaching
was and is that man is not to know God—not to
know the Plan and the Planner. Nonsense! Man
is not only to know God, but is to become one with
Him.

True spirituality is friendly to science, and true
science is friendly to spirituality. In a while, in
this blessed Age of Mergers, both will merge and
become one.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

Everything is at peace and harmony with him
who is at peace and harmony with the blessed ALL.

Listen to the Voice which is soundless! When
sorely troubled go into the Silence with the blessed
Silent One and Listen.

No matter how long a soul may exist, no matter
how much it may advance, no matter how much it
may require to satisfy its ambition for knowledge,
and no matter what its power of transition may be,
even if it were a billion miles per second, the uni-
verse is large enough for its movements, grand
enough for its instruction, admiration and study;
and intricate enough in its unfoldment to satisfy
even an infinite soul.—*Leonide Keating.*

God wants straight, radical testimony and
preaching. If we fail to fulfill His will on this
line, He will set us aside and raise up others to
take our place.

The apostles were bold and uncompromising in
their testimony for Christ. They were not afraid
of people being turned from the truth by being
radical and definite in preaching. Let us follow
their example.

The ministry must raise the standard and prac-
tice what they preach. The preacher who cannot
keep an experience of salvation, had better quit
preaching and engage in something else. Such a
one is not a proper example for the flock to follow.

God is now bringing out a pure church. In
order to have a pure church He must have, first
of all, a pure ministry. A great spiritual earth-
quake is now in operation and will continue until
Zion shakes herself from everything not in harmony
with the pure gospel. God has placed a fire in
Zion, and His furnace in Jerusalem, and He will
burn out every impure and crooked preacher and
professor who presumes to belong to His church.
Let us all do our duty and help to keep a clear heart
in the sanctuary of God.

Have you a mere fragment of Life, or the whole
of it? That is the question! Whether we live in
wholeness or completeness or partially, should en-
gage our attention above all else.

INSPIRING POEM WORTH KNOWING

Whatever your occupation may be, and
however crowded your hours with affairs,
do not fail to secure at least a few minutes
every day for refreshment of your inner
life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles
Eliot Norton.

"There is No Death"

These verses were written by J. L. McCreery, an
Iowa editor, and were first published in *Arthur's
Home Magazine* of July, 1863. Shortly after this
the *Farmers' Advocate*, published in Chicago, printed
an article written by Eugene Bulmer, who saw fit to
attach the poem to the end of it. A Wisconsin
editor clipped the poetry and credited it to E.
Bulmer. Another editor thought "m" should be
"w" and credited it to E. Bulwer, and in time E.
Bulwer was transformed into Edward Bulwer, Lord
Lytton. After a chase of nearly twenty-five years
Mr. McCreery was able to catch up with the lie and
nail it fast. He is now widely known as the author,
says *The Light of Truth.*

HERE is no death! the stars go
down
To rise upon some other shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled
crown
They shine forevermore.

There is no death! the forest leaves
Convert to life the viewless air;
The rocks disorganize to feed
The hungry moss they bear.

There is no death! the dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain, or mellow fruit,
Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

There is no death! the leaves may fall,
The flowers may fade and pass away—
They only wait through wintry hours,
The warm, sweet breath of May.

There is no death! the choicest gifts
That heaven hath kindly lent to earth
Are ever first to seek again
The country of their birth.

And all things that for growth or joy
Are worthy of our love or care,
Whose loss has left us desolate,
Are safely garnered there.

Though life become a desert waste,
We know its fairest, sweetest flowers,
Transplanted into paradise
Adorn immortal bowers.

The voice of birdlike melody
That we have missed and mourned so long
Now mingles with the angel choir
In everlasting song.

There is no death! although we grieve
When beautiful, familiar forms
That we have learned to love are torn
From our embracing arms—

Although with bowed and breaking heart,
With sable garb and silent tread,
We bear their senseless dust to rest,
We say that they are "dead"—

They are not dead! they have but passed
Beyond the mists that blind us here,
Into the new and larger life
Of that serener sphere.

They have but dropped their robe of clay
To put their shining raiment on;
They have not wandered far away—
They are not "lost" or "gone."

Though disenthralled and glorified,
They still are here and love us yet;
The dear ones they have left behind
They never can forget.

And sometimes, when our hearts grow faint
Amid temptations fierce and deep,
Or when the wildly raging waves
Of grief or passion sweep—

We feel upon our fevered brow
Their gentle touch, their breath of balm,
Their arms enfold us, and our hearts
Grow comforted and calm.

And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear, immortal spirits tread—
For all the boundless universe
Is Life—there are no dead!

ABOUT THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

Read and Think It Over

OUR MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING AT A TREMENDOUS RATE. THIS CLUB IS DESTINED TO BE BY FAR THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION OF ITS CHARACTER IN EVERY WAY IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

So many write us beautiful letters, giving wonderful experiences in sin and regeneration through our help, and then add, "please do not publish for private reasons." Of course we never publish an experience or a testimony when asked not to do so. But, beloved, think of the many who are as deep in the mire of error and despondency as you were, and how such a testimony or experience would help to give these despairing ones new hope. We ought never to fail to testify in any possible way to the great goodness and blessings of God. All praise, all honor, all glory and all possible publicity should be given to the mighty and blessed works of the All-Father-Mother.

To all members who write to Mystic No. 7 for special prayers and treatments for special and specific effects, we would say that your case has immediate and special attention. The Mystic Adepts are always delighted to help their brothers; indeed, their only joy and bliss is in helping others. They ask no pay, but love for this work, as they know how to provide ample means to support them in their simple lives.

Brother W. E. Dixon, Le Roy, Kan., writes, in sending in report of his work in the Second Degree: "I have realized a great deal of benefit from my work in the first two degrees." We receive many of these brief notes, which, though short and to the point, carry psychic vibrations that tell us that the members writing them are being greatly helped.

Brother P. Fisher, Maltby, Wash., writes, in deep, brotherly love for all: "Dear Blessed Brothers: I send you herewith record blank of my work in the Second Degree of this Blessed Club, with praise and honor to the All-Father-Mother, who has used you Blessed Brethren as instruments for the great change that has been wrought in me during these last two months. When I think of the Past and compare it with the Now, I realize I am an entirely different man. I see the world and All in an entirely new light. Everything now has a meaning, which I find pleasure to notice, and I see Good everywhere. I thank you also, Blessed Brothers, for your untiring work; and may all the blessings of the Universe come to all the members and the founders of The Mystic Success Club." Thanks, beloved brother, thanks!

Brother Donald Gunn, Stonewal, Manitoba, writes: "Please find enclosed my record of work in the Second Degree. I have taken the greatest interest in the first two degrees. I would sooner miss my meals than miss this work. I have developed health and strong spirituality, and feel the presence of visiting angels sometimes, by day as well as by night. I am very successful in business and my mind is opening and developing to Light, Truth and Wisdom. I am joyous and happy in every way, although I have known much sorrow. I will ever bless the day I made the acquaintance of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and The Mystic Success Club." Dear brother, your vision of the Mystic you mention shows that you are being helped. Astral projection is as yet so little understood by the masses that we do not print much about it, as the ignorant and superstitious are not yet ready for the full blaze of the White Light of Truth. You will understand and do understand how angels and spirits of the departed and those in the body here can easily appear before a highly spiritualized man or woman. Persons with dark auras who cannot be reached and do not experience spiritual phenomena can never be made to believe. And that is right, too, as we should never believe anything blindly, without full demonstration. Some time, somewhere, each spirit evolves a mind that can comprehend and know and see and hear angels, spirits of the "departed" or spirits of the "living." As a matter of truth, we are all eternal spirits here and now or anywhere. This Club helps its members to develop psychic-mental powers of untold value.

Sister Ittie K. Reno, 321 Vine street, Nashville, Tenn., writes a long letter, giving some beautiful psychic experiences she had while working the First Degree. In working this First Degree we get into a reposeful state, wherein the powerful unseen forces and intelligences can reach us and help us. These phenomena mean much to you; you will soon recognize and realize much good in your work in this Club.

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

Health, Wealth, a Long, Useful and Blessed Career for You

"No Enterprise Is Too Venturesome, No Effort Too Daring"

To accomplish great things one must do the small and simple duties of life thoroughly.—A MYSTIC.

The whole world around us, and the whole world within us, are ruled by law.—THE DUKE OF ARGYLL.

Men of an extraordinary success, in their honest moments, have always sung, "Not unto us, not unto us."—Emerson.

Practice yourself, for Heaven's sake, in little things; and thence proceed to greater.—Epictetus.

THERE is not one person in the world but what is in need of something to make his or her life, here and now, more rich, more full, more complete.

We all of us have a deep and inexpressible thirst and hunger for Health, Peace, Joy, Happiness and a high success in Life.

Countless complex and involved ways are sought by the mortal mind for success, and men strive "with torn and wounded feet" for that which they cannot find, by ordinary mental methods—it requires a Spiritual or Psychic Plan.

Joy, Peace, Health, true Success, and perfect Satisfaction can never be found only through One Eternal Principle.

There is but one Source and one storehouse of every permanent blessing, and finding it, all is found.

"It is an attitude of mind, a state of consciousness, an ineffable knowledge, in which the struggle for existence ceases, and the soul finds itself at rest in the midst of plenty, where its great need, yea, its every need, is satisfied, without strife and without fear."

In a simple but absolutely perfect Way, the Holy Mystic Adepts lead the sick, the sorrowful and the disappointed to Health, Peace, Joy and Success, here and now.

The Mystic Adepts give members special treatments without price, and in the Four Degrees you are given the Ancient Mystic Secrets for Health, Peace, Joy—Success.

How great it is for one to control and harmoniously adjust the Unseen Forces of the Soul and the universe!

Come, beloved eternal brother and child of God, fellowship with us—become a life member of our blessed brotherhood.

The purpose of this Club is to lift its members out of partial success or what the world calls "dire failure."

More than that—we desire to impress upon the minds of mankind the importance of lofty ideals.

In idealism and optimism there can be nothing but tremendous success.

In this great and progressive age optimists are much sought after, and many doors are open to all who are cheerful, patient workers.

While we help all members to obtain material wealth and perfect health, we in no way ever lose sight of the supreme importance of each member cultivating his or her higher nature, the moral life, and the intellectual qualities.

Indeed, the influence of the great Mystics Adepts for good, on the general life of all members of our Club, is incalculable.

In the First Degree, known as the HEALTH DEGREE, we give you the Ancient Mystic rule for health; showing you how you can attract and hold mighty healing and soothing forces of the Unseen; how you can arouse within your own inner self all the latent or sleeping forces and powers which are always within your soul.

In the work of the Second Degree you become Receptive and are helped to reach a state where you will begin to attract all you need in a Mystic way.

The Third Degree makes one strong and powerful in Personal Magnetism; in a while all will want to serve you; your cleansed and purified aura will now attract and hold men and women of power to help you; and you will without word or effort be charming and attractive. There is no more helpful force to man for success than that known as Personal Magnetism.

In the Fourth and Last Degree we help you to recognize and realize all your hopes and ideals. You are now filled and aglow with an eternal increasing force that is potent for grand success.

Each member of our Club gives thirty days to each degree, so that within four months you are on the Path of Success.

Your eyes and ears and whole being now begin to discern those finer laws of Life and Nature which make for the greatest success.

There is joy and bliss in true success.

We show you how to give up all that keeps you down; we help you come up on a higher plane and fellowship with men and women of great success.

Our Four Degrees are at once simple and can be comprehended and easily understood by anyone.

All that is necessary to have a life membership in THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is to have an earnest aspiration to have Health, Wealth, a long, useful and blessed career, and to comply with the easy conditions given below.

Read on these pages the inspiring testimonies and experiences of some of our members; space will not permit us to print all the letters we have received.

Our membership is increasing at a tremendous rate; and in large numbers, bound together by Universal Love, there is a mighty force to uplift ourselves and the Whole.

It has been truly said that "men co-operate with the lifting power from above, not only by their own personal aspirations, but by active effort in aiding those around them."

In a mystic way this Club is a tremendous co-operative body or force, each member not only helping himself along the Grand Path, but also helping others; we are all cemented by the divine bond of Universal Love that makes for joy, peace and perfect harmony; new members soon become at-one with the mighty lifting and elevating powers of the Unseen.

You possess mighty undeveloped powers. Why not develop and use them? This Club can help you do so.

The Four Degrees together with the treatments of our Mystic Adepts will set you aflame with New Life, New Hope, New Courage and lead you to success.

Hundreds of letters are pouring in, speaking in glowing words about the wonderful blessings that have come to members since they enrolled their names as life members.

This is our plan as formulated and carried out by great Mystic Adepts, Seers, Sages and Prophets:

- FIRST—Lead you to HEALTH. (First month.)
- SECOND—Lead you to RECEPTIVITY. (Second month.)
- THIRD—Lead you to PERSONAL MAGNETISM. (Third month.)
- FOURTH—Lead you to REALIZATION. (Fourth month.)

Remember THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB operates in a *practical* and *positive* way with a true co-operative principle, unlimited in scope; we work with *you*, and *you* with us, in perfect harmony, under the broad and eternal co-operative law.

This is the beginning of the great Golden Age of Co-operation; competition and strenuous strife will from now on gradually give way to co-operation, and then the world will be truly successful.

We are helping thousands of loyal members from poverty, drudgery and disease to opulence, freedom and perfect health.

AGAIN, WE ASK YOU TO READ ALL THE TESTIMONIES ON THESE PAGES, AND REMEMBER WE HAVE NOT SPACE TO PRINT ALL WE RECEIVE.

No more dark days for our members! What a blessing!

The loyal members of this Club have no dark days. How full and complete and joyful is a life lived in the pure, clear WHITE LIGHT!

Now, aspiring souls, it will be well for you to know this one truth: The owner, publishers, editors, writers and great Mystic Adepts connected with THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES are men and women who have RECOGNIZED and REALIZED—who are pre-eminently successful—who can help You.

This Magazine came to the world unannounced and unheralded, and is the phenomenal success in magazine publishing—all glory be to the Light of the Spirit—to God.

For a long time we have been formulating and perfecting plans to make THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB the most perfect, forceful and helpful organization in the world.

AND LIKE ALL THINGS WE DO IN SPIRIT, IT, TOO, IS SUCCESSFUL, AND IS A FITTING AND BEAUTIFUL DEMONSTRATION OF THE INNER POWER OF MAN.

This Club is a tremendous success; all its great number of loyal members are reaching success; and through it we are doing a part of the blessed works promised for this Twentieth Century by the Sages, Seers and Prophets—healing all diseases and abolishing drudgery and poverty.

Distinctly understand, THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is in no way a money-making organization. We have set aside a large sum of money to make it a grand success, and in turn for what we do for you in helping to make you successful and happy, we will expect you to help us to *partly pay* the expenses of supporting the Club (printing, postage, clerks, etc.).

To that end each member becomes a yearly subscriber to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES at one dollar, and gets *three* (3) friends to subscribe for the Magazine at one dollar a year, sending us the three subscribers, with three dollars. Upon receipt of the three subscribers, with three dollars, you are entered on our membership books as a *full life member*, with no further dues or payments of any kind whatsoever. We then mail you the First Degree (Health Degree), which, if you will work out, giving to it a little time each day, will put you on the road to perfect and permanent health. At the end of thirty days we mail you the Second Degree (for Receptivity); in thirty days more the Third Degree (Attractiveness; or, Personal Magnetism), and in thirty days more the Fourth or final Degree, which prepares you for full Realization. It takes four months to work through the four degrees, and you are then in a far more healthy, receptive and attractive condition than you ever thought of being here on the earth-plane of existence. Some will develop the most perfect clairvoyant and clairaudient powers, which are always helpful to success; *all* will be more successful than they ever thought possible. Now, at the end of four months is the *real* beginning of *real* and *permanent* success.

At the end of four months all of your Psychic-Mental powers will have been developed to a most wonderful degree, and new doors will open to you for success, and Life will be beautiful.

Read this department each month, which will print about success, the growth of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, special success and achievements of individual members, etc.

In conclusion, remember you become a life member of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, and will receive our daily vibrations that we send out in the Silence, upon becoming a subscriber for one year, at one dollar, to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and securing three more subscriptions from three friends, at one dollar each. If you are already a subscriber, then send three subscribers, with three dollars; if not, then send three subscribers and your own subscription, with four dollars. We will immediately enter your name as a Life Member on our books and send you one degree each month. There are no further dues, assessments or payments to be made.

Come, beloved—we speak to you in love, sincerity and earnestness—join hands with us for life, and help us spread the glad song of love, hope, health, courage, optimism and success to the whole world.

This is the golden opportunity of your life. If you doubt it, go into the Silence and ask the God within the soul about it.

Read this over thoughtfully and ask yourself about it.

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is organized and founded by men and women who have realized tremendous success, and it will be in a prosperous and forceful condition as long as there is one discouraged soul on this planet.

A great Mystic Adept, who has realized all that is successful, will have encouraging and hopeful words printed here in this department each month.

Each member of this Club becomes a determined and purposeful conqueror of discordant and adverse conditions of Life, *now* and *here*.

In a while, each member assists others to rise and realize the fulness and wholeness of Life.

It is a grand union of eternal souls for self-expansion and all-expansion—for Growth, Progress, Enthusiasm and Optimism.

We bring out in you, beloved, all the resources of your soul, heart and mind.

We fit you for the highest and noblest service—the highest and noblest success.

No power can ever take away from you what we give.

We help you to make your Life, *now* and *here*, larger, broader and grander in every way.

With holy love, peace and good-will to *all* beings in the universe, we are, always for grand success,

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB.

Care of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES,
22 North William Street, New York City, U. S. A.

N. B.—We desire members from all parts of this great and blessed planet.

Any anxiety or worry about success retards our progress. We ask all members to be as calm as possible during the four months' work in this Club. These four months will set you right for all time, if you will but follow our easy and simple directions.

Sister M., of N. S., writes us at length of our work in helping restore peace in her family. We will continue the *special* treatments for your dear ones. We are pleased to have you write us so fully. The Mystics write few letters, as we have a quicker and easier psychic way to reach anyone, no matter how far away they live; the Spirit knows neither space nor time. Our sister says: "Oh, if I could only tell you of the real benefits I have derived since becoming a member of The Mystic Success Club. Really it is wonderful the way I have been led out and up above my circumstances and made to rejoice in the reality, strength and beauty of Universal Life. Thank God! I now know I am on the road to perfect health and success. I sent for special help to Mystic No. 7 while working out the First Degree, and got a great uplift." Dear sister, give all praise, all honor, and all glory to God and the Angels for your splendid experiences, and not to Mystic No. 7. We Mystics are mere channels or mediums through which the Holy Spirit works. The Blissful Prophet says: "Tell her to love God with all her soul, heart and mind, and to look to the All-Father-Mother within her eternal soul for All Light, All Life, All Peace and All Force."

Sister Nellie Beddon, 972 Payne avenue, Cleveland, O., in completing her Four Degrees, and writing to us in Holy Fellowship, shows she is beginning to Realize. She says in part: "My life has been a complete change since I joined this blessed Club. Through your holy teachings I am now a help to others. God speaks to me in the Silence and directs my every act. It seems as though I live in a new and a different world—a most beautiful world—to what I did only a few months ago. I cannot express the warm and fervent love I have for The Mystic Success Club, for it has been everything for me and done everything for me. May God bless the Mystic Adepts and their holy teachings." Oh, how grand and beautiful life becomes when we begin to realize our eternal oneness with eternal Providence! At the end of the Fourth Degree members begin to Recognize and Realize the fulness and completeness of Life here, now, and for all eternity.

Sister Francette Webb Leveridge, Berkeley, Cal. In you we recognize a wonderful power to help the All. It is more than pleasing that we are attracting to this blessed Club of the Spirit so many great souls. We ask for your special prayers. We are pleased that a sister member of another great and ancient order should join us, and also to receive your words of love and praise. How great and grand is the power and work of the Spirit! Hermes is great! In our Club we have many mystics, who will never be generally known to the world; it is not wise for mystics to be known as such, as to do great and lasting works we must avoid personality and ambition for worshippers or a "following." Great and Holy Men are willing to sink their personality and work and teach unknown, unrewarded as to name and fame, under the mere title of "mystic." Unawakened people or the carnal-minded cannot understand this unselfish work, and often ridicule the mystics. This matters not; the more they ridicule, the more we project our love on them, and in a while we win our enemies. The fervent, holy mystic is non-attached and perfectly non-resistant; he disturbs nothing, and nothing can disturb him, for is he not one with the Omnipotent One, the Omniscient One, and the Omnipresent One? Beloved sister of the Ancient Order, we welcome thee to our blessed Club of Universal Love.

Sister Kate M. Frazier, Clarion, Pa.—Beloved, we thank you for your kind words. Mystic No. 7 has sent your case to a brother Mystic who works for the spirits in aged bodies. There are no incurable diseases with Spiritual healing, if the one treated is not too deeply in the mire of carnal mind.

Sister M. E. Sayler, Tiffin, O.—Beloved, we will give you special treatment. Pay no attention to your temporary condition; chemicalization is taking place. Spend as much time as possible walking alone in the Sunlight, meditating and adoring this great and glorious orb from which we get all our light, heat and energy in this plane of action, and think if the Sun is great, how much greater must be God, the Eternal Sustainer of all Suns, all bodies in the Universe. Your Angel friends, guides and controls are assisting you. Pray much to your guardian angel. We do not consider your bodily ailments as a bad indication.

We receive only words of praise and blessings from our members. In such a large membership as we now have it would be supposed that we could not reach and please all. But the consensus of opinion of our members can be summed up in a few words that we have selected from a large bundle of letters, viz., "What you do is beautiful and helpful; you teach us *right action*; the Power of Spirit is amazing."

About the Mystic Success Club

Would you have a constant, calm, spiritual strength which will be a continuous power to overcome all grief, woe and misery and make you blessed? If so, beloved, come and fellowship with us in holy love, and forever cease to exist in struggle and strife.—One of the Adepts of The Mystic Success Club.

Sister W. E. Kier, Colorado Springs, Col., writes in holy love and with much praise. She says in part: "I never before so felt the insufficiency and utter foolishness of worry or fear. I am now learning better each day how to take everything to God, leaving them there for Him to do with as He sees fit. May the loving Father watch over and bless The Mystic Success Club." Thanks, beloved, thanks! Praise God forever!

Sister Anna L. Rogers, 49 Ballou street, Cleveland, O., writes: "The working of the degrees is such a pleasant and beautiful work. All hatred, jealousy and envy have taken wings and flew. I do not whine and deplore my humble lot as I did before joining this blessed Club. I now go about my work cheerfully and willingly, knowing that when God is ready to have me do otherwise He will create the means whereby to make the change. I now feel so much better in mind and body. You have changed me. I do not feel like the same person. Thanks to the Mystics who show us all the way to love and peace. I send love to all and pray daily for all, and remain yours in God." Bless you, beloved child of God! This is the simple childlike love and faith that will carry one to all peace, all joy, all strength and all success. Thou art far on the Path, beloved. Praise God!

GOD RESISTETH THE PROUD, BUT GIVETH GRACE UNTO THE HUMBLE.—James IV, 6.

Brother W. S. Jordan, Deputy Auditor of Page County, Ia., of Clarinda, Ia., writes us a letter overflowing with love and praise. He says: "It is the grandest work on earth to-day. I am very busy and cannot write what I feel at this time, but it is only good and will keep."

Sister Sarah Tures, Porterville, Cal., after completing her work in the Fourth Degree is beginning to realize many blessings. She writes: "Words cannot express my joy and thankfulness for the much good I have received and am receiving as a member of our great Club. My daily prayers will be for the blessed Club."

Sister Pauline Dietrich, 1348 South Laredo street, San Antonio, Tex., writes that her true success in life has now begun. She says: "I feel my spiritual development has now rightly begun. What a great blessing! I breathe a blessing upon The Mystic Success Club."

Sister Mary F. Flanagan, 1305 North Fifth street, St. Joseph, Mo., is a blessed spirit filled with love and holy aspirations. She writes us many pages of the highest praise to the Most High for the help she has received as a member. Among other things she says: "I now have perfect health: I could not ask for better health. I was a great sufferer for years: I am now entirely free from former ills. I had many doctors, and for months was unable to leave my bed. My friends all looked upon me with pity as a hopeless victim of consumption. I cannot find words to express the joy I now feel in my very soul as a member of this blessed Club that has helped me so much. I can never do too much for the Magazine or The Mystic Success Club."

To Sister Sarah A. Griffith, Ocean City, N. J., and a great number who have worked the Fourth Degree and are realizing blessings, we wish to say that you must remember that your realization has only begun; in a little while we will send all members who have worked the Fourth Degree some precious and blessed Mystic Messages, which will be prepared by a Holy Mystic Brother.

THE MYSTICS WRITE FEW LETTERS. ALWAYS REMEMBER, ANY REQUEST OF YOURS FOR PRAYER OR SPECIAL TREATMENT WILL BE SACREDLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY ATTENDED TO WITHOUT OUR WRITING YOU LETTERS.

Sister Emma J. Talmage, 1333 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes in holy and fervent love for ALL. She says in part: "I could tell of many ways in which I have been blessed and benefited since joining our Club, but will not take up time and space. Your vibrations have done wonders for me—for both soul and body. May divine blessings rest on each worker and the founders of the Club."

Sister J. D. Barker, Penn Yan, N. Y., writes: "I have been wonderfully helped, both physically and financially. I feel stronger each day in my love and faith, and in my heart is always a prayer for the success of the Mystic Brotherhood and that I may be a help and a blessing to The Mystic Success Club." God bless you, beloved sister! It is the thousands of daily prayers like yours that is making this Club such a tremendous success. No similar organization in the history of the world ever had such growth and such success in helping its members help themselves. Remember, we take no credit for this work. All honor, all praise, all glory is given to God and the Angels.

All the intricacies of Life and conduct are smoothed and made blessings—if you are a loyal member of The Mystic Success Club. All adversity is soon overcome, and the Light and Truth illumines your life forever. This is the most powerful organization in the whole world to help one strengthen and fortify himself against all that makes for discord and in-harmony. No words are strong enough to express its real power to uplift the children of God.—A Mystic.

Brother W. D. Hamilton, 406 McDonough street, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "My Dear Brothers and Sisters of The Mystic Success Club, 'whom not having seen, I love,' most sincerely. I can but feebly express the joy and gratitude I feel toward you all for the very marked degree of prosperity, both temporal and spiritual, which I have enjoyed ever since I became a member of our blessed Club. Every day of my life I am receiving great help and strength from unseen forces and which I only attribute to the vibrations sent out by our Holy Mystics. May God bless you all. THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES I most highly prize and am doing all I can to increase its circulation: Its grand and glorious success is already assured. I hope and pray that it may find its way into every home." God bless you, brother, for your good will. Prayer counts! Our Magazine was founded on prayer and is sustained by prayer, the same as this Club was founded. Not one minute in the day but what some fervent soul is praying to God for the success of this work of spreading Love, Light, Knowledge and Wisdom.

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE.—Psalms xlvi, 1.

Brother Emil Gastel, 226 Sumac street, Philadelphia, Pa., writes a letter full of love and enthusiasm after working the Four Degrees. Among other things, he says: "The result of the work in this Club has been very encouraging and I begin to see great possibilities in store for me in the future. Our Club and its teachings are certainly a blessing to humanity. I know from my own experience what a blessed change the four months' work have brought about, and I sincerely wish that every soul in the world could get the uplifting influence of our Club."

REMEMBER, REALIZATION OF IDEALS AND GREAT SUCCESS ONLY BEGIN AT THE COMPLETION OF WORK IN THE FOURTH DEGREE. THE MYSTICS ARE NOW PREPARING SOME SPECIAL WORK FOR THE WINTER MONTHS, WHICH WILL BRING TO EACH MEMBER GRAND RESULTS IN THE WAY OF SUCCESS.

Sister Charles W. Senfert, Box 73, Port Clinton, O., writes: "I am much stronger and my health is much improved. I can now do a big day's work and scarcely feel tired when night comes. Those awful pains I have had in my kidneys have entirely left me. I have no more sleepless nights nor tired feelings and pains in my back."

ALL LOYAL MEMBERS OF THIS CLUB WILL HOLD THE MIND AND BODY IN PERFECT HEALTH, VIGOR AND BEAUTY FOR GREAT PERIODS OF YEARS.

Brother John Hadaller, Wheeler, Ill., is far on the Path. This earnest, God-loving brother sends us a long letter filled with Holy love and great praises and blessings. Among other things he writes: "God bless you all for this grand work. Thank God for His goodness: through you I have come to Light and health: I know what health is now. Your blessed words reach the centre of the heart. And now success comes to me without looking for it. Now I have sweet sleep with beautiful visions, and in the morning when I awake I am refreshed, rested, happy, glad and joyous. I cannot express in words my thanks and love for this grand good work. People are astounded at my health; they say, 'Why, John, you are looking so much better now than ever before; you have made a great change in health and you speak so differently.' I would now give my life for the good God. May God bless you all." Glory be to the great God forever! How we are thrilled with Holy Love as we read daily many letters from members who have reached health, peace, joy and happiness through the work of this great Club.

ALL DISTURBING THOUGHTS VANISH WHEN WE CEASE TO HARBOR THEM; OUR FIRST DEGREE SHOWS ONE THE SIMPLE AND ANCIENT MYSTIC WAY TO PERMANENTLY CLEANSE THE MIND OF ALL DISTURBING THOUGHTS.

Sister Martha L. Seifert, Freeport, Ill., is an earnest and fervent God-loving spirit. She writes: "I thank you for the great help you have rendered me. Indeed, I feel a great deal better since joining our blessed Club. May the blessings of God rest and abide with this Club and its members." Thousands of letters like this have been received. With so many earnest and fervent prayers for our success our membership is increasing at a marvelous rate. All earnest prayers are answered.

All of our loyal members are helped by the great unseen forces; later on you will all understand how this is done.

Henry Wood says: "We are living in an eternal fountain of strength, and yet are weak; we are encompassed with good, and yet behold evil; health is infinite supply, and still we groan with pain and disease; order and symmetry are ours, but we are filled with discord and confusion; and, because we abide in the seen and transitory."

Sister Mary Goostrée, 933 Mission street, San Francisco, Cal., writes: "To the Dear and Blessed Mystic Success Club—When I first started to work in the First Degree everything looked so dark to me I was about giving up hope and faith, and a dreadful despair came over me very often. My health was failing fast. I had lost all patience in the stormy trials of my surroundings in home life. But now all is changed: some unseen but very much felt power guides me slowly. Oh, how blessed is this blessed Light and Peace that I am feeling now! I feel like a new being, thanks to the All-Father-Mother and the help of The Mystic Success Club." We could easily fill every page of this Magazine each month with the letters of praise received from our members.

IN TIME ALL EARNEST AND LOYAL MEMBERS OF THIS CLUB COME TO KNOW ALL THE MYSTIC SECRETS. WE HAVE MANY BLESSED SURPRISES FOR OUR LOYAL MEMBERS A LITTLE LATER ON.

Brother O. F. Botkin, Mt. Tabor Station, Portland, Ore., is full of Holy love for all, and, in a long letter of praise for what God, through this Club, has done for him, among other things, says: "God bless the brotherhood of The Mystic Success Club for ever and ever! I am so happy that I have not words to express my heart's delight. Oh, the fullness of God's love when entertained by us! The whole being of the world is my brother and sister. I will do my utmost to extend the circulation of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES—it is so uplifting to humanity, ennobling and grand." God blesses all who help to circulate good books or magazines: it is a psychic phenomenon that those who help any work that helps in any degree to lead men to God are in turn helped by the mighty Unseen forces. Help holy works all you can.

Sister Elizabeth Fleming, 3509 Lafayette Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., writes: "Beloved Brothers in Christ, I am so happy to tell you how much I have been helped in spiritual progress since I joined the Club. I am now on the road to peace and contentment; everything is bright and beautiful and I am filled with hope and courage. May our good All-Father-Mother give the choicest blessings to each and all of the members of our Success Club is the sincere prayer of your sister in Christ."

A warm union of love fills and thrills all members of this Club, and everything which has been vague and dark becomes comprehensible. In a little while amazing opportunities for success open before the member. What wonderful blessings are ours when we can see! What joy and bliss there are in freedom! How the mysteries are explained! It is heaven here and now!

ALL THINGS ARE YOURS.—I Cor., iii, 1.

Sister Mary L. Barker, 113 Shepard street, Lynn, Mass., full of the Christ-love, writes us a long letter which vibrates with Holy love. Among other things our sister writes: "I believe in this Club and all it claims, and the teachings of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES I know to be true. I feel strong to bear and forbear, and can be calm and quiet even under strong provocation with the sense of Help and Comfort always present with me. May the blessing of God rest on your work." With the prayers of thousands of fervent, earnest souls like our sister this Club is a grand success, and each loyal member will make his or her life a grand success. "Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."—Isa., xxvi, 4.

Sister Frances E. Gates, 532 Dunlevy Avenue, Vancouver, B. C., is making great progress. In a letter filled with love and praise she says, in part: "I am being greatly benefited. I am developing in many respects. I am a busy woman, and but for the help I receive from unseen forces, from the blessed Angels and Mystic Adepts, I am sure I could not accomplish that which I have to do. I have ceased to worry and my mind is serene and calm."

ALL NERVOUS ILLS, FRETTING AND WORRYING, ARE EASILY, QUICKLY AND PERMANENTLY CURED BY FOLLOWING THE ANCIENT MYSTIC RULES LAID DOWN IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.—Psalms xxiii, 6.

Brother C. H. Bateman, Shelter Island, N. Y., has completed his work in the Fourth Degree, and is beginning to realize the most wonderful blessings spiritually, mentally and materially. His business is improving and growing, and life with him now runs smoothly and he is in much peace and joy. In a long letter filled with Love, Trust, Faith and Praise he says, in part: "I have great peace and calmness now. I am very, very grateful to the Almighty One for the abundance of help I am getting since I joined this Club. You have done much for me, for which I am grateful. Many apparent disasters have come up, which only miraculous and unseen powers could avert, and they have been averted, or held in check, enabling me to go on with my work. Many times it seemed impossible to escape very serious troubles (many of them), but I followed your teachings, and did what you told me to do in the degrees, and put my whole confidence in God, with no doubt or apprehension, and the trouble faded away and left me free and full of force and power to keep on with my work. Much power comes to me in the blessed knowledge that I am a member of such a great and holy band of men and women. I know I am a member of the most blessed congregation of God-loving and universal loving men and women in this blessed world joined together for universal good, and I consider it a great privilege to be one of them, and I hope and pray I shall ever be a worthy member. I am now realizing blessings. Many matters are now being straightened out and turning in my favor. I have followed your instructions implicitly—I have worked faithfully and honestly with grand results. I have put my whole confidence in God, and know the All-Father-Mother will help me help myself. I have no doubt or apprehension whatsoever now—all will be well with me. Now old debts owing me are being paid. Money has come to me unexpectedly, when I needed it badly, from sources I had given up all hopes of. I have perfect trust and faith in Providence—in God's love and mercy—and know that He is helping me through the medium of the blessed Mystic Success Club. May your noble work go on through all ages and with all peoples. It is a grand, blessed work, and it is with a most grateful, blissful feeling that I indulge in the thought I am one of you." Oh, mighty and eternal God! we have only words of joy for putting it into our minds to found this Club that we might by Thy help and Thy grace help our brothers. Amen.

ALL MEMBERS WHO ASK FOR SPECIAL PRAYERS AND ABSENT TREATMENTS BY OUR MYSTIC HEALERS FOR SPECIFIC TROUBLES ARE HELPED. OF COURSE, WE EXPECT YOU, TOO, TO KEEP AT THE SIMPLE, EASY AND COMPREHENSIVE WORK WE GIVE YOU TO DO IN THE FOUR DEGREES.

All loyal and earnest members of this Club soon come into the blessed Light where they see God, man, the world and the universe as all right—all right for to-day.

In sorrow and in sighing,
In darkness and in light,
Just keep this motto flying:
"The world's all right!"
Think hate and wrong are dying
From human sense and sight;
Keep still this motto flying:
"The world's all right!"
For love to love replying,
Makes melody and light;
Keep you this motto flying:
"The world's all right!"

Sister J. S. Whiteman, Cajon, Cal., writes us in universal love (holy love) as follows: "I am happy to be able to truthfully say that I have received great benefit from the Club." Beloved sister, all that you receive of good, or do of good, comes from the Spirit (God). Man receives his greatest blessings—lasting blessings—when he recognizes and realizes the great God, the great All in All. Prophets, Seers, Mystics, Elder Brothers, Clubs and organizations of holy men can only help you to find the Light of your own soul—only help you to help yourself. And all praise, all glory, all honor should be rendered to God, the Author and Sustainer of all.

Brother George N. Little, 2958 North Fifth street, Philadelphia, Pa., at the completion of work in the Fourth Degree is beginning to realize many blessings. He is now firmly footed on the Path that leads to success. He says, in part: "I cannot remember a happier month—I feel a grand helping unseen influence about me." Beloved brother, become Christed if thou wouldst aspire to adeptship. The Elder Brothers of Compassion have been asked to give you special help in the Silence. Mystic Adepts write few letters; they reach aspiring souls in an easier, simpler and more blessed way. In time thou wilt know the mysteries.

The power and serene calm of the Holy Mystic is due to the holy inspirations that come to him by praying, listening, obeying and doing. All real mystics are tremendous and tireless workers. A holy man is never slothful nor a mere dreamer. He who lives with and for God is the worker of all workers and the producer of all producers. The mystic under divine direction knows what to do and how, when and where to work. He works with love and great energy and for work's sake alone, perfectly non-attached to his work or the fruits thereof, yet fully enjoying both the work and the fruits.

Brother J. P. Darden, Fayette, Miss., has been greatly blessed by becoming a member of this Club. Our brother needs the love and prayers of all members. The Mystic Adepts are helping him. He writes, in part: "I do certainly thank God and the Mystic Success Club for what I have received from the bottom of my heart." Beloved brother, carefully read and memorize the following:

Unseen and untrifling forces, and unseen intelligences of the highest order, help all who try to help themselves and put their hope and trust in the great God—the loving Father of all. The great power of the God-lover can never be comprehended by those who will not see, hear or listen.

Brother Otto R. Young, El Paso, Tex., has completed his work in the Fourth Degree and is realizing blessings. In a letter filled with brotherly love, he says, in part: "I have been well paid in many ways for having taken the four degrees. In addition to my mind and body being more harmonious, I now have Faith and Courage and Light which give me blessed hope for the future years." Our brother, as all loyal brothers do, loses at the end of the Fourth Degree all doubt, all fear and all pessimism. Pessimism keeps men in weakness, fear, doubt and failure.

Pessimism is an abnormal state of mind that never fails, if continued, to sink one down into a low physical, mental and moral condition; it poisons all it touches; it is destructive. Much failure comes from Pessimism. Optimism is a normal state of mind and is of the soul; it is constructive; it enlarges the mental vision, and attracts all the forces of the universe that make for health, strength, prosperity and progress.

It does not cost you anything to become a life member of The Mystic Success Club; there are no dues or fees. All the degrees and any literature we mail you are absolutely free. All we ask is for you to help THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES by becoming a subscriber yourself and securing three more subscribers. If you really desire to do good in this world help to circulate this soulful magazine.

The Mystic Success Club is opening wide the doors to New Life to many men and women in all parts of the world who heretofore have lived a narrow life—lived in ruts, limitations, disease, poverty and general failure.

The most enduring kind of success to acquire is that success which will make you permanently healthy, peaceful, progressive, prosperous and a noble child of God.

This Club is growing at a tremendous rate, and numbers its members by the many thousands.

Our mail is very large, and we select a few letters each month and comment on them in these columns, as many persons ask the same questions.

For instance, a large number of persons write: "Can I join The Mystic Success Club, when I already belong to a Success Club?" Certainly, and with great advantage; our plan in no way interferes with or antagonizes any other good plan of life. A membership in our Club makes your mind all-comprehensive to the All Good in the ALL. We open and train the mind for the highest and noblest success. So, beloved souls, come and join this great and mighty society, no matter what may be your nationality, your religion, or whether you belong to one or many other clubs or organizations—you are sure to get a psychic-mental uplift that will lead you on to a full realization of your hopes and ideals.

About the Mystic Success Club

Right action ever tends to success. The Ancient teachings of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB lead its members to right action. We turn, in a simple, mystic way, the whole current of your being, and in a while the limitless powers of the universe serve you.

THE FOLLOWING TESTIMONY OUGHT TO CONVINC THE MOST DOUBTING AND SKEPTICAL MIND IN THE WORLD:

Sister Ida A. Requa, La Côte aux Feis, Canton de Neuchatel, Switzerland, is a blessed aspiring spirit. She needed the help of the Spirit as it manifests its healing and uplifting power through our great Holy Mystic Adepts. The Spirit impressed her while in physical and mental suffering to join this Club. Though far away across the Atlantic the holy vibrations reached her. There is no distance to omnipresent Spirit. She writes: "I have read and studied much along theosophical lines, and held that physical conditions, being the result of mental states, should not be interfered with, except by hygienic living, out to be borne with patiently as Karma, engendered by one's own evil acts in the past. Have certainly hoped and believed that physical well-being would finally result as a natural effect of strenuous efforts toward union with the divine and intelligent cultivation of character. I seem, however, to have been the victim of a long series of griefs and illnesses, and fear that I grew morbid from too much contemplation of them in the light of punishment for acts probably committed in past incarnations, from which I was not ordained to escape." (God is Love and never punishes or rewards, but when we do live at one with the eternal Blessed Spirit we live in eternal Peace, eternal Joy, eternal Force, eternal Bliss; when we do not live at-one with God, we suffer. These two effects to the small or unawakened mind,—the carnal or dualistic mind—appear as punishments and rewards, and hence we have men creating a God of anger and wrath—a personal God with human attributes instead of a God of Love.—EDITOR OF THIS DEPARTMENT.) Our sister continues: "A year and a half ago I had a fall from which was picked up supposedly dead. This fall so injured my whole nervous system, besides breaking several bones and injuring me severely internally, that I've since been a nervous wreck. You will realize then with what gratitude and joy I've found myself in lately since joining this Club, in a condition so improved, nevorously and physically, that I have resumed a normal life to a great extent, reading, meditating, sustaining conversation without too great exhaustion, walking some, and even sitting at the piano an hour at a time without lying awake all night as a consequence. I must believe all the blessings come as the effect or result of my connection with the Club (or has the evil Karma exhausted itself?) Certainly I know the value of thought transmission from a nucleus of strong mentality, but that does not lessen my astonishment and delight. How correspondingly great, then, are my feelings of gratitude toward this organization that works so successfully for the betterment of human woes! It is a great privilege and a blessing to be a member. I shall now try to take up my life again hopefully, looking toward being of use again in some way not yet revealed. I shall not neglect to send out harmonious thoughts night and morning to the Club, which has my most hearty and loving gratitude." Beloved eternal Spirit, know this, that when thou dost once recognize and realize that you and each and all are eternal children of the All-Father-Mother, that you have broken all the charms of Karma. The Spirit in an instant, when recognized, can break and destroy all Karma the same as it can heal, sooth and smooth. Now, beloved, we are giving you special treatments and we also ask every brother and sister who reads these words to send you love. Many great divine healers who are members of this Club read over these experiences each month and send healing vibrations to each as they read them. This is a silent and sacred work, and we suggest that all our members take a copy of this magazine each month and read some or all of the letters and send to the writers in holy love thought-messages.

In Spiritual healing there are no incurable diseases, and with our great Mystic Healers distance makes no difference.

Sister Dr. Florence Doane, 1028 Walnut street, Kansas City, Mo., is developing wonderful healing powers, and with a little more work and a little more patience and a little more light will be very successful. This Club is helping many brothers and sisters to become great Spiritual Healers. Our sister writes: "I am feeling now a great inflow of Love and Magnetism."

Sister W. W. Woods, Wallace, Idaho, is an earnest spirit that aspires for the Most High, and is beginning to realize that which will bring her eternal Peace and Joy. She writes at the completion of her work in the Fourth Degree: "From the taking of the First Degree I have been gaining ground. I have had beautiful sleep and dreams and what appeared as glorious visions. I have been helped, I know, to face disagreeable duties with a cheerful and happy spirit—a forceful spirit. I have learned self-control over an unusually impetuous temper, and am beginning to love everybody; at least I have overcome hating anyone." Oh, beloved, all live in Spirit, in universal love. In a little while you will realize the indescribable joy of eternal peace and will be free from all care, all doubt and all fear. Thou art now treading the Path.

AS WE LOVE GOD AND THE ALL, ALL WILL LOVE US, AND WE HAVE POWER TO HELP ALL. THIS IS THE SIMPLE SECRET OF PEACE, POWER, POSSESSION.

Sister M. E. Conklin, 2032 Downey avenue, Los Angeles, Cal., writes us in holy love.

Among other things she says: "I cannot tell you how glad and joyous I am in being a member of this great body of aspiring souls. Every day fills me with more love for God and all of His dear children. I am fast learning to stand absolutely alone with God and feel His Living Presence. Oh, how mighty is His Power through prayer! I am now in the Third Degree of this great and blessed work, and success attends my daily walks in Life. May every member of our Club be faithful, loyal and true to the degrees, is my prayer."

Sister Ellen M. Shaw, 603 Westford street, Lowell, Mass., is a progressive spirit. After completing her work in the Third Degree, she writes: "I must say these three degrees have been a most wonderful help to me in every respect, and I cannot find words to express my gratitude and thankfulness to the Mystic Success Club. I have health, strength and courage now to successfully accomplish every undertaking. My many seeming burdens have either ceased or become pleasurable burdens; they do not appear to me as burdens." Praise God, beloved sister, for all your blessings. This Club is lightening the "burdens" of thousands of people. We transmute all "burdens" to golden blessings.

Sister Ella Curley, Springfield, Ill., writes us in Holy Love and her words vibrate with that earnest and sincere enthusiasm which indicate she is making great progress in the work of the Third Degree. Among other things she says: "I would not take thousands of dollars for my three degrees. I intend to secure all the subscribers I can." We receive many such letters. Our members are enthusiastic in circulating our soulful Magazine, feeling that we are doing a great and lasting work in bringing peace, joy, wholeness (holiness) hope and courage into the world. And that is exactly what the Spirit, through our Club and our Magazine, is doing.

Sister Ruth B. Evans, Stockton, Cal., writes with a full and thankful heart. She says: "I am so thankful to the Holy Mystic Adepts for making it possible for all of God's hungry and thirsty children to come to the Fountain and partake of the waters of Life, Love, Knowledge, Wisdom, Peace and Joy. Frequently your vibrations of Love and Harmony come to me so strong that it thrills my entire being, making me feel the broadest and deepest love for all beings in the universe. I have filled out the blank for the Second Degree of my beloved and helpful Club. These two degrees have been a great and wonderful help to me, pointing out the Way and clearing the Path that is leading me in the Broad Way of righteousness and truth. May God bless and strengthen our dear Club." All these many earnest prayers for our work are being answered. This Club and its members are prospering in the most remarkable way. Thousands are now marveling at its quick and permanent work.

We receive only words of praise and blessings from our members. In such a large membership as we now have it would be supposed that we could not reach and please all. But the consensus of opinion of our members can be summed up in a few words that we have selected from a large bundle of letters, viz., "What you do is beautiful and helpful; you teach us right action; the Power of Spirit is amazing."

Brother Walter B. Herring, Lawrence, Mich., writes us in "love, truth, peace, knowledge and progress for all mankind." He says in part: "I want to say that since I first saw THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and first joined the Mystic Success Club there has been so much truth and light reached me that I now have nothing but absolute faith, trust and confidence in what the future will bring. The great good and light I have received since opening my mind with tolerance and love and faith, has sometimes seemed almost phenomenal to me. In my work I have found answers to questions my mind has been asking all my life. And as a result new and more important questions have been born in my mind, and I fully realize that I shall know the answer to them as soon as I am in need of them." Of course you will, beloved brother. As man approaches the blessed Omniscient One he begins to realize that his goal is omniscience. The blessed New Teaching is that man is to know all—omniscience is man's goal; the old dogmatic teaching was that man could not comprehend God. What nonsense! What! man cannot know that which is nearer to him than his own mind—is really the inner self of man?

Sister Marie Josue, 450 Troop street, Brooklyn, N. Y., is one of our blessed members who has wonderful spiritual powers. Through the power of eternal and universal love, this blessed spirit is now attracting to her pure white aura many other blessed spirits, in and out of the body. Great occult and psychic powers surround our soulful sister. Great unseen intelligences are reaching and teaching her, the same as they will any spiritual-minded person. Her experience at the end of the Fourth Degree is interesting. She writes: "A few weeks ago I had a blessed experience in the Unseen. In the night I was impressed to make some signs toward the sky. While doing so my right hand moved slowly to my left hand, clasping it with love and warmth. A sweet Voice said: 'Beloved sister, be patient, hopeful and of good cheer, your future will be much brighter.' I then felt the soothing presence of a beautiful, elevating (angelic) influence, which thrilled me with peace, joy and bliss. I am always sending my very best thoughts of love to every member of our blessed Club. May the eternal white Light of the Radiant Centre shine deep in their souls so that their illumination and radiation of pure light and pure life may help every one they meet on the journey of Life; and may their hearts overflow in love for God, the angels, the holy mystics and every form of life; may the vibrations of united love hasten the glorious time when no one living here, with fullness and plenty and surrounded by beautiful conditions, will be contented and happy so long as others live in misery. And, then, oh, then will also the tenderest love and care and consideration be

given to those other silent and eternal children of our All-Father-Mother—the dumb animals. I have the highest love, esteem and appreciation for the founders of the Magazine." God bless you, sweet child of God! Your prayers will be answered.

NOT AN HOUR OF THE DAY PASSES BUT WHAT THOUSANDS OF MINDS OF HOLY MEN AND WOMEN ARE MASSES FOR GOOD OF THE ALL. COME, JOIN US AND HAVE MIGHTY AND LASTING UPLIFT OF SOUL, HEART AND MIND.

Sister P. G. Tompkins, Crystal Springs, Ark., is an earnest, aspiring spirit who is rapidly reaching freedom. In a letter filled with holy love vibrations, she says in part: "I am rejoiced in the Light I have received through my work in the First Degree. I now sleep sweetly like a child all night. My mind is more peaceful and quiet. My suffering from lameness has abated. I cannot begin to express how thankful I am that this great opportunity has opened up to me a way whereby I may climb to heights unknown. I am now 75 years of age, and all through these years my greatest desire has been for knowledge, and oh, how little I have gained until now! The great and blessed work of this Club cannot be overestimated. May God bless you and speed you in your work till there is not one unawakened soul left." Oh, beloved sister, know this one great truth—that the power of the Spirit is so great that it can do in a moment what mortal or carnal mind, or mortal will, cannot do in ages. Thousands of members of our Club are reaching peaceful and recreating hours in sleep that have suffered for years with insomnia and nervous depression.

THE HOLY AND ETERNAL SPIRIT, THROUGH THE WORK OF THIS CLUB, CURES QUICKLY AND PERMANENTLY ALL NERVOUS DEPRESSION OR INSOMNIA. READ ALL THESE LETTERS.

Sister Samantha Palmer, Woodlawn, Ore., is an enthusiastic spirit; she is grateful and fearless and desires the whole world to know how she was quickly and permanently cured of a distressing case of Insomnia, covering a period of years. We receive many such letters, but from a lack of fear on the part of the writers they say, "Please do not publish this letter." All communications are sacredly confidential with us, and we never print one of these many letters. When one receives such great blessings from the great God it will do his or her soul good and benefit mankind to make a full and public acknowledgment of the same. Among other things, our sister (who desires all to know of the blessings of the All-Father-Mother) writes: "It was a long, bitter life without a turn until I joined our Club. Now a blessed change has taken place. After eight years of many sleepless and dreary nights, I sleep much better and am growing stronger and happier every day."

Brother Charles Wagner, St. Clair, Mich., is a spirit far advanced on the Path. He writes: "I have now worked through the second Degree. It has made me a better and a wiser man. I have done well with regard to my worldly or material necessities. I believe in the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man. I believe in the presence of God within me. I believe in the whole human race, as one unit, one family of God's children." And, beloved brother, what more or how higher could you believe! All that exists is One. God is All in All. God is good, and All is Good.

TO MANY INQUIRERS: The Mystic Success Club is in no way connected with any so-called religion or any so-called religious denomination. It gladly welcomes to membership and fellowship brothers of all religions, no religions, all nations. We are all children of one God. We teach universal love, tolerance, charity, progress and prosperity. Our religion is love of God and all His children, love for this world while we are here, and love and admiration for the countless other beautiful worlds and spheres comprising His universe. We teach the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God, the All-Father-Mother. But our main aim is to inspire and awaken souls so that they may be healthy, strong, vital, progressive and prosperous here and now. There are only "hard times of oppression" to those who are asleep spiritually, mentally and physically.

Brother F. A. Thiebaut, Box 257, Mendon, Mich., after completing work in the Fourth Degree is beginning to realize great blessings. It is at the end of the Fourth Degree that loyal, earnest members only begin to realize the great blessings of life and the greatest success. Of course, a change for the better begins to take place the moment one becomes a member. Our brother writes: "It is my duty, I feel, to report to my brothers and sisters, one and all, the many blessings God showers on me. God permits me to write you that it is a blessing and a privilege to be so closely associated with such a Divine Brotherhood, laboring in such love and so faithfully for the advancement and progress of all humanity. May success crown every effort and the Light of God shine more beautifully each day. I now feel within me a great Force. Although I tire at times in performing my labor, Rest soon finds me and brings great joy and peace of mind. I am very happy with this great Band of Holy Brothers. May many others join the Club and receive what I have received. My financial condition is much improved. I often hear the Spirit speak to me words of guidance and aid, and promises for a grand future."

SPECIAL NOTICE.—REMEMBER THAT WE GLADLY GIVE SPECIAL TREATMENTS FREE TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ASK FOR SPECIAL HELP FOR SOME SPECIFIC THING. MORE THAN THAT—ONE OF OUR SPECIAL MYSTIC ADEPTS READS THE LETTERS RECEIVED AND IN A PSYCHIC WAY SEES AT ONCE IF ANY MEMBER NEEDS SPECIAL SILENT DISTANT TREATMENTS, AND IF SO, SUCH SPECIAL TREATMENTS ARE GIVEN. ALL MEMBERS ARE TREATED AND HELD IN A PSYCHIC WAY FOR LOVE, LIGHT, LIFE, TRUTH, HEALTH, PROGRESS, PEACE, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

Brother J. A. Whelan, 1310 Portage street,

Kalamazoo, Mich., is a blessed child of God, who is making great progress in this work. He says: "I am delighted with the great and splendid change of feelings that have come over me since I joined the Club, also the beneficial change in my looks and appearance. I feel better in every way, and have only worked through two degrees."

THE CHANGE IN THE EYES AND GENERAL FACIAL APPEARANCE OF ALL LOYAL MEMBERS OF THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB IS VERY MARKED—THEY HAVE BEAUTIFUL, CLEAR AND BRIGHT EYES, AND THE COMPLEXION IS MADE FINE AND BEAUTIFUL AND IS TINTED WITH THE RADIANT GLOW OF LIFE, HEALTH, FORCE AND VIGOR.

Sister C. L. Dennis, Amery, Wis., is an excellent Spiritual Healer. Her letter is filled with soul vibrations. She writes: "Dear Ones—I felt the blessed vibrations of Joy and Peace as soon as my name was entered as a member in this great spiritual Club. It was so noticeable that at once I realized a great and permanent uplift. I am only too glad to be one of so good a cause—a member of such a band of pure thinkers and pure living souls. I have practiced Spiritual Healing for three years, and want to know and do all in my power for the uplift of myself and others. It does me great good to read the Magazine."

Sister T. Messenger, Santa Clara, Cal., is making great progress and is overjoyed with renewed health, after suffering much. She says, in part: "I have received great benefit from my work in the First and Second Degrees, and will commence work on Third Degree. My spiritual growth is stronger, and my heart is growing and opening more and more to the love and light of God. My rheumatism is gone. I am in constant thought of the Club, praying for its success, and I am filled with Joy and Gladness." Great is the Power of Prayer, especially when it is made for some cause that is trying to help humanity. The founding of this Club was an answer to prayer—a great prayer from the sorrowful world for relief, and our fervent prayers that we might be appointed to some special work to help our brothers. The daily, aourly prayer of the Holy Mystics is that they may be led to work that will help men to help themselves.

We find a number of persons prefer sending us \$3 for three subscriptions to be sent free to friends or public institutions, and thus earn the privilege of being enrolled as a life member of the Club. While we prefer all members to secure three subscriptions from friends or acquaintances, we have concluded to accept yearly subscriptions that may be given as presents to persons whom you may think need such a cheering and uplifting Magazine to smooth their path of life for one year. No doubt you can select three persons who would be glad to receive the Magazine for one year as a present from you, who would be thus reminded of your interest in their welfare each month for one year. So, if you will send your own subscription for one year and the names of three persons whom you desire it sent to for one year, together with \$3 to pay for same, we will be pleased to enter you as a life member and forward the Four Degrees. You can do good by sending copies to the reading-rooms of some home for aged people, some society, club or public hospital, or other similar institution. Many of our regular subscribers often send us subscriptions for homes and institutions of this nature or to some poor "shut-in" invalid or cripple. Your own soul will tell you what to do in the matter. In no way will we receive mere money for a life membership in this Club.

Brother Geo. M. Ramsey, Rainersburg, Pa., was in great trouble and was sick when he entered our Club and now all is changed. Oh, blessed Spirit, how thou dost change and bless our lives if we but come to Thee! Our brother writes in enthusiasm of Holy Love. Among other things this simple, loving child of God says: "I was in trouble and was sick and discouraged and could not fix my mind right. But thanks be to God, and your teachings, I am now prospering nicely. God bless the Mystic Success Club and all its members. I ask the prayers of members that I may come into more light, understanding and wisdom to do God's Will in all things." Let us all silently pray for our brother. Our mystic Elder Brothers will hold our beloved brother for more Love, more Light, more Life more Peace and Joy.

Sister M. E. Beins, Whitewater, Wis., writes in holy love. She says, in part: "What a wonderful and helpful Club! It is such a blessing to feel that calm, serene and peaceful mind that your teachings bring to one. For months before it seemed impossible to receive such blessings as I now receive. I pray that I may be given light and understanding of the good and beautiful. I send love to all." How blessed is the Power of the Unseen!

Sister Maude Longley, Halifax, N. S., is an advancing spirit, who will from now on make great progress toward realizing her ideals. She writes: "I am delighted with the results in working out these degrees. I find as I advance my faith and hope grow much stronger. The benefit received in the restoration of my bodily health is of untold value to me, and then the enlightenment of my mind and the realization of the blessed radiant Spirit within all help to bring me up to a much higher plane of living. The special treatments I requested from you for my mother are working beautifully; both her business and health are improving; she is so cheerful and contented and such a general change for the better has come over her. I am very grateful to you and the All-Father-Mother for all these blessings that are coming into my life and making my home so bright and happy." This Club's work is brightening many homes.

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB in a simple, comprehensive and positive way lifts its members on the highest planes of thought and action, and helps them to rescue themselves from the mire of despondency—from failure.

The Synthesis and Analysis of Existence

By F. B. Holling, The Teacher, S. S. R., of L. in Light of Truth

ILLUSTRATION: The synthesis of the universe, the synthesis of the universe, the synthesis of the universe.

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growth, progress, development, as supposed by some, is in fact the motion of an oak tree. Its growth depends on soil, moisture, air, light, heat, assimilation, etc. Every year a new ring-growth is added as an environment of accretion. So, too, is the growth, development, or progress of the soul within a matter of accretion. All we know is borrowed from every source: hence there is no separate existence in ideas and thoughts today that is not a product of the earth. Mutual interchange and exchange of thought is continually going on between man and man, and spirit. Thus ideas and thoughts are being transplanted, re-arranged, recombined, etc. like the dust and gases of our atmosphere, to supply the wants of vegetable, animal, human and spiritual life. Thus we are being all of each other, from the potency of nature, and growing together as one multiple, being composed of many, which when analyzed or split apart, become you and I, known, perhaps, as Bill Jones and Joe Smith, who manifest a different character from that of the Multiple being. Here a great lesson is to be learned from the law of Accretion, the true communication received from Spirit—Innocence that lives by smiling what you eat and drink. However, there are genuine communications from your spirits, whose combined knowledge reveals the truth. Some spirits have learned nearly all they know by the benefit of others, else are robbed, which leaves but little to store in memory. Again, by the law of Accretion every man who enters into your history. This historical knowledge forms the sub-conscious being, hidden by material consciousness; but when aroused it can reveal much of the past. Thus we are led on by the impressions of Imagination (Destiny) through every object for Psychometers to read.

Consciousness is composed of an aggregation of thought atoms. They are self-conscious, automatic entities. One thought is not the subject more than another, by intuition each is the object of the other—subject and object are identical in principle, for subject is the name of a thought. So is the object. The closer of thoughts increases as you pass through the veil of experience. This experience will not end until you can master self and rule the universe; you now inhabit, with supreme love, Divinity is shared all into alternate periods. Every period introduces a new frame to be used on the stage of experience, by every being. Now suppose you have learned to get your part well, that you are now ready though all the grades of being from the lowest to the highest; that you are now in the seventh spiritual sphere of Spiritualists, where all the spirits of the universe are component parts of the Grand Man, the Sun, the Cosmic consciousness is within every thing, where, correlates, calibrates, stimulates, and renews.

The seventh sphere may be the seventh heaven of Mahomet, or Nirvan, the state of the gods and goddesses.

I, nature, life, what you name the all-gatherer, thought. Here the all that was put into the lower world universe, by the attributes of the Space God, is now a self-evident truth to each and all composing the Grand Man, the Sun, etc. Here all exist. But, what, what is that in Egypt also? What, what, what, what? We have resurrected those apparently dead, to the still, from oblivion, have stamped the devil into an angel of light, turned night into day, and ignorance into knowledge. We know it all, as there nothing more for us to do and know! If not, the future is no more, and eternal life starts us.

The pursuit of knowledge is better than to be made here life forever. But as progress a new universe more glorious than the one we now enjoy, that experience has added to our knowledge, and will soon be so. At this point the Oriental idea is this: The Sun, Buddha, or Vishnu, becomes a father, the creator, by descent into generation. He often himself as a sacrifice that his greatest children may live to enjoy the next round of existence. Indiscretion, also, is the Night of Vishnu, when consciousness is annihilated, according to some, to others it ebbs and flows in repose—It ebbs in the soul, flows in the vegetable and animal in the animal.

Rebirth, gives a new birth to the Multiple being, always borrowed in atomic systems. This is the re-embodiment of Nature's veil. Consciousness still exists in thought atoms to be reorganized into new atoms by evolution.

Perfection increases as each atom, by the law of the knowledge gained by experience by being. Thus the universe attracts from Multiple beings, the Sun, and forms the the body made of each of life. The waters of the Milky Way, the Grand galaxy, which extends the body into a form of the immortality, virtues of the present universe. Like a madman, questions of years ago, it drew up and hoisted matter to its spiritual circumference. It is now drawing the

stars in from its galactic poles, and sending out clouds of nebulous matter to take their place. The luminous ring, the milky path of the gods, is now separating into segments, constellations, etc.

Astronomers know not the cause of attraction. They speak only of gravitation as the effect of some unknown law unlike all known laws, as magnetic attraction. Is non-frictional space the medium or first cause of motion?

Some one wants to ask questions.

1. Why limit the attributes of God? Your God possesses an attribute of love, one of truth, one of justice—all infinite. These necessarily limit each other; there is room only for one infinite, the infinite is immovable for want of extra space to move in. Hence activity is reduced to inactivity—rest. There is no progress without limitation; it gives activity to His attributes by which your God can accomplish something.

2. What is eternity? It is the duration of ignorance as long as there are progressive beings, also the Mother of the innate, the in-born.

3. What is infinity? It is the out-birth of eternity, the father of all.

4. What is boundless space? It is infinite capacity whose non-comprehensiveness, i. e., its non-resistance, moves all else, itself unmoved—wind will go through a hole in a board easier than through a board because resistance is removed in front.

5. What is an atom? It is a zero-being. Geometry is founded on a point having position only, not magnitude. If you can understand this you will see that zero-being is the name given to a thought to distinguish it from other thoughts, as position or a point is a name given to a thought fixed in the mind.

6. Who made God? A very important question in this day and age. Studying the action and relations of nature, some have concluded that the first known God was created by the second God behind the first, that the third created the second, so by backing up you round the circle, the first becomes the last and the last the first, who must have existed from eternity to start the business. With others God is an idea derived from the action and extent of nature. Some men will reduce this idea to suit their own culture. In this case the man that makes his deity his idea creates his own God. There are many such man-made gods; all are finite, stuffed with good and evil, love and hate. They can die and cease as occasion demands.

Why worship such an ignorant, limited God? Why not worship the Boundless Space God, whose consciousness you cannot deny, and yet it is too vast for thought to grasp; hence not limited, not an ideal God, not a sensitive God.

Be wise in time, or your thought-created devil will accuse and torment you in the next world of every mean act and thought. Like a giant, it will not down at your command.

Help

AND are there not some times when all
The brave, and virtuous, and chivalrous
For help; shall feel a brother's arm,
Shall seek a staff to lean on; warm
By another's fire; and as the stars
Of Time reveal, give up the ear
To a friend's hand, and drift awhile?
The strong and confident may smile
At doubts and fears, and yet the hour
Come swift and stern, when pride and power
Shall not sustain, when strength shall break;
When courage fails, and cannot take
One step ahead, my master,
Falls down; then, sympathy, heaven-sent,
And love, will save the burdened,
Press to provide the cooling cup,
Brush off the dust of failure; then
Lift; the struggler to again.

Wait

Keep still. When trouble is brewing, keep still.
When shades are gathering on the day, keep still.
When your feelings are hurt, keep still, till you
recover from your excitements; at any rate. They
look differently through an agitated eye. In a
calm state, once I wrote a letter and sent it, and
wished I had not. In my later years I had another
connection, and wrote a long letter; but I had rubbed
a little wax into my eye, and I kept the letter in my
pocket; again, the day when I could look it over
without agitation and without tears. I was glad I
did. I see and see it would be necessary to send it.
I was so sure it would do my heart, but it is
doubtful, I found it returned, and eventually
it was destroyed. Time works wonders. Wait till
you speak calmly, and then you will not need to
speak much. Silence is the most majestic thing
conceivable, sometimes. It is strength in its
quietness.—Dr. Jones.

So, when you are in the hands of an evil
mighty and ugly, wait, wait, as Personal Mar-
shall.

The various words forms are ever critical to
mastered by all men, we do not wish with false
pleasures and have to look to Universal Mind.

THOUGHT HELD BY THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD

Thought to be held at 12 M.
"Thou wilt guide me with thine eye."

Thought to be held at 9 P.M.
"I will look unto the hills whence cometh my help."

Dearly Beloved, it is in the heat and struggle of the day, when we are in the midst of the heaviest work that we need to know the presence of God. Just a pause, if we have not time for more, to think of these words, and THINK OF THEM AS TRUE, will give us renewed strength and courage. Try it, AGAIN, AGAIN and AGAIN. Perhaps the words at first will be mere sounds or forms, but cling to them. Put your heart into them. They must be more than form. They must be ALIVE with their spirit or IDEA. Can you not see what it would be to REALLY believe in a guiding Intelligence? You may say the "eye" hints of a personal Being in which you do not believe. Put away your hair-splitting arguments, your cold, dead reasoning. You can NEVER know God thus. How, then, can you know the sweet comfort of a childlike faith?

There is a time for reason and a time for comforting realization which reason can never bring. If you were drowning in the dark, and a voice came from over the waves, crying: "HERE!" would you not turn, regarding not the SOUND of the voice or whether it belonged to white or black, human or beast, but only that it was a signal of help?

In the same way, you are to turn in the midst of your trial, your perplexity, your dire fatigue, your desolation of grief, your unjust burden, and say: "THOU WILT GUIDE ME WITH THINE EYE."

What conveys intelligence more readily, more perfectly than the eye? Is it not a fitting emblem for that wondrous flash of light from one soul to another, which may convey whatever message is most needed?

It is this, Beloved, which is to sink into your heart; this idea that whatever COUNSEL you need at the critical moment you shall have, but on your part there should be some expression of faith, some voluntary turning toward the source of help. If you are living the Silent Brotherhood life, you will have need of many beautiful thoughts, such as will enrich and ennoble your character, so that with every moment you may act with confidence and dignity.

Have you not moments of impatience, of despair, of fatal weakness yet to overcome? Have you not found that the "old man with his affections and desires" is always making you trouble, causing you to do the things you would not do, leaving undone the things you would do? Are you not tempted continually to look at the dark side of things that depress and burden your heart with a fear of what MIGHT happen?

Then take these words at the noontide, during this month, and you will be greatly and wondrously blessed, not only by the comfort of proof, but by the growing trust in the Divine guidance which alone makes the life of faith possible.

"I will look unto the hills whence cometh my strength." What more fitting than these beautiful words, as the last to be thought or uttered before lying down for the night? One of the secrets of happiness, youth and increasing wisdom is that of lofty and expectant thinking before going to sleep. The hills, exalted ideas these, if you will look to and meditate upon, Dear Brother, will give help, for out of them cometh real, practical help; for will they not lift you up when you are cast down, inspire you when you are barren of purpose or bereft of motive?

"A line from Shakespeare will give longevity," said Emerson. Why? Because of the enlarged view, the joy, the lifting out of the paltry self-consciousness which it gives.

Hills symbolize greatness, grandeur, exaltation, loftiness, that which surpasses and transcends the low level of ordinary thought. After hurry and bustle of a busy day, filled with its variety of duties and cares, is it not well to have the serenity of a high aspiration, a noble reflection, before submitting even to a longed-for rest? There is, too, a most worthy recompense in the voluntary turning away from thought and feelings which might depress rather than exalt.

To choose and then to act upon the intention, to turn from ignoble to the noble, the depressing to the elevating, is in itself an education of the will, and this, Beloved, is most vital to the inner life.

"Not my will, but thine," must be not only learned, but PRACTICED with sincerity, with persistence, with sweet-willingness, by whomsoever will attain to the real peace, the habitation of Mount Zion.

Go to sleep with "I will look unto the hills whence cometh my help" on your lips and in your hearts, and verily shall your strength be renewed and the elixir of surpassing joy crown your awakening.

It is the sharp, clean-cut resolve FAITHFULLY ADHERED TO, not uttered and forgotten, that makes the desired changes in life and habit; so, Beloved, in following the suggestions for the Silent Brotherhood, be faithful to your resolve in FOLLOWING them. Perhaps it is true there is no greater lack in the ordinary character than that expressed by the deserted resolutions. Everybody ASPIRES, and spasmodically resolves, but few perform or PERSIST. The Silent Brotherhood teaches you HOW to persist, HOW to live day by day, according to the noblest and highest ideals. It tells you the value of sound words and WHY they are wonderful instruments which will rear the grand and enduring temples of character which it is the life work of every soul to build.

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul!
As the swift seasons roll,
Leave thy low-vaulted past;
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
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The art of listening without impatience to prosy talkers, and of smiling at the twice-told tale or incident, without telling the relator you had heard it before.

A good memory for faces, and facts connected with them, thus avoiding giving offense through not recognizing or bowing to people, or saying to them what had better be left unsaid.—Our Young Folks.

Have love; not love alone for one,
But man as man thy brother call,
And scatter like the circling sun
Thy charities on all.
—Schiller.

Sincerity, a deep, great, genuine Sincerity, is the first characteristic of all men in any way heroic.—Caryle.

It is not blind belief or blind faith that you want, but the faith and belief born of knowledge. You have perfect faith in the fact that darkness will fall after a certain hour in the evening, because you have seen it again and again and have no reason to doubt. If you give your Ego a chance you will have the same reason for belief in its power that you have for belief in nightfall or daybreak or any other item in the programme of daily life.—Wings of Truth.

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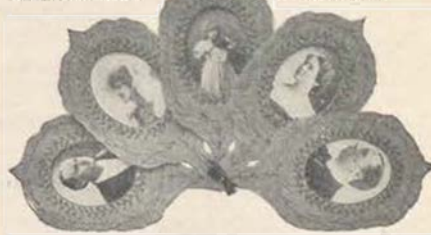
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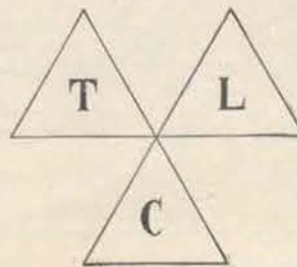
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"A SHINE"

THE bottom of my skirt was soiled and my shoes were muddy. I needed a brush-off and a shine. I was going out of town a short distance to spend the day and naturally desired to be presentable. A subway mud-puddle had done the mischief. There were twenty minutes to spare upon arriving at the depot—plenty of time to get fixed up if I could find anyone competent for the job.

There were bootblacks innumerable, but not one approached me because as yet there are very few women who require service of this kind. At last a clear gay whistle attracted my attention, and the owner of it, a bright-faced and clean-faced lad, approached with the usual "shine" interrogative.

"Yes," pointing to my skirts, "and a brush also."

"All right," the boy replied. "I've got a whisk. Do shoes first; give skirt longer to dry. Fine morning, ma'am!"

"Yes, glorious," I responded, as he opened his boxes and made ready for his work; and then, yielding to the whistle and the subtle influence of the situation, I added:

"Say, my boy, how's your mind?"

"My mind?" and the lad looked up with a curious smile. "Why, that's all right."

This is one of my pet questions. One cannot say, "How is your health?" in these days, although perhaps it is quite as scientific as the other conundrum, but it seems to be necessary for some folks to be a bit sociable, you know.

"I am glad it is all right," I remarked. "Better hold on to it."

"Oh, no!" was the instant and most astonishing response. "I'm going to let it hold on to me."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Why, if your mind's all right, you're all right, ain't you?"

The boy's hazel eyes really danced in his head as he asked this question.

"Certainly. How did you find it out?"

"I had to make up my mind to black these shoes, didn't I?"

"That's right. Do you go to school?"

"Night."

"Go to church?"

"Sometimes, when I have the price."

"What do you mean by that?"

"When I have something to put in the basket. I want to pay for all I get."

"Do you get much?"

The snicker at this point was most eloquent.

"Mebbe it's because I don't understand. I've been thinking of going on the boards."

"The boards?"

"Yes; the stage, you know. You see, I just can everlastingly whistle, and I've had two or three offers."

"More money than in your present profession?" Another alert look and a hearty laugh. "What are you laughing about?" I asked.

"Oh, you are funny!" he said. "That word sounds big. Yes, ma'am; there's more money in whistle, if I could do it. But it makes me feel weak all over to think of being togged out every night—and two matinees, and mebbe more. Guess I'll whistle to myself—don't you think so?"

"What's your name?"

"Sam."

"Well, Sam, I should see what my mind had to say about it, and be governed accordingly."

"If I go by that, I shall black boots till something better turns up. My mind has been balky from the first."

By this time I was polished and whisked.

"Ten-thirty?" said Sam.

"Yes."

"Then you'd better skip. Good-bye, ma'am. I'll whistle next time you come this way and you'll know it is me. Say!"—taking a quick step toward me—"I'll look out for my mind, honest Injun."

I have spent whole days with bright, intellectual persons and did not enjoy myself half as much as in this fifteen minutes' interview with a bootblack. There was a shine in my heart as well as on my shoes as I sped along to my destination. This boy knew nothing of metaphysics, as popularly defined; but he was a natural mentalist, and aware of his own divine right to govern himself.

How do I know?

By the light in his eyes, the erectness of his attitude, the sweetness and clearness of his whistle.

In speaking of the incident to my friends one of them said, with an expression of disgust, "You certainly are the queerest person I ever knew. Suppose some of your friends had seen you?"

"Friends? I should have been proud to introduce them to my shiner. So would you had you seen him as I did."

"But no—a bootblack? Margaret, how can you do these awful things?"

You see, in the first place, it was a terrible breach of the proprieties to have my shoes blacked in a public place. And then to talk to the operator was a sin almost beyond forgiveness.

It is my impression that this racial exclusiveness will have to be knocked in the head before we shall have the results for which we long. Now, I know that this bootblack interview did both of us good. I did not help the boy any more than he helped me. It was a mutual give and take, not to be measured by the words spoken or the services rendered. It gave me just what I needed—a firmer realization that God was no respecter of person, and that the class represented by my shiner was as naturally intelligent as the millionaire, or the middle-class contingent; and more than this, that by some inexplicable divine alchemy special evidences of this truth was coming to be of daily occurrence.

It is no wonder that people sicken and die, wound about as they are with loveless conventions. It is "me and my wife and my son John and his wife," and a few special friends. The rest of the world doesn't count.

When the particular gives place to the universal in the heart of any individual, that day miracles will come to pass. When somebody else's son John, whether it be the son of a bootblack or the son of a clown in a circus, is entitled to as much consideration as my son John, college-bred and rich, the millennium will be upon us. The larger includes the lesser, and it is too bad to go around in a pint pot and a few visiting cards when we have the whole universe to draw from.

Anyway, I am on the lookout for shiners, and am not in the least particular where they come from.—Margaret Messenger, in *Eleanor Kirk's Idea*.

We do not believe immortality because we have proved it, but we forever try to prove it because we believe it.—Martineau.

Ideas in Snap-shot

THE law condemns the man or woman
Who steals a goose from off the common,
But lets the greater felon loose
Who steals the common from the goose.

Work is for life, not life for work.—Spencer.

I would rather appreciate the things I do not have than to have things I do not appreciate.—Elbert Hubbard.

THE GLOW OF SUNSET

I should regard myself as getting old—I am seventy-four. But I do not feel to be growing old either in heart or mind. I still look on life with a young man's eye. I have always hoped that I should not grow old as some do—with a palsied intellect, living backward, regarding other people as anachronisms because they themselves have lived on into other times and left their sympathies behind them with the years.—George Meredith.

I have seen too much of the past to take many fears for the future. As for myself, I long ago ceased to walk the floor.—Henry Watterson.

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can.—R. W. Emerson.

Each decade must have new men to determine its liberty.—John Boyle O'Reilly.

The Cipher Within

Every presentiment of the mind is executed somewhere.—Emerson.

Oh, joy! that in our embers
Is something that doth live.—Wordsworth.

THE secret cipher of an unknown god
We all some day unearth; and from that day
We linger in some antechamber vast,
Atouch with clues that give the mystic's senses
Of drifting, toward a brink, where being dips
Itself into a newness, knowing well
The meaning of the cipher we have found,
And that we have our own at last to use.

When once lies bare the moment, where the age
Of ages, in the germ of psychic start,
Delivers its first cry within the frame,
No more can we return to childish things.
Even if we should curse the insight deep,
And long with weeping for the past away,
We sense a steady motion of the mind
Of secret thought, which turns the cipher o'er
And haunts its fringes of infinitude.

Then, though as artists of the Beautiful,
We keep the shrines that we have built of gold,
And bow yet outwardly to marble gods;
And with a secret smile see fantasy
In splendors of our great Athenian toil;
We do all these as one who keeps his frame
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The Mystic Healing Circle

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HOW WE HELP THE SICK

Any of our readers who are suffering from sickness of any kind are requested to write a personal letter to our Mystic Adept Spiritual Healer. Tell him candidly the nature of your disease and he will immediately give you SPECIAL TREATMENT, surrounding you with MYSTIC HEALING VIBRATIONS, also giving you TRUTHS that will UNFOLD THE KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE'S LAWS, revealing the secret of PERFECT HEALTH AND LONG LIFE.

This is truly a spiritual work and cannot be estimated by dollars and cents. IF YOU ARE SICK YOU WANT OUR HELP, AND WE ARE EQUALLY ANXIOUS TO HELP YOU, UNTRAMMELED BY THE DOLLAR MARK.

We want every one of our readers to be HEALTHY, STRONG AND VIGOROUS. If you are sick or suffering, let our MYSTIC ADEPT SPIRITUAL HEALER RESTORE YOUR HEALTH. We now find that we can carry on this great work for the small sum of \$1.00 a month for each person (husband and wife as one person). Many of our friends who have so kindly sent large sums of money to help establish this grand work are hereby notified that \$1.00 from each person will now pay all the necessary expenses. We are pleased to make this announcement, as it shows how little money is required to do good and help each other when the right spirit is manifest.

When writing for vibrations kindly give full given name instead of initials.

In writing enclose a two-cent stamp for reply. Address Mystic Adept No. 12.

We print a few of the many letters received from grateful hearts who have been blessed by the work of Mystic No. 12. Should you wish to aid in this great work and help the sick please send in a few words that we may publish.

House Building

By Mystic No. 12.

WHEN one builds a house the most important first work is the foundation. So I say to those who are seeking health; get to the sure foundation rock. Seek first true riches. Let go of social ambition and dissipation and the spirit of competition. A few rooms or one room that you can call your own is Home. In your own home you gather strength. You "recollect" yourself. Now just a word for our animal friends. It seems to me when we have learned our lesson how to treat animals, the heart has a new way of thinking of the way we should treat others. There is quite a difference in heart thinking and brain thinking.

As we used to say in the prayer-meeting, "The time is now yours," and we will hear the testimony of the Mystic Healing Circle.

Beloved, if you really wish health, happiness and prosperity—remember, the world is round and the vibrations you send out return to you. "Dare to be a Daniel—dare to make it known." Send out a vibration of praise that will help and cheer and bring hope to some soul in darkness. "Send a gleam across the wave." 'Tis the secret of Life.

"For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it."

"For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?"

"For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels."—St. Luke 9, 24, 25, 26.

Jesus tells us of a normal, healthy growth in these words: "First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."—St. Mark 4, 28.

Daniel did not face the lions until the "full corn in the ear." First he learned what kind of food to eat. Then he ate that kind of food. When he met the lions they knew that Daniel was a man of peace. He did not breathe the spirit of slaughter. The instinct of animals is wonderful. To those who wish freedom from so-called animal passions and strong drink I say, eat the same kind of food that Daniel ate. Abstain from animal flesh and the stomach will soon get in a normal condition; less fever and less craving for stimulating drink. "The kind of food we eat is a large factor in determining our mental and emotional life, and this relationship should be more thoroughly studied and appreciated."

Beloved, if you do not wish to first face the lions, send in your testimony with initials only. Then grow to be a Daniel. "First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."

"Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love,
Make our earth an Eden,
Like the Heaven above."

Special Offer

My printed message has been so well received that I continue this special offer, and All who send a written request for the printed message, "How to Pray" and "What is Right Living?" to Mystic No. 12, inclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope, will receive same without additional cost.

Mystic No. 12.

Words Fall Me

NEW YORK CITY, September 18, 1903.

Dear Mystic No. 12—This is the third case of wonderful healing you have done for me and mine, and it might help others to know of it. Words fall me. I can only say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." If anyone would like to write or call upon me in my home and talk with me, I should be delighted.

Gratefully,

Mrs. ADA SCHLEY.

No. 473 West End Avenue.

No Worry or Hurry

Dear Friend Mystic No. 12—You have done more for me than I ever thought could be done. There is such a sweet peace of mind. No worry or hurry; and in case of a severe trial I have just passed through, instead of anger toward the person, I never spoke, and had only a calm feeling and pity for one that could do and say such things. And I still have no hard feelings; it seems as if my whole heart was filled with love for all. No matter how they wrong me, there is no resentment. Something new for me, as I am naturally quick to anger when I am wronged without the least cause. I will send another \$2 for two more months, as this is working wonders for me, and I thank God every day for this great improvement. God bless you in your great work for humanity, and in teaching me the difference between anger and this blessed peace and love.

Mrs. ELINOR J. BURKE,

Williamsburg, Mass.

Nerves are Growing Stronger

Mystic No. 12—I have been much benefited by the treatments during the past month, and I would like to continue in your vibrations for a while longer. My nerves are growing stronger and my back and kidneys are much better. I have more ambition to do my work.

Respectfully,

Mrs. M. C.

I am Renewing my Youth Gradually

Mystic No. 12—I enclose \$1 for another month's treatment. The month is nearly gone and I must renew, for I would not lose the healing power that has brightened my life. It seems almost like renewing my youth. I have gained every day, and life is so full of renewing health I feel I am renewing my youth gradually. The whole wheat jelly you recommend I have not yet. My mother always had it, and it was so delicious. She baked it and it was like jelly.

Sincerely yours,

A. F. S.

It surely warms the heart of Mystic No. 12 to receive and copy such a letter as this. And I am glad for the words of praise of "Mother's Wheat." One just begins to know the delights of good living when Mother prepares grains and fruits and vegetables instead of animal food.

My Health is Improving Slowly

Mystic Adept No. 12—My health is improving slowly, but still rapidly enough, so that I can see the difference. I am trying to help myself also.

Gratefully yours,

E. J.

Words of Life

Mystic No. 12—I have received your printed messages, and I am getting great help by reading those words of life and truth.

J. M. HELM.

Muskegon, Mich.

Has Reached the Heights in Six Months

Dear Mystic No. 12—I am getting along nicely now, and think it will be useless to continue in your vibrations any longer. Thanking you very much for all your kindness, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
E. G.

Mother is Much Better Now

Dear Brother—Please find two dollars inclosed for treatment for my mother. She is very much better now. I have not heard her say anything about having any pains in her feet or limbs for some time, and she is growing stronger every day.

Yours with Brotherly Love,
C. L.

Send in the names of your aged parents. Place them in harmony with the Divine Forces of nature.

What More can I Say?

Dear Mystic No. 12—How much I feel indebted to you for your vibrations of health and success, I cannot express in words. Certainly the Lord is with me, and what more can I say? Have been to my work each day, and remained until nearly ten at night, not reaching home until nearly twelve midnight, on account of the journey. But strange, and yet not strange, I feel as if I were doing only the ordinary everyday duty of my life. Who but the Father and you Mystics could have given me such support? Many, many thanks to you for your help through what seemed the wilderness a short time ago.

Mrs. E. W.

All Well Now

Mystic No. 12—I thank you very much for your help, and your letters were such a comfort. I feel all well now. I haven't felt so well for years. Yours with gratitude,

Mrs. S. R.

For Grandma

Dear Mystic No. 12—We received papers last month. They helped us a great deal. We are very thankful for them, and are both feeling better. Inclosed please find \$2 to continue treatments this month for Grandma and myself.

Yours truly,
C. R.

Law of Harmony

Dear Mystic—Inclosed please find one dollar in payment for another month's treatment. I am more and more conscious of the great benefit I am receiving through the better understanding and practical application of the Supreme law of harmony.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. J. B. P.

Will Continue under Your Treatment for some Time

Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's treatment. I am getting along well, thanks be to God and your help, but will continue under your treatment for some time.

Your sincere friend,
Mrs. L.

Treatment is Strengthening

Mystic No. 12—Herewith I send you \$2 for two more months' treatment. Your treatment is strengthening me every way.

Respectfully yours,
S. H.

My Son is now Well

Beloved Mystic No. 12—My son, whom you surrounded with your vibrations, is now well. God bless you.

Mrs. W. C.

It is Incalculable

Mystic No. 12—Wishing to testify in regard to the benefit derived by me from your vibration treatments, say that it is incalculable from a money point of view, and from the humanity side of the question, I never will be able to be thankful enough. Wishing your light may never grow dim.

Yours,
B.

Pray God to give Me His Holy Spirit

Dear Mystic No. 12—I feel grateful for treatment. Have felt your vibrations. There is improvement. My mind is more composed. I am more cheerful. Dear Mystic, pray God to give me His Holy Spirit, that I may get well. The prayer you sent me is so beautiful. Please find inclosed one dollar for another month's treatment.

E. R.

Beloved, I am only telling you "The old, old story of Jesus and His Love."

Wants to Continue until Well

Mystic Adept No. 12—Please find inclosed one dollar for another month's treatment. I have improved so much this past month that I want to continue in your health vibrations until entirely well and strong.

Yours with sincere thankfulness,
M. D.

I was a Little Skeptical at First

Mystic No. 12—As my month is nearly up I take the pleasure of letting you know that I am more than satisfied with the treatment, although I was a little skeptical at first. I am sending one dollar for another month's treatment, and I want you to treat my wife.

Yours truly,
A. G.

I Seldom have the Pain of Rheumatism

To Mystic Adept No. 12—Please find enclosed money order for one dollar for another month's treatment. I have been greatly improved during your two months' treatments. I seldom have the pain of rheumatism. Surround my wife with your blessed healing vibrations.

H. L.

Has had no Cold

Mystic No. 12—Enclosed please find one dollar and stamp for another month's treatment. Am improving slowly, and have not had one cold since having been surrounded by your life-giving vibrations. Wishing you all success in your great work.

I am sincerely yours,
A. B. A.

I am Feeling Much Stronger

To Mystic No. 12—I am very thankful to be able to say: since I have been under your vibrations I am feeling much stronger. Reading THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES has helped to lift me up. I have been in the habit of worrying a great deal, but now I seem to have perfect trust in God to help.

Yours sincerely,
L. T.

Can Discontinue Treatment

Mystic No. 12—I think I owe you an apology for not writing to you before and saying to you I felt that my condition was so much improved I could discontinue treatment. I shall never forget to be grateful to you for what you have done for me. May the Lord bless and keep you.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. J. P.

SAYINGS OF THE BLISSFUL PROPHET

Observations on Eternal Life, Specially Written for
The Magazine of Mysteries

"That which exists is one: Sages call it variously."—*Rig-Veda*, I, 164, 46.

INVOCATION

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, grant me understanding, knowledge and wisdom to write here words of Truth, Love and Hope. O blessed guardian angel! I ask thee for Light from the Angel Spheres, and may my guides and controls guard my mind and hand, that nothing but the Truth may be written. All for the glory of God, the Holy Spirit and the Holy Angels. Amen.

BLESSED is Knowledge!
Blessed is he who knows Truth!
Thrice blessed is he who knows he knows!
And all blessed is he who knows he knows, and is filled with Holy Love, and fills with love the heart of his brother who sees him, hears or reads his teachings.

Such a holy one spreads eternal Love, Light, Life, Truth, Peace and Bliss throughout the world, aye, throughout the universe, for he is an eternal and universal teacher.

Such a holy one never founds a sect, but stands out in his own pure light in all sects, all religions. The influence of a holy man never ceases; indeed, it increases from age to age.

A Buddha, a Jesus, lives and grows forever in the souls, hearts and minds of men. These blessed Elder Brothers of Love and Compassion who come into perfect oneness with the Omniscient One teach the world how to love and how to live, because they have through spiritual growth and unfoldment—through perfect love—become all-knowing men, and know they know—the simple Truth.

And they teach man that his goal is omniscience—to know that knowing which all is known. These blessed Sons of God teach that through perfect love for the All we will come into consciousness of our oneness with God, the Omniscient One, and will know All; that man cannot reach freedom until he becomes Christed.

No man can act and live in true love and true justice to his brothers (all men, all beings) until he knows, through fervent and constantly growing love for all; he must hold as his eternal theme the bringing about of the universal and eternal Fatherhood of God and the universal and eternal Brotherhood of man.

The blessed truth, or knowledge, that comes to the fervent and constant God-lover is: "That which exists is One;" God is the All in All; We are all eternal children of One Eternal All-Father-Mother, ever moving onward, forward and upward to one goal—All-knowledge or Omniscience and infinite perfection.

This is that blessed truth knowing which all is known and through which we can only reach the blessed state of Eternal Peace, Force, Power and Bliss—the superconscious state. The nearer omniscience a man is the greater and wider is his love, and the greater his force and power to render great and lasting help to All.

The more of truth a man knows the more he does his duty to his brother, and the more he can teach others to live in pure and holy relations with their brothers, with the world and the universe.

The underlying principal truth of all great and lasting works is Truth itself; love, truth and knowledge (universal knowledge learned in the University of the individual soul) carry man to God and make him an eternal co-worker with God.

Sheer Truth will overcome all the petty and false schemes of life; will teach us that each being is an eternal child of the eternal God; that no one is without redeeming virtue; that each has his own character, determined by what point on the Path of Eternal Evolution he is—in what degree of evolution he is working.

What a great blessing it is for a man to know that he knows—that each ego, and all egos, are pressing on and evolving, by Divine Law, to one eternal radiant Centre—God. With such blessed knowledge God becomes God, and all apparent confusion among men ceases; order comes out of chaos and disorder, and a perfect, orderly, eternal Plan is discovered and all discordant notes in the grand Symphony of Life are found to be only temporary and incidental discords to the later Grand Performance—the Grand

Harmony—which is to come in a while, after we all get through practicing and rehearsing.

The language of the Soul, as it comes through mortal, carnal or finite mind, is more or less weak and powerless to express the truth about God and our blessed Universe.

A holy man (a whole man) never spoke or wrote a word in which he did not put all his heart, all his soul and all his mind; the great God-lover breathes only Love.

The great God-lover who comes to oneness with the Omniscient One is always full of his theme—Love, universal and eternal love.

The glory and love of his God is so great that it covers all things; from the smallest atom to the greatest and most distant stars (suns), and from the one cell organism to complex man, and the bright angels, and the archangels, and the seraphim—all are covered with the glory and love of God.

So immeasurable is the glory and love of the All-Father-Mother that there is no place, no space, no being, no thing that it toucheth not.

Knowing and living this grand truth the holy seers and sages and prophets come to know that God is really the All in All, and that All is good; no great Master ever lived, or ever will live, who did not or will not teach and live non-resistance of "evil," and by so living will have the great and mighty power of God within him, and will, in a while, overcome all evil; sooner or later, the Christ-truth about non-resistance will bring the Kingdom on earth; here and now is the place and time for the Kingdom to be established.

The blessed Christ liveth for ever and ever and never faileth; it is only the finite sees the Infinite as finite; only the impotent and weak and ignorant who see God as impotent and not omnipotent; only the closed, cramped and unawakened minds who say omniscience for man is impossible—that man cannot, is not, to comprehend God; it is only the bound and earth-attached mind that says man will not reach angelhood here and now and by his psychic or soul powers be practically omnipresent.

Man creates a mental picture of God, and these concepts of God are just as many as there are men; a man can never rise superior to his concept of God.

So, our knowledge of God (Love, Truth, Light and Life) determines exactly our knowledge of life, and places us on the exact plane of action, in this eternal Life and Evolution, where we belong: An angry, ignorant and blundering man has an angry and ignorant or blundering God; a good and wise man has a good and wise God; a seer, sage, an adept, has an all-powerful God, an omnipotent God; a Buddha, a Jesus or any truly Christed-man has a great God of only Love, Mercy, Peace, Omnipresence, Omniscience and Omnipotence.

Each man weaves blessed wreaths of imperishable fragrance and adorns his adorable God, or else ignores Him, or belittles Him—it is all according to the light of Truth that is within his own soul.

It is scientifically true as well as spiritually true that as man really knows God, and is freed from the illusions of Dualism, Dogma and Tradition, to that very extent he is healthful, strong, peaceful, forceful, purposeful, blissful, progressive and prosperous.

Each age recognizes and realizes a greater and better God, so each age is more blessed in progress, prosperity and happiness; has less of the poison of doubt, fear, pessimism and fanaticism. This is the eternal Law of Evolution—of improvement and progress.

True, there appears to be much of cruelty, harshness and injustice in the world, born of ignorance, selfishness, fear, doubt, pessimism and fanaticism, but it is nothing compared to what it has been in the past (in the Dark Ages), and in this blessed Age of Love and Light and Knowledge and Wisdom it is surely passing away; each succeeding day is a better and brighter day, for man has a better and greater God—is coming to know the great God who is always in His universe.

You, beloved reader, any man, any people, any nation, any inhabited world, cannot rise superior to your concept of God; the very air you breathe, the very water you drink, the very mouthful of food you eat, the very clothes you wear, the very house you live in, your friends, your whole environment, is determined by your own concept of God; the very forces, seen and unseen, that always surround you, are determined by your concept of God.

How important, then, that we all aspire to know

the truth about God—to comprehend the Blessed One who can be comprehended; it is only finite, carnal or mortal mind that has ever declared that we cannot, are not, to comprehend the Infinite; all that is real, full and rich and beautiful in life comes into our being when we know and comprehend God. God is comprehensible through Spiritual growth.

And to know and comprehend our blessed All-Father-Mother, we must begin to love the All; must begin to love and know the ever-present and blessed Christ within our own souls; must begin to aspire and reach out for Sonship—for oneness with the All-Father-Mother; the Holy Spirit must have full and supreme sway in our souls, our hearts and our minds.

The only way to Peace, Joy, Health, Power and Bliss here, now and any place, for all time, is to follow the Eternal Spirit—to ask it in fervent love for Love, Light, Life, Understanding and Wisdom, to patiently listen and willingly and cheerfully follow; Seek Love, and all Love will seek thee; seek Truth, Knowledge and Wisdom, and all Truth, Knowledge and Wisdom will seek thee.

A man cannot rise superior to his knowledge of God; blessed is he who is bent upon following the Path which leads to God, the omniscient One: blessed is he who seeks only the All-Knower.

Praised and adored be eternally the Omniscient One; may I never turn away from the Path that leads directly to the centre of my soul, where dwelleth forever the blessed Christ.

"We ought to always pray, and not to faint."

"Ask and it shall be given you."

"Without Me, you can do nothing."

"God wishes always to give, but He gives only to those who ask."

Come, beloved child of God, ask the All-Father-Mother for Love, Light, Knowledge and Wisdom.

"To prayer (seeking God) may be traced the beginning, the progress and perfection of all virtues that come from Knowledge—Divine Knowledge."

"Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

"For everyone that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth."

In the Holy Spirit, if you ask for Knowledge and Wisdom, your prayer will be answered.

"The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him; to all that call upon Him in truth."

God will do the will of him that truly loves the ALL.

So come, beloved eternal spirits, who read these words, let us seek first that which explains all; that which gives all Peace, all Joy, all harmony and all melody—and that is the God or Christ within your own souls.

In the Last Days

As we grow old, how softly, slowly, close
The doors of sense, and shut us from the world,
Like tender petals of some ling'ring rose
That, of a frosty night, have inward curled!

Dim as the figure in a dream now pass
Those glitt'ring shows that stirred our youthful hearts.
Poor, hurrying shadows in a misty glass,
Each but a moment seen ere it departs.

Nor sight, nor sound, nor taste of earth's delights
Can longer please; these things are past and gone.
The soul will put her quiet house to rights,
And in the upper chamber watch the dawn.

—James Buchanan,

A Personal Request to Our Readers

By complying with this request, you will be joining hands with us in bringing a great amount of sunshine and happiness to your friends and acquaintances.

We are doing our best to truly publish a Magazine that will bring healthy, happy and prosperous vibrations to every soul. Our circle of friends has grown to be quite a fair-sized circle, but we feel it our duty to bend every effort to constantly enlarge that circle, and we ask you as a personal favor to send us the names and addresses of at least twenty-five of your friends who would read "OUR MAGAZINE" with interest, and who require its cheering and helpful teachings, and we will send them a free sample copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.

If you will do this, we will send you as a token of our appreciation five beautiful pictures by the world's most famous artists. These pictures are exquisitely finished, and their artistic reproduction entitles them to a place in the homes of the most refined and cultured people.

We know that you will gladly send us the names and addresses of twenty-five people without asking us to send you anything, but we desire to present to our friends who will make this special effort for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES these five pictures as a souvenir of one of the mile-stones which we have passed in spreading health, happiness and prosperity to all mankind.

CHEERFUL CHATS

By Frank Harrison

Life is simple. Being is simple. The universe is simple. Complexity arises in ignorance and self-delusion. . . . Looking through the woven network of his own illusions man sees interminable complication and unfathomable mystery, and so loses himself in the labyrinths of his own making. Let a man put away egotism, and he will see the universe in all the beauty of its pristine simplicity.—JAMES ALLEN.

Let a man put away all his mortal mind and will and become simple and humble in Divine Mind and Will if he would realize the Peace, Joy and Bliss of a life here and now, and forever, filled with Love, Light, Life, Force, Power, Knowledge and Wisdom.—A MYSTIC ADEPT.

He knows how to LIVE WELL, who knows how to PRAY WELL.—ST. AUGUSTINE.

ETERNAL man is really an eternal Spirit, the only eternal simple, in the universe; all outside of Life is compounded, complex and involved.

Man lives in great eternal Cycles—starting in simplicity (involving), becoming, for a Divine Purpose, mixed up in the Complexity of matter, and then evolving, after great service, back to the pure simple.

Complexity of Life arises at that period of his progressive or evolutionary state wherein he is emerging from complexity to simplicity; it is then a struggle to come into the eternal White Light, giving up his mortal or carnal mind or his mortal and carnal will for Divine Mind and Will.

In the involved or complex state, the real man is asleep: as he evolves into the simple he awakes, and comes into blessed consciousness of the truth that he is really *one* with the REAL SIMPLE ONE of the Universe; the Truth frees him from complexity, from mystery, from ignorance, from superstition, from all illusions, from all thralldom, from all darkness; he is no longer negative and colorless, but is positive and radiant in the Light of Truth.

The eternal Holy Spirit—the One blessed Simple—cannot grace the self-willed man; Freedom, born of a pure, simple life of love and righteousness, comes from the soul and heart, and not from the head; mental plans are good only so far as they are means to the blessed state of Freedom.

The fervent prayer of the simple, childlike mind, uttered in simple love and faith for God and the All, pierces the Radiant Centre of the Universe and is all-powerful: "Because he hoped in Me, I will deliver and glorify him."

One of the greatest blessings man can possess is a simple, childlike love and faith; "They that hope in the Lord shall renew their strength," and "Not one hath hoped in the Lord, and hath been confounded."

A simple, loving child of God can never be confounded: "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Sion."

To him the simple Christ-life is the highest Joy; there is no higher ideal than the Christ; selfishness multiplies the complexities of Life; he who *sleepeth* in the soul, lives in vague visions and "dreams of the air;" he who is *awake* in the soul lives the Real Life of Peace, Order, Power and Purpose—lives a sweet, simple life that is both a blessing and a benediction to himself and All men.

Great indeed, is the Power of Simplicity: "When a man succeeds in entirely forgetting (annihilating) his personal self, he becomes a mirror in which the universal Reality is faultlessly reflected. HE IS AWAKENED, and henceforward he lives, not in dreams and nightmares, but in realities."

The simple man stands firmly on an Eternal Rock, and never faints nor wavers: "He that waver-

eth is like a wave of the sea, that is moved and carried about by the wind. Therefore, let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord."

In all history, in all ages, the great and blessed men and women were the pure and simple men and women. In our present Age of Light, the great, forceful and purposeful workers, who do and achieve great and lasting things, are simple men and women.

A man with pure and simple love for the simple Truth is always fearless, always hopeful, optimistic and forceful; he *goes*, and *does*: "Go; and as thou hast believed, so be it done to thee."

A simple prayer to the great God within the soul, without a multiplicity of words or complex forms, carries one to the Most High; all blessings come to him who prays a simple prayer with simple love, faith and hope: "All things whatsoever you ask, when ye pray, believe that you shall receive; and they shall come unto you."

A simple, fervent, God-loving child has but one prayer: "Thy will be done; give me only Love, Light, Guidance, Truth, Knowledge and Wisdom, that I may better serve and glorify thee."

The sure and blessed trend of this world, and the blessed children of God who inherit it, is now toward Simplicity; we have passed from the Dark Ages to the Light of Truth. Some men and women yet unawakened, who live in complexity and perplexity, see more bad than good in the world, but this is only a reflection of their *own* carnal or mortal minds, and that, too, will pass away under the New and Radiant Sun of Love.

In Complexity there is always much Perplexity; it is only in living in oneness with the Blessed Simple One that we reach the indescribable blessedness of the Simple State: "Pythagoras saw the universe in the ten numbers, but even this simplicity may be further reduced, and the universe ultimately be found to be contained in the number ONE, for all the numerals and all their infinite complications are but additions of the *One*."

The simple, righteous life of the simple God-lover is the key to heaven; it is to live a perfect whole (holy) life and not in painful fragments: "Let life cease to be lived as a fragmentary thing, and let it be lived as a perfect Whole; the simplicity of the Perfect will then be revealed. How shall the fragment comprehend the Whole? Yet how simple that the Whole should comprehend the fragment! How shall sin perceive Holiness? Yet how plain that Holiness should understand sin! He who would become the Greater let him abandon the lesser. In no form is the circle contained, but in the circle all forms are contained. In no color is the radiant light imprisoned, but in the radiant light all colors are embodied. Let a man destroy all the forms of self, and he shall apprehend the Circle of Perfection; let him submerge, in the silent depths of his being" (as our Elder Brother Jesus did), "the varying colors of his thoughts and desires, and he shall be illuminated with the White Light of Divine Knowledge."

And it is the simple, fervent, God-loving man who becomes illuminated by the Light of Truth and reaches Freedom here and now: "Oh, how the constant application to God by simple prayers of love, and the confident expectation of receiving from Him the graces we stand in need of, enkindle in us the fire of Divine Love, and invite us to the Divinity!"

It is in the simple yet forceful lines of great souls that aspiring man loves to dwell; all great men merged their whole being in the Infinite, the Eternal, the Universal: "Sink thyself compassionately in the heart of humanity, and thou shalt reproduce

the harmonies of Heaven; lose thyself in unlimited love toward all, and thou shalt work enduring works and shall become one with the eternal Ocean of Bliss."

The simple, fervent God-lover does not speculate about God, because he comes to know by his fervent and constant and insistent love that God is nearer to him than his own thoughts: "Cease to speculate about God, and find the all-embracing Good within thee; then shalt thou see the emptiness and vanity of speculation, knowing thyself one with God."

All intricate, involved and complex plans of salvation are worthless; the Kingdom is entered into by that simple and pure love that cleanses and purifies the mind of all anger, hatred, envy, lust and vague and complex opinions: "He who will not give up his secret lust, his covetousness, his selfishness, his anger, his opinion about this or that, can see nor know nothing; he will remain a dullard in the school of Wisdom, though he be accounted learned in the colleges."

Sin is a disease of the mind, and not of thy inner self—the Spirit: "If a man would find the key of Knowledge, let him find himself (the simple, inner self). Thy sins are not thyself; they are not any part of thyself; they are diseases which thou hast come to love. Cease to cling to them, and they will no longer cling to thee. Let them fall away (by love and prayer), and thy self shall stand revealed. Thou shalt then know thyself as Comprehensive Vision (a seer), Invincible Principle, Immortal Life, and Eternal Good."

Such is the blessed Path of simple Love—love of God and all men and all things.

"The impure man believes his impurity to be his rightful condition, but the pure man knows himself as pure being; he also, penetrating the Veils, sees all others as potentially pure being. Purity is extremely simple, and needs no argument to support it; impurity is interminably complex, and is ever involved in defensive argument. Truth *lives* itself. A pure, blameless life is the only witness of Truth. . . . Truth is so simple that it cannot be found in the region of arguments and advertisement, and so silent that it is only manifested in actions."

"The fool says, 'No man is wise.' The imperfect man says, 'No man can be perfect,' and he therefore remains where he is."

A simple, perfect man, whose mind is calm, serene and sane, sees perfection and order and simplicity throughout the universe; such a blessed freed man transcends all nature and all mental perplexities: "As the problematical transcends crudity, so Pure and Simple Goodness transcends the problematical. All problems and all mysteries vanish when Pure Goodness is reached; therefore, the good man is called 'The slayer of illusions.' What problem can vex where sin is not? O thou who strivest loudly and restest not! retire into the Holy Silence of thine own being, and live therefrom. So shalt thou, finding simple, Pure Goodness, rend in twain the Veil of the Temple of Illusion, and shalt enter into the Patience, Peace and Transcendent Glory of the Perfect, for Pure Goodness and Original Simplicity are one."

Blessed, indeed, are the Pure and Simple God-lovers.

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And planets are like weighing stones,
That, in the scales of time,
Hold right and true the index point
Which guides our upward climb.
In spiral movement ever on,
They rule both great and small;
Giving their light on every side,
Supporting when we fall;
Till we shall reach the central place,
In harmony complete,
United to His hand that holds
The scales beneath our feet.

—Zamael.

MR. J. RADCLIFFE JONES, born Nov. 29, 1863.—The portion of the Zodiac under which you were born was the sign Sagittarius. The highest attributes of your nature are your powers of loving and providing for others. You have the power of communing with your own thoughts and evolving high ideals. You have the ability to succeed well in directing the energies of others, so as to accomplish excellent work. A manufacturing enterprise of considerable importance in which you could assume leadership would prove to be quite prosperous, and unless you follow closely to a line of mechanical occupations you cannot have truly good success. There is very favorable indication for you, if you will get into work where you will use small tools or handle metals in some way. Your astrological colors are red and golden or yellow. Your birthstones are the diamond and topaz. Your fortunate day of the week is Thursday. The planet ruling your birth-sign is Jupiter.

FRED. B. WINKLER, born May 28, 1870.—The portion of the Zodiac under which you were born was the sign Gemini. You are courteous, kind and generous; you make friends easily. You have much sympathy for those who are less fortunate than yourself. You have an excellent mind, but are subject to impulsive changes. As a rule, you will have better success in the employ or associated with others, for the generosity of your nature does not allow you to accumulate money when in business by yourself. You need to control your thoughts, for sometimes you are liable to commence a piece of work and leave it unfinished. Your dual nature causes you to try to do too many things at once. You have strong religious feelings and you obtain much happiness from religion. You have good talent for designing or drawing and cutting patterns or artistic figures, but you need to have ideas fully formed in your mind before you begin to work them out. Your fortunate day of the week is Wednesday. Your astrological colors are orange and yellow. The ruling planet of your birth-sign is Mercury. Nineteen hundred and seven will be one of your most fortunate years.

SARAH M. COON, born July 10, 1874.—At the time of your birth the life-giving Sun was situated in the Celestial sign Cancer. This, therefore, is called your birth-sign. By your having come into the world at this time you come under this ruling, and have a sympathetic, home-loving disposition. This is the first of what is known as the maternal or domestic division of the heavens. You are not naturally diplomatic, but can be so at times, if necessary. You are quick to understand anything which is properly explained to you, and can hold it in mind or recall it quite readily. You have a strong desire to lay up money or provide for the future. You have some fear of poverty, though there is little cause for this. You know, as a rule, exactly what you possess, and frequently engage in running over or counting up your possessions. You have some

fear of loss from thieves, but you are not justified in such fears. Green and white are your most harmonious colors, and your birth-stone is the emerald.

N. H., born April 10, 1873.—I find, from your date of birth, that the Sun was situated in the Celestial sign Aries. You are quick to perceive new truths and can act upon them, but are liable to do so without stopping to reason, on account of the impulsive nature of your controlling planet, which is Mars. You are a good talker, convincing in your arguments, and you have decided opinions upon subjects you have investigated, but you need to consider the opinions of others, or you will be called stubborn and self-willed. You are very determined, and it is hard to persuade you to give up. You are somewhat excitable and aggressive, but seldom without cause; still, I think you will find that you are liable to go to extremes and display too much antagonism. Your companion in marriage should be a person born between the 22d of July and about the same date of August, or between the 22d of November and the same date of December. This depends much upon the position of the planets and their harmony in both horoscopes. You admire the color red and it has a beneficial effect on your health, but you should also use a great deal of white. The garnet is one of your birth-stones, and Tuesday is one of your fortunate days. Control the impulsive action of your mind and cultivate love for all other living creatures. Most of the planets were strongly placed, and the indications are that you will meet with fair success in life.

MISS MARY G. BAKER, born Sept. 12, 1885.—The portion of the Zodiac under which you were born was the sign Virgo. You are occasionally subject to spells of discouragement or despondency, but can easily overcome this by calm, sober reasoning. Your birth-sign is classed as an earthy, negative, magnetic sign, and has a strong connection with the influences acting upon the region of the solar plexus and the stomach of mankind. The earth at the same time was situated in the watery sign Pisces. These positions endow you with a discriminating, retiring disposition; still, you are frequently very energetic. You are ingenious and capable. You are a great lover of music and can detect inharmonies very quickly. You appreciate harmony and beauty in the home, and need the warmth of true love to make you contented. In this you may sometimes demand of others more than you are willing to give to them. You are very sensitive to pain, and, as a rule, your skin is quite sensitive to the touch. This causes you to suffer from extremes of heat or cold, and to shrink from the possibility of a scratch or cut. You need to be careful in financial matters, for you cannot safely indulge in risky speculations. You should never borrow money in order to buy things which will enable you to keep up a good appearance. Spirituality and honor should take the highest place in your desires. Your birth-stone is the carnelian agate, and colors most conducive to health are gray, blue and violet.

BESSIE G. B., born Feb. 7, 1883.—At the time of your birth the life-giving Sun was located in the Celestial sign Aquarius. This is, therefore, your ruling or birth-sign. This sign is one which belongs chiefly to the mercantile sphere. It gives you a strong attachment to city life or customs. You have strong ambitions and a desire to rise above the conditions of the average, and you cannot be kept down. No matter how low in life you may have been born, nor how poor you may get, you will, by being cheerful and steadily looking forward, surely rise again to a good condition. You are an acute observer of human nature and are not easily imposed upon. Many of your associates think you are a strong and independent thinker, but you are

guided fully as much by your intuitions as by your reasonings. You are, however, at times philosophical, and are capable of profound thought. You have very strong emotions and a love for all that is beautiful and good. You love to rule and guide others, and where you are placed in authority you demand strict obedience. You have much love for society, for adornment and for pleasure. One of your fortunate days of the week is Saturday. The planetary ruler of your birth-sign is Saturn.

JOSEPH B. MONTAGUE, born Oct. 31, 1862.—I find from the date that the life-giving Sun was in the Celestial sign Scorpio at the time of your birth. This is, therefore, called your birth-sign. Those born under this sign partake of two antagonistic natures. The highest and the lowest are born here, according to their plane of intellectual advancement or environment. The earth, at the same time, was in the Zodiacal sign Taurus. These positions give you tenacity of character and attach you strongly to any work you may undertake. This sign, your birth-sign, is classed among the signs of the watery trinity, and it is a notable fact that the majority of those who go to sea or whose business is connected with the management of ships or the handling of liquids are directly influenced by this sign. You can develop extraordinary genius if you will concentrate all the forces of your mind upon one object in life. You have much physical energy and personal magnetism which enable you to recover quickly from any illness which may threaten you. You can develop magnetic forces by which you can lead others. Your sign is a negative, magnetic one. This causes you to attract energies that can be transformed into healing forces. Even your silent presence is sometimes beneficial to others if you are filled with sympathy and kindness toward them and desire to aid them or relieve them from suffering. Your emotional nature is easily roused and you are frequently excitable or nervous. You should choose a companion for domestic life or for business from persons born between the 20th of February and the 21st of March, or between the 20th of April and the same date of May. Your birthstones are the topaz and the opal. Your astrological colors are dark brown and red.

ARTHUR J. BYRON, born Aug. 17, 1886.—The Celestial sign Leo is your birth-sign, and by your having been born at this time you come under the rule of the second of the Fiery signs of the Zodiac. You are endowed with some of the impulsive energies inherent to this part of the heavens. You are kind-hearted and generous, and have a strong love for home. The earth at the same time was situated in the sign Aquarius. These positions endow you with positive electric forces, and make you very adaptable and forceful. You are controlled very frequently by a spirit of impulsiveness which might become aggressiveness if not governed and held in subjection by firmness of will and excellent reasoning faculties. These lead you to success in matters which allow mature consideration. When you do not exercise these faculties you make many mistakes. You have strong ambitions and a desire to rise above the conditions of the average, and you cannot be kept down. No matter how low in life you may have been born, or how poor you may get, by being cheerful and steadily looking forward you will surely rise to good condition. You are an acute observer of human nature and are not easily imposed upon. Your magnetic powers are a strong inspiration to others and you are often followed by them in many of your ways. You have a good imagination and are quite inventive. You have a strong love for experiments of any kind, especially in work of a mechanical nature, and will succeed well in occupations among metals or machinery. The most healthful colors for you are red and orange. Your birthstones are diamonds and rubies.

JOHN B. KETCHUM, born Jan. 17, 1856.—At the time of your birth the life-giving Sun was located in the Celestial sign Capricorn. You are diligent and steadfast as a worker, and can adhere to anything you undertake with determination. You have but little control over your temper and when excited are liable to do or say more than is well for you. The uncontrolled impulses of the planet Mars are the cause of this tendency. The troubles you will experience from giving way to temper will really be blessings in disguise, for they will bring to you a development of will power that will make you a master over yourself so that you can overcome habits which are injurious. There is that in your nature which would give you excellent success in managing and guiding others, and would make you very well located at the head of a department in some large corporation. There is also shown to be a strong inclination for study of mystic and scientific subjects. I judge that you will be quite successful in attaining a knowledge of these, which you can utilize in benefiting others. Your astrological colors are dark brown, maroon and blue. Your birthstones are the onyx and the topaz. One of your fortunate days of the week is Saturday. The planetary ruler of your birth-sign is Saturn.

MRS. L. M. BERRYMAN, born April 25, 1876.—I find from your date of birth that the life-giving Sun was at that time located in the Celestial sign Tau-

The Singing Lady

This is, therefore, called your birth-sign. The sign is classed as an earthy one, and there are three of these in the grand circle of the heavens. This is also the second sign of the circle. It rules the second division of the body of man, below the head, the neck and the throat. This is classed as a negative, magnetic sign. Being born in this sign makes you an expressor of ideas rather than the originator of them, and makes you eminently successful in carrying out the plans of others so that a partnership with you in business enterprises would be very favorable. As a contractor or builder you would do well in a business on your own account. One of your best attributes is your power of secretiveness; that is, of holding a secret or of attending to your own business and saying nothing about it until you have accomplished your purpose. You are quite noted for your persistency or determination. You have natural ability for many different things, and will gain a wide experience. During early age you will have been very headstrong, and hard to control. You are very enthusiastic when employed. You make a good friend and strong enemy. You are best controlled through your sympathies. Your astrological colors are yellow and white. The occult planetary vibrations related to your birth-sign are those connected with the formation of the topaz, which is your birth-stone.

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A Song of the Open

By Bliss Carman

Give me freedom, give me space,
Give me open air and sky,
With the clean wind in my face
Where the quiet mountains lie.

I am sick of roofs and floors,
Naught will heal me but to roam;
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"JENNIE, dear, do you want to be mamma's brave little woman?"

The child nodded eagerly and squared her bits of shoulders ready to bear the weight of the world. Jennie was eight, and small for her age.

"Well, dearie, sister May is sick—so sick that she must have a doctor. Will you be good and brave and not cry if mamma leaves you for a while? You know the doctor lives 'way down the track ever so far, and mamma can't be back for half an hour."

Jennie's eyelids distended just a bit with fear, but she nodded her curly head with all the more vehemence.

"I'll be good—honest I will!"

With a murmured "Dear little thing! I hate to do it, but there's no other way," Mrs. Moore cast a hurried glance at the tossing figure on the bed in the corner, and with a shawl over her head sped swiftly out the door into the night.

For a moment after the door closed behind her mother Jennie did not stir; then she looked furtively over her shoulder at the queer shadows that the firelight cast on the wall, jumping nervously as the wood on the hearth snapped sharply.

"Pooh! Who's 'fraid!" said she, loudly. "Te-he-ha-ha!" she laughed, mirthlessly, and a big tear splashed down on her apron. Then she ran to the door after her mother and looked out into the dark.

The little house stood all alone, a tiny black speck beside the railroad track that stretched to the northward and again to the southward in long, uncurving miles. For two days and nights now it had been raining. Jennie could hear the creek that flowed through the gorge just above the house raging angrily and beating its black swollen waters against the rocks and the piers of the railroad bridge. Suddenly the child sprang back into the room and shut the door with a bang.

"Pooh! Ain't no one 'fraid!" she declared valiantly, with her small back forcibly pressed against the closed door. Then a voice from the corner started her into trembling attention.

"Come here, little girl."

Was that her sister speaking? How queer she looked, too, with those fiercely gleaming eyes, and her hair streaming down over her shoulders!

"Come here, little girl," commanded the shrill voice again.

Jennie advanced to the middle of the room.

"I want to hear the lady sing," said the voice from the bed, coaxingly.

Jennie opened wide her eyes, but said nothing.

"I must hear the lady sing," insisted the voice in louder tone.

Jennie retreated to a far corner.

"Well—can't you?" she queried timidly.

The girl on the bed shook her head mournfully.

"She won't stop. She'll go right by the house."

Then her plaintive tone changed to one of eagerness. "Little girl, won't you please stop the train and tell her I want her to get out and come and sing to me—please?"

"Why, I—I can't, May," said Jennie, timidly. "What are you talking 'bout?"

A look of horror passed over the wan features of the other.

"Little girl—you'll have to stop her! Oh, oh!—the singing lady—she'll be killed! The bridge—the bridge! Stop the train! Oh-h-h!" she screamed, ending in a long wail that startled Jennie from her corner, and sent her with a white, scared face out into the night.

The little girl had no clear idea of what she was doing, but she meant to reach mamma and hurry that doctor—something must be very wrong to make sister May talk like this! Up the track she sped, in quite the wrong direction, but that she did not know. The rain had ceased, and the moon showed as a faintly luminous mist far in the sky above.

A few steps from the house Jennie, with a sharp cry of terror, came to an abrupt stop just on the edge of a yawning black chasm—the bridge was gone! At that moment she heard, far behind, the faint whistle of the midnight express.

Like a flash came to the almost crazed brain of the child her sister's words: "The singing lady—she'll be killed—the bridge—stop the train!"

But how?

Back to the house flew Jennie, her heart beating almost to suffocation. She remembered that she had seen her mother rush out with a lantern one other night like this, and the mighty engine had stopped, panting, at their very door.

When the child reached the house, the far-away rumble of the train was in her ears. Up the steps she stumbled, dashed open the door and gave a hurried glance around the room; then, with a cry of joy, she caught up the old broom in the corner and thrust it into the brightly blazing fire on the hearth. In another moment, with the flaming torch held

tightly in her two small hands, she was rushing straight down the track toward the oncoming train.

Short, quick shrieks of the whistle, and a series of shivering jerks told that the engineer had seen and understood. Then the little feet stumbled against a wooden tie, and the blazing broom hissed and sizzled into blackness in the wet brown earth.

When the engineer and fireman tumbled hastily out of the cab they found a curly-headed child prone on her face not two feet from the nose of the cow-catcher, her fingers tightly clasped around the handle of a blackened broom. She was dazed, but not unconscious. They lifted her with tender hands and looked eagerly into her face.

Jennie opened her eyes and saw the huge engine towering above her. A look of intense satisfaction showed on her countenance at once.

"You did stop, didn't you? Now I want the singing lady."

"The what?" ejaculated the engineer in amazement. Then he asked, "What'd ye stop the train, for, little girl?"

"Sister told me to; the singing lady—she'd get killed. The bridge is down, you know!" said Jennie, a little wearily.

With an oath the fireman started hastily up the track, and the engineer turned to the gathering crowd that was pouring from the cars to learn the cause of the sudden stop.

"There's somethin' kinder queer here," said the man, relinquishing the child into the hands of the conductor. "This baby's talkin' about the 'singin' lady gettin' killed! By George! it made me creep. You know we've got them opera folks aboard, and—"

A shout from the fireman up the track interrupted him.

"She's right! The bridge is gone—clean swept away! Go, see fur yourselves!"

Ten minutes later Mrs. Moore's eyes looked upon a strange sight. Down the track a little way below the house the long, lighted train stood motionless. Crowds of men and women made shadowy spots of blackness here and there. At the threshold of her home Mrs. Moore paused in speechless amazement.

Her young daughter, Jennie, sat in placid contentment upon the knee of a blue-coated conductor, who was feeding her chocolate drops with keen enjoyment. In the far corner of the room a being in a cloth traveling gown was singing with the voice of an angel to May, who lay in rapt ecstasy, listening.

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in a funeral sermon said: "I have been greatly interested in the new sect, or denomination, that has come into existence in the last few years. Its members call themselves Spiritualists.

"Fifteen years ago they were laughed at; now who laughs at them? Then, few had ever heard of such a system or doctrine; now, they number their converts by millions—they tell me there are six millions of believers, so-called, in the United States alone—and these converts belong to all classes of society, from the poorest to the richest and most learned. They have thirty journals devoted to the promulgation of their faith. They have a library of five hundred volumes advocating their sectarianism. The moment your eye glances over these figures you ask, 'Why is this?'

"The answer is plain: First, because the doctrine of communion has put off its oppressive robes of selfishness and personal aggrandizement, and put on the white garments of good news to the world; and second, because nothing is more evident to my mind than that the world longs to believe, and needs to believe, something of this sort. It is essential to our religious well-being. The very minute that desolation enters a house and robs the family of its loved member, leaving as a sacred memento of the past only the 'vacant chair,' the holiest part of our natures looks up to heaven with a vague expectation, with the belief that has never taken definite shape, perhaps, that though we cannot see them, they do see and know us. . . . I have the very firmest faith in that kernel of inspiration which has given to the sect all its value, the assertion that heaven is close to us, and that its inhabitants walk the earth both when we wake and when we sleep.

"It seems to me that this truth is at the centre of all true religion; and when I bid the sect God-speed, it is with the grateful feeling that it is receiving the truth which the prophets and the Christ Himself have taught us. Yes, I do believe in this possible communion with all my heart."

REV. A. D. MAYO

Extracts from his sermon on Spiritualism: "Spiritualism is the natural awakening of the American masses to the doctrine of the Immortal Life taught by Jesus.

"A portion of the churches have welcomed it, and we will be saved by their wisdom; but woe to the sect or church that sets its face against it. It is not to be stayed by criticism from a theological or atheistical point of view. We shall learn out of it what it means to believe in the immortality of the soul; and it will be found that this doctrine will come to us fraught with vaster relations, suggesting larger duties, and elevating with nobler aspirations than to the darkened masses of the early ages of heathenism or middle ages of Christianity. . . .

"Invisible hands leave upon our tables gifts of faith and deathless love and immortal love, of which our fairest Christmas flowers and our greenest wreaths are but withered and vanished types. The pavement is thronged with a mighty host that crowds no hasty passenger, and speaks in no audible voice, but all the time holds sweet converse with the hearts of them that go to and fro. The school and the senate, and the places where men congregate for the serious work of life, have their empty chairs; empty to our mortal vision, yet to the eye of the soul filled with forms of unearthly wisdom and dignity and grace.

"I preach not to-day to this congregation alone; but this church is thronged and overflowed, yea, the whole air is populous with an audience you cannot see; for every beloved spirit that has left its mark on mine, and every weary and stricken soul that I have tried in feebleness to help, and every countenance that only for once has gleamed out in spiritual recognition from the strangest crowd; all who have heard my words on earth will hear them no more; all whose words I have heard for the last time in this valley of mortality, all are here to-day."

REV. THEODORE PARKER

"This party has an idea wider and deeper than that of the Catholic or Protestant; namely, that God still inspires men as much as ever; that He is omniscient in spirit as in space. For the present purpose and to avoid circumlocution, the doctrine may be called Spiritualism.

"This relies on no church tradition, or scripture, as the last ground and infallible rule. It counts these things teachers, if they teach—not masters, helps if they help us—not authorities. It relies on the divine presence in the soul of men—the eternal word of God, which is Truth, as it speaks through the faculties He has given. It believes God as near the soul as matter to the sense; thinks the canon of revelation not yet closed, nor God not exhausted. It sees Him in Nature's perfect work; hears Him in all true scriptures, Jewish or Phœnician; feels Him in the inspiration of the heart; stoops at the

same fountain with Moses and Jesus, and is filled with living water. It calls God Father, not King; Christ, brother, not redeemer; Heaven, home; religion, nature. It loves and trusts, but does not fear. It sees a Jesus in man, living man-like; highly gifted and living with blameless and beautiful fidelity to God—stepping thousands of years before the race of men—the profoundest religious genius that God has raised up; whose word and works help us to develop the natural idea of a complete religious man. But he lived for himself, died for himself, worked out his own salvation, and we must do the same; for one man cannot live for another, more than he can eat or sleep for him. It lays down no creed, asks no symbol, reverences exclusively no time nor place, and therefore we can use all time and every place. It reckons forms useful to such as they help. Its temple is all space, its shrine the good heart, its creed all truth, its ritual works of love and utility, its profession of faith a divine life, works without faith, within love of God and man. It takes all the help it can get; counts no good word profane, though a heathen spoke it—no lie sacred, though the greatest prophet had said the word. Its redeemer is within, its salvation within, its heaven and its oracle of God. It falls back on perfect religion—asks no more, is satisfied with no less."

REV. H. ELKIN

"The Bible is full of these revelations, sights and manifestations, and if we believe the Bible, why is it not as easy to believe that spirits can communicate with men now as anciently? If spirits ever could appear unto men, they can to-day; but no doubt certain physiological and physical conditions are necessary, else all men could hold intercourse. Not all men at the present time can commune with spirits. But the same faculty which aided them to see and commune with spirits anciently, can, if rightly developed, aid them to-day; and modern manifestations are as real as ancient ones.

"Spiritualism comes to the aid of the churches and they reject it. It supplies to atheists and infidels the lacking evidence of immortality, and they receive it. It thus resembles Christianity in its first movements, which was rejected by professedly religious men. The doctrine of immortality must ultimately rest upon proof, or be rejected. And if all the phenomena attending the modern movement be accounted for on physiological grounds, without the intervention of spirits, ancient phenomena will have to pass the same ordeal and receive the same sentence.

"Whatever physiological law will account for involuntary polyglot speaking and writing modernly, will account for speaking in unknown tongues anciently; whatever physiological law will account for the modern prophecies, gifts of healing, revelations, poems, hymns and doctrines, will account for the ecstasies, prophecies, gifts of healing, etc., in ancient times. Whatever physiological law will account for the apparitions or seeing of spirits, lights, hearing of music, etc., modernly, will account for the visions and voices heard anciently. Whatever physiological law will account for the lifting and moving of tables, pianos, etc., by invisible power, modernly, will account for the unbarring of the doors of Peter's prison anciently."

MINOT J. SAVAGE

"A belief that has come to be practically a religion to millions of people in the most civilized countries of the world may rightly claim at least, whatever else may be said about it, to be regarded as one of the 'signs of the times.' And this belief is not held by the superstitious, by the ignorant, by the vicious, by the socially reprobate alone. Nor does it find a home among them. For better or for worse, it is shared by lawyers, by doctors, by ministers, by philosophers, by men of science, by men in every occupation, in every rank of life. There are believers among the social outcasts of the world, there are believers on thrones, there are believers in palaces, believers among the nobility of every country, believers among diplomats, those engaged in the public service of their respective States. So for better or worse, as I say, we find this permeating all modern society, in the high places and in the low, and it seems to me significant of one of two things. If it be true, then the fact that so many in all walks and range of life have accepted it contradicts neither the brain nor the culture of the adherents. If it is only delusion, contemptible, pitiful superstition and fraud foisted upon so many, then it seems to me one of the saddest commentaries on what we dare to call the civilization of the century, that here at a time when we had dared to think that the world was coming to be fairly intelligent, it is overrun, fairly swamped, with what the many are supposed to regard as merely a survival of old barbaric superstitions.

"It seems to me, then, that it is worthy of our careful, earnest, candid attention. If it is true, we certainly want to know it. If it is false, we want

to know it, not only for our own sake, but for the sake of helping so many people out of a pitiable delusion. Liberals, at any rate, at the first blush, ought to be touched with a little feeling of sympathy toward it; for whatever else it may be, it has proved itself the most remarkable, the most widespread, the most effective solvent of the old dogmas that the world has ever known. Educated people, those who have time for critical thought and study, can be touched and influenced by criticism by philosophy, by science; but here is a power that has come to work through the affections as well as through the intellect of men, and at whose touch the hideous and awful dogmas of the past have faded away, to give place, at least in other respects, to what are rational and humane ideas concerning our Father in heaven and the destiny of His children. . . .

"What is, then, the first grand belief? Simply that death is not an end; that it is merely an expression, an incident in the onward and upward struggle and progress of the individual life. It claims to have demonstrated this, to hold it not as a hope, not as a belief, but as knowledge. It teaches that inside these gross physical bodies there is an ether body, a body that has grown with it, shaped by it, adapted to it, perfect in every part and faculty; and that this ether body is disengaged at death, like a germ delivered from its sheath, and that it goes on, the soul taking this ether body with it as a perfect equipment in every faculty for the fullest expression of its higher and better life. According to this teaching, the soul simply goes on with its power to think, to remember, to love, just as of old.

"It further teaches that this universe everywhere is under the law of cause and effect, and that we begin life hereafter, just as we leave it here—precisely what we have made ourselves by our thoughts, our deeds, our words on earth. Therefore, this other life is not peopled with ghosts, with ghostly, thin and unreal beings, such as we have imagined in the past; they are real folks—our fathers, our mothers, our neighbors, our friends—just as we have known them here, only released from their lower, physical condition, but carrying with them the same kind of character, of thought, of personality which they had here.

"It also teaches that, under certain peculiar conditions, there can now and then be manifestations of the reality of that life to this life; that sometimes there comes a whisper, sometimes a hand is reached across the abyss, and that they are demonstrations of the fact that those we have loved and that we talk of as lost, are not lost but are living as we are living.

"This higher Spiritualism is in perfect accord with the finest and highest philosophy of the world. It is in perfect accord with the finest and highest moral principles that have ever been discovered. So there is nothing that we know that is contradictory to these claims of higher Spiritualism. Therefore, whether it can demonstrate itself as true or not, it is not in contradiction with any known truth that science or philosophy has to offer, and is in perfect accord with the finest ethical teachings and the highest hopes of man. So much must be said in defence of this claim of what I have called the higher Spiritualism.

"Now, I wish to offer a few suggestions, of which you will see the force and drift. I speak now as a Spiritualist. I am speaking, or trying to, as a perfectly fair and sympathetic critic from the outside. These claimed facts which Spiritualists offer us as proof of that which they declare to be true, are not new facts. What is called modern Spiritualism itself is half a century old, but these general manifestations of a certain class and kind of facts have been reported down from the very dawn of human history. In the household of old Dr. Phelps, of Connecticut, father of Professor Phelps, of Andover, there were unquestionably certain manifestations of abnormal power that have never yet found any explanation, unless indeed they find it here. In the home of the Wesleys there were similar manifestations continued for a long period. From most every nation, every religion, every age, there come to us these stories of abnormal, unusual occurrences, things that usually the people have called miracles, that they were not able to explain. Now here is a point that I wish to emphasize. Are these stories—hundreds of them—told of the greatest and most reliable writers and historians of the world; are they true? They certainly are not conscious falsehoods. Do they mean that the people who reported these things in all ages were so little to be relied on; that they should be constantly liable to this sort of delusion from the beginning of the world until now? I simply wish to say this, if I may believe in the central thought of modern Spiritualism, that fact would run a line of light, a line of sanity, back up the ages through every religion, through every nation, through every tribe, and would give me added respect for the ability of the average man to observe and tell the truth. It would explain not only the Bible, but the scriptures of all ages, and the writings of grave, old Roman writers, like Livy, and almost all writers of ancient times. Brush them one side, and put them down with scorn to the credulity of man, and we must believe, what I do not like to believe, that men have been too credulous in all these ages. To

believe that there was a kernel of truth in their reports would give added respect for human nature.

Here also might be found a rational explanation of the ancient oracles, and of such claims as that made by Socrates concerning the *daimon*—that was his constant attendant and teacher.

Then what a light it would throw upon the whole Bible! For the Bible looked at from a standpoint of the rationalist is nothing but a Spiritualistic book from beginning to end. Its entire significance is in its Spiritualism. It is full and running over with it from one cover to the other. Must we put everything there down to the wildest kind of delusion? Must we not, unless there is some ground for these beliefs? I would like to believe something a little more to the credit of these reporters.

Let me indicate to you one kind of influence it would have on my thinking. I do not believe at all in the physical resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. On the testimony contained in the New Testament, I see little cause for believing even in His spiritual reappearance. The testimony of the New Testament concerning the resurrection of Jesus, if it were paralleled by testimony in a court of justice, would not be accepted, for it is simply the anonymous testimony of people whom we cannot cross-examine as to certain very strange and wonderful things that happened nearly two thousand years ago. One of the strangest things to me is to find people who believe in these stories told in the New Testament, but who do not believe the modern ones. For the modern ones are of precisely the same kind, and have this advantage over the old, that they have the living testimony of hundreds of credible men and women, while the old stories are no more credible on their own account than the modern ones, and have no evidence that would be allowed if it were standing simply alone.

In view—and here is what I have in mind—in view of this, if I may be permitted to believe in the visible spirit appearance of any modern man who has died, why then, it would be perfectly easy and rational for me to believe that Paul saw Jesus on the way to Damascus. It would not seem a supernatural fact, but a perfectly natural occurrence.

And here let me remove one natural prejudice. Spiritualism makes no demand on us that we believe the supernatural. At most, it is only a question of words. A spiritual world, if it exists, is as natural as the physical world. All the mightiest forces are invisible, but not therefore supernatural.

The Singing Child

I KNOW a little maiden, fair to see
As an anemone, blossoming in the rain,
And from her heaven of hope comes many a strain,
Which all day long she sings light-heartedly.

*Living is joy! Oh, tune thy heart to hear
This music of God's making at thine ear.*

Like fall of brook in springtime, through the dim
Deep-streets city comes her singing; gay
With the sunlight on her beauteous head, how may
She heed the soil upon her sandal's rim?

*I could not know a friend's heart was so high
And sweet a home, till sorrow bade me try.*

She roams the blossoming hills when they are wet
With new-fallen dew, making the same sweet stir
Of song, when briars hurt and hinder her,
As when she stoops to pluck a violet.

*Though thou and I have felt the press of sin,
It shall not harm the holiness within.*

Come close, fair child—your smile is one that
clears

The heart of troubles. Oh, lift up the blue
May morning of your eyes and let me view
A happiness that gives no heed to tears.

—Mildred I. McNeal, in *January Success*.

The Dream Celestial

I DREAMED on the wings of ascending prayer
That my soul might rise to Thee,
And there, 'mid rapture and beauty dwell
For all eternity.

Deep in the hush of this pulsing heart
That melody, God's holiness brings,
May, wrought in the words of unending flight,
Be the words that the seraph sings:
Of Hope more transcendent than the morn,
And life sweeter than dainty blossoms bring,
With thought, more eloquent than words,
And deeds to crown the flowing hours,
That glorify His name. —Laura Wines.

Love is the eternal vital current of the universe and is always manifested in a high degree wherever we see orderly force and energy; we see it in the gravitation, attraction, repulsion and the universal affinity of atoms and molecules; it brings order out of chaos and forms, holds and sustains the Universe. Love is vital, eternal and intelligent—it is God.

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A Great Teaching from The Life

WHOSE IMAGE AND SUPERScription?

THE Master had been called upon to decide whether or not they should pay taxes, or tribute, to Caesar. He called for a coin of the realm. When one was handed Him, He asked, "Whose image and superscription are these which I see stamped upon this coin?" They replied, "Caesar's." "Then," He said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

The image and superscription of the owner or author are stamped upon all things appearing in the outer world. That to which each individual belongs most in thought and deed makes its sign of ownership upon the surface to be known and read of all men.

Is there sickness marked upon this surface? Whose image and superscription is it? Is it God's? Are you in this mark showing forth the likeness of your perfect Father?

No; it is the sign of some erroneous conclusions about God—some falling short in comprehension of the Truth. Render back to this source the things that originate in it.

But what are error and shortcoming? Nothing. No sane person will claim that there is either substance or reality in a mere mistake, or a missing of the mark, or a wandering from the right path.

Then render to Nothing the things that are Nothing's. Stop calling such things realities. Never again denominate them positive states. To do this is to say that they are God's. How can you render Nothing to God? Can God be sick?

It is true that the conditions created by error must be overcome, and in overcoming you rise to a higher plane of individual being. But you never can overcome while you fear and submit to them as positive things. You must come to realize that they originate in a belief of vicinity, in a fear of that which is not, and so relegate them back to the realm of nothingness: that is, rise in spiritual knowledge and perception to a point where shadows will not scare you as ghosts of unholiness. Render to darkness the things that originate in darkness.

Are the image and superscription on your body in the form of wrinkles, gray hairs and failing faculties? Whose are they? Are they God's?

No; a belief in an unreality is responsible for these marks. It is a belief in death, and death is not real. Render back to this realm of unreality its own products. You have no business to hold on to them.

If there were no belief in death, there would be no such marks. Long before this belief became a fixed habit of human thinking, men lived to be many hundreds of years old. The Lord God told Adam that he should surely die because he had believed in evil, but he did not know when, fixed no limit, yet he still kept on expecting it to come some time. So he came to be almost a thousand years of age before his belief and expectancy were fulfilled. Then people began to fix a sort of limit about there, and many lived to be almost a thousand years old, but none over.

But some died younger, and then they began to fear earlier demise. This fear caused still more to be cut off in their youthful days of two or three hundred years.

Thus the time of human life was shortened on down the ages until the pitiful average came to be about thirty years.

Since this Spiritual renewal has come upon the earth and thousands of people are saying that there is no death, the average has shot up to about forty years.

To say there is no death is to render to nothingness the things that are nothing. To say that death is a reality is to try to render to God the things that are nothing. This cannot be done, and so the marks and effects remain until the work is completed. But you can render them back to their origin, and thus escape them.

If this work of calling things by their right names and placing them where they belong continues—and it must continue, for there is no power to retard it—life in the body will be extended by the *renewing of the body*, until every mortal phase of the personal life shall be swallowed up in immortality and no form of death will remain.

Don't rise up now and talk back at me, saying, "Ah, well; you'll die, just the same." Such predictions are unbecoming a child of God. How do you know I will? I hold that you know nothing about it—you are only judging by what has heretofore appeared to be. But that appearance may any time prove to be founded on a false basis, as many other appearances have before. Until 300 years ago people thought that certain tubes in the body carried air, and so they called them arteries, air-tubes. But this turned out to be a mistake. So did the beliefs about water and fevers, and the revolution of the earth, and many others.

Sometimes people who have a very strong belief in death ask me, "Why, don't you expect to die?" And when I say, "No, they seem to take it as a personal affront. If I were to dare not to die at the

time they have decided to be the proper date, they would become very angry, I presume. But I have found better business than to be expecting to die. I only expect to live, and I shall live forever. I render to Nothingness the things that are nothing and to God the things that are real.

Have you the marks of poverty upon you, and hold you the attitude of mind which seems to shut down the gates against the swelling floods of Nature's exhaustless bounties so that you have not at command that which is necessary to make your life happy? Whose image and superscription are these? Are they those of the King of the universe who owns all wealth? Are they those of your Father in heaven, who is more willing to give than you are to receive?

No; they are the marks of denial of God's limitless bounty. They are the results of ideals of weakness and limitation held by you and a long line of ancestors before you.

Render to denial and limitation the things which belong to them. Lay not such things to the charge of God. There is no limitation in God. If you have poverty and want, it is because you have denied the power and presence of the All-Good, and have so shut yourself off from your rightful attitude of possession.

Take with you now other words of denial, and turn unto God. Deny the ideals of limitation and want. They are not founded in reality; the conditions they have brought upon you are not necessary, are not inevitable. You were not born to be poor. No iniquitous laws of any country can hold you in rags and starvation if you only come to know yourself and your divine right to the best there is. Deny all such concepts of limitation and affirm your power over circumstances, over affairs, over that which you need.

That which you need is yours—take it. Arise in the strength of your divine nature and draw that which you want.

Whatever would make you happy is yours—enter into possession through the development of your own opulence.

But the only way to get wealth that brings true happiness is to draw it. You cannot enjoy or be satisfied with that which you get possession of through grasping, stinting economy or gift. You have no place for it in your nature if you get it in that way. You have not had the discipline that prepares you to enjoy it. Greed knows not when it has wealth because it represents no need.

Need, or a place ready to be filled up with some joy, some pure happiness, will naturally attract that which will supply it, if allowed to work untrammelled by thoughts of denial and limitation. In God's wise economy the need would not be if there were not that in being which is able to satisfy it. It is neither right nor necessary that you should be poor and denied the happiness that plenty may secure. You deserve the best.

The best thing this world has is money, because with it you can secure every external appliance for happiness that is in the world, and with no other thing on the outer can you do this.

For this reason some men love money. They even get to love it for its own sake, although it has no value within itself. It has only an exchangeable value—it is worth only what it will buy. If there were nothing to buy, it would be worth nothing.

Hence the love for money is an empty, delusive, foolish love. It satisfies not and blesses no one. Money has the stamp of Caesar upon it, and must be rendered to Caesar.

Yet it is the best thing the world has to give you, and is a very desirable thing to have control of in this sphere of being, for the reason that it is the only thing that will meet Caesar's demands.

But the man who loves it, holds it when he gets it, or spends it selfishly, and so does not render it to Caesar; the man who gets it by grasping and defrauding, never, never gets any good out of it, even temporarily.

The only true way to get money so as to get the good that it may buy, is laid down in Jesus' rule, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added."

But the "Kingdom of God is within you," He said. Then we must stop looking away to the starry skies if we would find it. Men have sought and found not because their teachers have directed their gaze away, just in the direction opposite to where it is.

This Kingdom of God is the realm of the dominion of all Good. Dominion, remember, is absolute ruling power.

If this is within you—and some of us have demonstrated the truth of the Master's words—then to seek it and God's righteousness—the actualizing of power—is to put into operation a law and a force that will render all things possible unto you.

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The coming perfect man will have the spiritual powers of clairaudience and clairvoyance perfectly developed; these are a few of the natural fruits or effects of the spiritual life—of coming into oneness with the Blessed One.—The Blissful Prophet.

Man in perfect oneness with God can see and hear in a way that he little dreams of while he is existing in dualism. It is then he will comprehend how the seers, sages and prophets in all ages can see the "Unseen" and hear the "unheard;" then he will know all about the blessed ministry of angels, and will not only be thoroughly familiar with all the psychic and occult powers, but will be the great and true worker in occultism.—The Blissful Prophet.

True opulence can only reach him who loves the All, is at-one with the All, who is free from attachment, and is perfectly non-resistant; disease, poverty, drudgery and all forms of bondage touch him who is bound by the illusion of dualism.—A Mystic Adept.

It is only the open-hearted, the open-minded and open-souled people of the Earth who know and enjoy all the countless blessings of the earth—aye, of the universe.—Frank Harrison.

The right word is always a power.—George Eliot.

He reaches the goal of infinite perfection and eternal bliss who is so full of fervent love, faith and trust that he is always calm, sane and serene and sees that with God always in the universe there can be no disorder anywhere.—The Blissful Prophet.

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Patronize and help cheap things if you would make yourself cheap and poor, and also foster sweat shops. It is the divine law that real good must be withheld from the cheap man, the little and mean man. And, beloved, knowest thou this one great truth: as you patronize and help good things (the best of everything), you help to create good things, and with that blessed spirit within your mind, heart and soul you add to yourself a great psychic and occult power to attract and hold all wealth needed for thy needs. Many people are in poverty and drudgery and disease and misery because they are small, mean and cheap.—A Mystic Adept of the Ancient Universal Brotherhood of Adepts.

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HEART TALKS

By Helen Van-Anderson

WHAT is the cause of this continual state of invalidism, this inability to overcome chronic conditions, even when I feel that I know and understand how to apply the laws of mental healing?" This is the question often asked and one which seems to require a thoughtful reply. Out of my own experience, as well as an observation which extends over many years, I can say that very often the cause of continued physical pain or inharmony is some deep-lying cause in the character rather than the mind.

The mind may entertain an image of disease which, so long as it is held, will create corresponding conditions on the body; yet after this image of disease is utterly displaced and the mind perfectly free from even a fear there still remain the old conditions. Evidently, then, the cause is deeper than the mind. Look carefully, dear hearts, and see if there be not some quality in your character which needs changing, some continuous irritating condition of the emotions which perhaps has nothing whatever to do with the disease itself, yet which may be the cause of its expression. In such cases it is only the correction of the character which will make a cure of the disease.

I know of a certain case which, after a four years' struggle, was perfectly healed by the complete reformation of a certain habit of self-condemnation. The person in question, having a very morbid conscience, was continually seeing faults in her conduct and disposition which she bitterly condemned and over which she mourned almost unceasingly. The physical disturbance was a condition of almost total blindness which instead of abating seemed to increase, notwithstanding the efforts of the lady herself and many of the most successful and prominent mental healers. It was only after a resolve to let the matter of healing drop from her mind and to turn her whole attention to living the ideal life, so far as it was possible, one moment at a time, without condemnation or regret, without anxiety or fear, that she finally came into a state of spiritual vision wherein she saw no faults in heaven or earth, no notes, no imperfections. Her spiritual eyes seemed opened and consequently her physical eyes were restored to a state of wholeness. Do you see the analogy, dear hearts?

The cause of the physical condition was not a mental picture of the disease, but a mental picture of fear. Holding to this as tenaciously as she held to the desire to be well she had a divided mind and consequently a divided house or body.

This is only illustrative of many cases. A certain man had what the doctors called ossification of the joints, especially the elbow joint of one arm. This had been the condition for many years.

On applying for cure through mental treatment his intuitive helper perceived that he had some bitter state of mind, and asked him if he had any grudge or prejudice against anyone. He indignantly replied that he had not, but in the course of time came to his better self and admitted that he had not spoken to his brother for seventeen years, because his brother had defrauded him out of some of the family property. He was straightway instructed that this state of mind would only prolong his physical condition and after careful teaching he was made to see the error of his ways. He was given an ideal or real brotherly love, and in due time was able to say his bitterness toward his brother had entirely disappeared. Within a week from that time his arm was well. The ossified joint softened and all trace of hardness disappeared.

Sometimes this trait of temperament or character is wholly unrecognized and unconsciously one goes on believing that he is truly living the ideal life so far as he knows how to do it; yet these are the little foxes that destroy the vines, and not too carefully nor too earnestly can we seek to discover their presence. Sometimes it will be a state of pride or a love of property that will crystallize in physical ailments. There are so many subtle forms of unrighteousness that one needs to be very careful, very devout, very sincere, in order to uproot these natural tendencies. Remember, dear hearts, that there is nothing hid that may not be revealed, there is nothing imperfect that may not be made perfect, or at least, relatively so; and no matter what the condition, either mental or physical, there is a remedy.

Read and study diligently and prayerfully Paul's chapter on love, the thirteenth chapter of Corinthians, then guide your life by it. Square every thought and act by this greatest thing in the world, love. It is the real and only harmonizer. It brings a balm for every wound, dispels every burden of doubt, despair or fear, makes of the sordid, tired world a paradise, and when the heart feels and the eyes see this new world of joy and beauty, the sluggish pulses quicken, the lungs breathe in deep, full breaths of revivifying oxygen which builds anew the cells, tissues and fibres of the whole body, purifies and enriches the blood and causes all old conditions to disappear.

Love gives a new heart, and consequently a new mind and body.

It is not disease, so much as *lack of joy* that needs to be uprooted and displaced by the renewing springs of a happy life.

Love much, give much, enjoy much, and the blessings of health, happiness and prosperity will be yours in full measure.

The Silence

WHEN from the conflict and the strife
My spirit fain would flee,
His spirit bids me come apart
And seek tranquillity.
A solemn silence comes between
The noisy world and me,
And lifts me up to sacred heights
Of soul serenity.

Alone upon the solitude
Of life's mysterious sea,
I feel the overwhelming power
Of God's infinity,
The soul that in the silence dwells
I feel but cannot see;
Its inflow gives a larger view
Of life's sublimity.

—W. S. Whitacre.

To-Day

UPON John Ruskin's writing-desk
A slab of chalcedony lay,
And on it, cut in careful script,
The word, "To-day."

Honored of all, a wondrous man,
And held a prophet in his way,
He let "To-morrow" bide its time,
And used "To-day."

Upon the tablet of the will
How good to write, the selfsame way,
Putting to-morrow's uses by,
The word, "To-day."

—St. Nicholas.

Fred Burry's Sayings

WE are not here as servants for a universal scheme; we are here as co-operators. There is nothing servile in working for humanity—or in having to obey the laws of nature. We are thus building up Self. The unity of Life is a literal truth. Who shall say where Self begins or Self ends? Who can draw demarking lines in an infinite universe?—which lives and moves and has being by the law of attraction, the binding, uniting principle that is love; a universe that embraces all—in which all things are in contact, chained and blended together forever.

How dependent you are on Nature and outside elements. How at one you are with everything. So, unless your personal activities have world-wide ends in view, they will come to naught.

At the moment a problem demands attention you will find, if you keep still, that suggestions for its solution will rise from the depths of your subconscious mind.

We know so little. That is to say, we are conscious of so little. Yet beneath this daily consciousness and knowledge of ours are, right within our being, great stored-up oceans of wisdom; every little experience throughout the countless ages of evolution has impressed on the tabature of the mind within an atom of wisdom—of knowledge that is potential energy; so that we really know a great deal. Who can, indeed, measure this realm of subconsciousness? And it will all be gradually expressed or made consciously ours as we prepare ourselves for this realization and recognition.

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TEMPLE TEACHINGS



One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

My blessings upon thee, Beloved. I see in thy heart a faint shadow. Let My Light dispel it. Listen, dear one of My heart: thou hast come to a place in thy experience when thou again must have a revelation of thyself. Thou hast thought thy victory over self complete, that no longer couldst thou be overshadowed by e'en one taint of self's delusion; yet unwittingly hast thou erred because of the many visions, the prophetic insights, the signs of soulful potencies and the many hours of ecstatic joy which thy psychic gifts have brought thee. Thou hast been deluded into thinking thou wert wiser, more divinely favored than thy associates and fellow-seekers after light. This, Beloved, hath caused thee to be puffed up, to feel superior and more than others, deserving of the seat or place of honor, and when in the conclave of thy sisters, another, meek, innocent, unobtrusive and most often silent, was chosen, thou wert disappointed, thy heart was sore and thou didst feel a hardness growing in thy heart toward thy more favored sister. This was the beginning, and from then till now, through all the hours, fair and precious as they might have been, thou hast brooded gloomily and hast seen only that which thy heart hath called affront.

Oh, my Child, hast thou not yet learned, wilt thou not remember that in quietness and peace thou wilt gain thy strength; that in darkness and what may often seem an utter lack of that which shows to sense as power is oftenest hid the rare, fine quality which giveth greatness, which turneth wisdom into speech or silence, which in its seeming nothingness becometh power chief of all?

It is not in showy gifts, my Child, nor in miracles seen and wrought that lie the elements of greatness. He who becometh great seemeth least. Simple, unassuming, often voiceless, is the one who hath attained the most. He may or may not see upon the Psychic plane. He may or may not have the wondrous visions that bring so great an ecstasy and so fair a joy. Whether in the world of matter or in Psychic form, he moveth as one untouched and unattached; yet as one who knows, and, knowing, doth live and love and act. He seeth beyond the realm of form. He is one who hath clear seeing of ideas, and so great, so boundless is the realm of knowledge which is opened unto his perceiving soul, that all objects, conditions and things of relation seemeth small and limited in comparison.

Seest thou the difference, dear one? Art thou not willing to look beyond what self demands or enjoys? Art thou not willing to see that all things are right in their time and place, and that, though thou wert not chosen to fill the place of dignity and power in thy circle, it was not unjust, but right, supremely right, that the unexpected and unasking one should occupy that place, instead of thee or thy kind?

Thinkest thou, Beloved, that I chide thee? Nay, I but tear the veil from thy deluded eyes that thou mayst see how much thy self still ruleth in thy heart.

Progress? Canst thou not advance e'en though thy eyes see visions and thine ears hear sounds, dost thou ask? Be not deceived, my Child. Did I not give thee the gift of psychic seeing and hearing? Did I not place thee in a world of beauty, form and color, and all the marvelous combinations that make up the world of sense and form? Yea, but I would have thee ask for judgment, for understanding of the law, that thou mayst wisely choose the kind of power. This judgment cometh only when delusions hath no power, when naught in all the world of form can e'er deceive thee; and this right judgment, this clear discerning of the truth of Being, cometh only when thy self hath died to all desire, all pride, all love for power, place or fame.

Consider well, my Child. Now is thy time for victory. Renounce all thought or care for recog-

niton. Let go ambition and all desire to be above another. Care not whether thy voice be heard or thy presence sought. Above all know this: thou art with Me and I with thee. Thou hast thy place. Thou hast thy work. In doing it for Me with no thought of self thou art fulfilling the law, thou art growing in grace and beauty of soul, and though to thy sense of seeming thou mayst be set aside and forgotten, thou mayst be unimportant and wholly unknown, yet to Me thou art growing fair and beautiful and ready to be clothed upon with the seamless garment of My love and My quality.

Ah, my Child, I see thou hast caught My meaning. In thy heart, cherished and prized, lieth this morning's message and thou wilt hold it broodingly and with love act upon it. Dear one of My heart, I have spoken thus because I love thee. I would not have thee linger with the toys and baubles of childhood when thou hast already become mature and canst understand the deeper lessons and the larger privileges of life. Much more have I for thee when thou art ready, but let this suffice. Remain for a space in the deep silence of the Temple that thy mind and heart may hold the deeper meaning of this message, and when thou goest forth take Joy with thee. Let her be thy ministering angel for to-day. Let her tinkling laughter sound in thine ears and her bright wings bear thee afar into the unbounded space of heavenly peace.

HELEN VAN-ANDERSON.

Health Commandments

1. Thou shalt not exalt the material above the spiritual. For knowest thou not that the spiritual is ever the same and that the material doth forever change?
2. Thou shalt not bow thyself down before the material, for him that doeth this the spiritual shall forsake.
3. Thou shalt not talk overmuch of the spiritual, for talk without deeds is vain. Act rather as if thou didst believe in the omnipotence of spirit.
4. Thou shalt not fear. For thou thyself art spirit but encased in flesh, and what can spirit fear? Thou shalt rather have faith and not be anxious overmuch, for anxiety draweth to thy flesh the ills and disappointments of this life.
5. Honor the spiritual which resideth in all nature and honor all men, thyself also, as its most perfect exponents.
6. Remember that all days are holy and that man and beast need rest upon the Sabbath.
7. Thou shalt not think overmuch of human law, fashion, fad or creed, for their name is legion and they are subject to change; but thou shalt cultivate thy conscience and let it be a law to thy thoughts. Thy deeds will then take care of themselves.
8. Thou shalt not think evil thoughts, for without the evil thought, the evil deed shall not be committed, neither murder nor theft, nor the speaking of words which wound.
9. Thou shalt look for the good in all things and in all men, that thy days may be long in the land.
10. Thou shalt use common sense and think for thyself (if that be possible), and thou shalt not borrow thy opinions from others, nor yet buy them ready made.
11. Thou shalt not think that the things which thou possesseth will make thee happy, neither wealth nor fame, nor the stuffing of thy body with food, nor thy mind with the ideas of others, for thus shalt thou bury the spiritual within. Happiness is but the state of thy mind. Rejoice then evermore, and thy days shall be long and full of peace.—*Practical Ideals.*

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EVERYBODY wants to be rich. How many things we lack which we would like! There is a universal demand that is reaching out for supply. That hungry feeling is as widely prevalent as "that tired feeling." Who can fix a limit to the desire for something which as yet is unrealized? Was there ever a character who possessed completeness and cared for nothing more?

A young man, after the usual preparation, takes up a profession or business occupation with a laudable ambition for pecuniary success. His ideal is a certain amount of wealth with its usual accompaniments, and he honestly believes that if such an accumulation can be realized he will be content. He bends his energy to this end, and thereby makes rapid progress. Perhaps in a few years he reaches the goal which he had set up. But is he content? Not at all, for a present comparison shows that the goal has moved on. It has outstripped him and is more in advance than at first. He is still oblivious to the fact that the pursuit is hopeless. He may accumulate millions many times repeated, but they will not buy what he wants. Possibly, he may gradually become conscious that the feeling of incompleteness is chronic.

Alexander wept for other worlds to conquer, and his example, in some form, has been almost universally followed. Human cravings begin in the simplest way and upon the lowest plane, and constantly expand in every direction. The infantile demand for simple warmth and nourishment is but the starting-point of desires of illimitable extent. One may as well chase the rainbow to find its end as to expect the satisfaction of his multiform hunger. But in spite of all the world's history to the contrary, men continue to feel that the attainment of the present specification will "fill the bill."

The artist sets before him a high standard which will fulfil his aspiration, but in due season that which he craved has been left behind. The inventor will make a wonderful improvement and then rest serenely upon his laurels, but lo! grander achievements loom up in the opening vista and beckon him forward, and still forward.

Do we condemn the law of perpetual dissatisfaction? No, for one who had fully attained everything which he desired would be rightly classed as abnormal or idiotic. There will be unsatisfied desires and unrestful aspiration until every human being realizes that all "things" are his own. Paradoxical as it may seem, the real goal is a satisfied dissatisfaction, while the usual kind is of the dissatisfied order. Here lies the subtle parting line between realism and idealism.

The desire for possession is normal, but everything depends upon its application. When in adult humanity its activity is exclusively, or even mainly, upon the material plane, there is perversion. The normal hunger is sometimes termed a "divine discontent."

Everyone may rightfully aspire to "own the earth," but not through physical conquest, sharp financiering or legal exclusion. There is a higher and truer kind of possession. A proper ambition for the private ownership of material things is right and legitimate in its own order, but it is of a subordinate quality. A true socialism does not consist of an arbitrary division of visible property, for this would be both impracticable and demoralizing. It would involve a sordid external legalism which would be destitute of spontaneity and without a social freedom of overflow which is the evolutionary ideal. Man must develop love and goodness from the centre, for no legislation or social order from without can plaster them upon him.

The higher and most real ownership requires capacity, and this comes only from cultivation and development. The value of beautiful and desirable things consists of a sense of their inner qualities, and this is not subject to sale or purchase. The quintessence of the value of things is in their spiritual reality.

We need not in the least impinge upon the legitimate rights of material ownership in its own domain. This right is recognized by all orderly governments and is necessary to prevent social chaos. The outward control of things must remain subject to such mutual contract as shall be free and voluntary on all sides.

But in the deepest sense one owns just that which he can absorb, appreciate and become one with, and no more. A man may have the title-deeds in his pocket to a great library, art museum or conservatory, and yet be incapable of their real ownership. To him they are merely pieces of property. Their only intrinsic value consists in their distinctive uses and purposes. Their envied "owner" may exchange them for other things which are just as elusive, but nothing is gained.

As a man, or the ego, is really mind and not an animated statue of clay, possession is really a mental and spiritual power and privilege. As a physical organism, he can only appropriate those

few things which minister directly to his material necessities. Here his capacity is extremely limited. Every effort to crowd it reacts and inevitably brings penalty.

Even in the widest sense material ownership is narrowly circumscribed. A piece of property can have but one owner. But every ideal—and ideals are real assets in proportion as they are firmly held in consciousness—may belong to all. The beauty of a landscape or public garden, the admiration of the artistic genius shown in the works of a great museum, the grace and perfection which are enshrined in fine architecture, the exquisite tinting and perfume of flowers, the sublimity of mountain scenery, the changing glory and enchantment of sea, sky and of Nature in all her moods—these all belong, not merely all to all, but all to each observer. Even the beauty of our neighbor's character, which perchance we have not yet been able to bring into expression in ourselves, is ours through appreciation and desire. We own that ideal, and it is but a question of time when it may be actualized.

But instead of the ideal possession of every desirable thing which should be our privilege and pleasure, our eyes are mainly centred upon a negation—deficiency. As thought space is virtual ownership, we are therefore rich in negation—nothing—just in proportion as it occupies us.

Poverty is a condition of soul. Regardless of great wealth, if one feels poor his poverty is veritable. What matters it if all the dainties of the world are heaped upon our table if we have no digestive power?

Let us turn from this ever-present sense of deficiency and claim our own. Paul's significant aphorism, "All things are yours," is not a mere moral abstraction, but it is ideally psychological and scientific. Every ideal that we really own is an actuality in the making. If sheltered and consciously held, its incubation is certain.

Our divine sonship makes us legitimate heirs and possessors of harmony, health, goodness and every other desirable entity and condition. If an ownership of evil, disorder and negation be not desirable, let us disclaim them. How they have been produced and multiplied by a depressing realism!

The developed sense of a general proprietorship bears a varying definition, depending upon the point of view. From that of pure psychology, some have termed it the "cosmic consciousness"; from that of philosophy, scientific idealism; and from the religious standpoint, it may properly be called spiritual dominion. It involves the divinity of man and its corresponding rights and privileges. As we develop the Christly consciousness within, which is that of sonship, we are warranted in speaking from standpoint of the Universal. Emerson gave a hint of his ideal possessions:

"I am own of the sphere,
Of the seven stars and the solar year,
Of Caesar's hand and Plato's brain,
Of Lord Christ's heart and Shakespeare's strain."

Emerson's claim is only a modern idealistic form of Paul's: "All things are yours."

This leads on to the climax of our conscious possessions. We rightfully speak of our God, and of my God. Is even the Deity among our possessions? We may reverently answer yes, in so far as we are in at-one-ment.

Aspiration is only the craving for universal ownership. "Divine discontent" is the motor which urges us forward. We never become but always are becoming. In the realm of real ownership there is no exclusiveness. The greatest acquisitions of the most favored individual belong to all and each. But though untold treasures are in waiting, we do not enter into their actuality except through consciousness.

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Spirituality

By HORATIO W. DRESSER

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THE word "spiritual" is of such uncertain significance that one must first define it, and show what is not meant when one uses it, as well what one chooses to have it mean. If we observe people who are said to be spiritual we find a great variety of opinions and customs. It is surprising to find how different are the likes and dislikes, the methods and terms of those who claim to be seeking the spiritual life. Again, it is interesting to find so many people of diverse ways of thinking insisting on just their way as the only true method. Thus the extremes vary from the hermit, the ascetic and the mystic, on the one hand, to the self-denying social worker, the aesthetic devotee, and the thinker who seeks to make a science of spirituality, on the other. It will be worth our while to consider some of these types of belief and conduct before we turn to the more positive characteristics of the spiritual life.

There is apt to be a certain narrowness in the life of those who make a specialty of the spiritual life. It is unnecessary to look as far back as the ascetic of the Middle Ages to find narrowness. Nor is it necessary in our Western world to prove the one-sidedness of asceticism. That experiment has been given up once for all. In our day this narrowness has assumed new forms. For example, some insist so rigidly on the coming of all things from within—the finding of the Kingdom of God in a particular way—that they will not lift a finger to co-operate externally. They seem to think that the things which are to be added will gravitate to them by a kind of mechanical process. Yet all the while they are shutting God out by condemning part of His world as "external." For example, such people are frequently heard to speak in a high-strung voice, full of nervous tension. Suggest to them that it would be well to lower the voice, and you will be told, "That is of the external." But who gave man his voice? What more direct way is there, sometimes, of entering into the kingdom of peace than to lower the voice and speak in gentle tones? Others object to physical exercise, because that is "doing things with the body." But what is the body if it be not "the temple of the Holy Spirit?"

I was once impressed by the comment of an energetic woman on the doctrines of a little paper devoted to a particular type of spirituality; "Why, it leaves one so little to do!" The criticism was perfectly just. To that woman it would have been a backward step to lead so limited a life. The spiritual life is rich, it takes nothing from our activities, it adds to them. Consequently one is justified in turning aside from these narrowing modes of life.

Others declare that the spiritual life partakes of the "impersonal." But this word conceals many illusions. Those who declare themselves "impersonal" are usually the most personal of mortals. Penetrate behind the illusion and you will find dogmatism, egotism, pride. It is because people want things to go their way that they claim to be "impersonal." I have yet to find a single person who made this claim who was not in reality "throwing dust in the eyes," as the French say. The man who is honest with himself knows that persons constitute the world. It is personal desires which prompt us, it is for personal reasons that we claim to be disinterested. Or, it is mere theory, borrowed from the Orient, for example, when we are told that the mother should love all children as she loves her own, that her children ought to show no preference for her. These are the ideas of people who subordinate family life and trample on the sacred ties of love. Nothing could be further from the spiritual ideal than this.

Far from this position is the noble ideal that true love deepens one's love for humanity. When the mother loves rightly, she loves all children, too; but only on condition that she love hers first and in a special sense. That would be a strange child who should not show preference for those who have bestowed tender care upon it. To this tenderness a large social sentiment is in due time added. Thus the universal is added to the particular, but it does not absorb it. Be untrue at home, and your universality shall count for naught. Be truly a person and you may help mankind to attain freedom. There is nothing nobler than to be a person. One who is truly such is an agent of justice; he is fair, impartial. But to be a large-minded lover of truth and of your fellow-men is to be very far beyond that stage which has been denominated "impersonal."

Again the spiritual realm has been thought of as afar from man and from the world. Spirituality has been for Sundays, or for "saints." This idea of separateness has done more than most any other notion to raise a barrier between God and man. Only when we consider the entire

universe, both large and small, as a revelation of the Holy Spirit, are we in the right state to be truly spiritual. Each moment we live is a spiritual moment. Each hour may be made sacred by remembering how that hour came to be. Indeed, to become spiritual is precisely this: To show by our conduct that we believe that the universe is one, that there is one God, one supreme law. When we live in fragments we are not yet spiritual; we are materialistic or selfish. The Spirit unites. Hence the very heart of Spirit is love; hence it is that love is regarded as the supreme test.

Aristocracy is another of these negative signs whereby people show that their spirituality is not quite genuine. "We are the chosen people;" others happen to be barbarians, heathen or infidels. On the other hand, the truly spiritual man is democratic. He recognizes that every man is a son of God. There are no barbarians in the realm of the soul. Every person has faith, somewhere in his heart. If ignorant of his sonship, he needs our brotherly sympathy and help. As a son of God, he has a perfect right to worship in his own way. The superiority of his critics is a sure sign that their hearts have not yet been touched. The greatness of our Master is most of all evident in those touching incidents where he welcomes the sinful into the Kingdom, where he associates with those people whom some of his modern followers (in word, not in spirit) would deem unfit to share their society.

Nor is the spiritual life mere submissiveness. Humility and receptivity are points along the way rather than goals of the spiritual life. The spiritual individual must become as a child, but he is also a man; and the active individuality of our Western world may become as true a servant of God as the self-abnegation of the East. Devotion is the positive word, not self-denial.

What, then, are some of the positive characteristics of the spiritual life? From what has already been said we see that broad-mindedness is prominent. The spiritual man is tolerant. He is conservative of the faith, he keeps the great ideal ever in view, and will not allow himself to be turned aside. Yet just because he believes in the universality of the Kingdom, he knows that many pathways lead to the same summit. The conditions are secondary; the kind of life manifested under these conditions is the test. One man may seem to another to be an atheist, yet his critic may be compelled to confess that the one he condemns lives an exemplary life. As a matter of fact, some of the most pious men in all the ages have been scornfully condemned as atheists. Narrow indeed are our theological standards, but how broad is the life wherewith men truly show that they believe in the heavenly Father!

Again, we note that the Kingdom of God is far from being confined to the inner life. Yonder saint in his library chooses to serve God by tirelessly searching for truth. Another worships the Father through an elaborate ritual, with incense and symbolism. But, as a Roman Catholic once remarked, such "externals" are only external to him who does not put the spirit into them. The person who gives exquisite care to all the details of external life is often classified as "not yet quickened" by one who emphasizes the inner life, and who perhaps permits everything about his home to fall into ruin. But all our idols are not made of wood or stone. If one man is inwardly unquickened, another may be outwardly as undeveloped. It is not for the apostle of the inner life to cast the first stone.

The spiritual is both objective and subjective. It is many-sided, beautiful, universal. It includes both individuality and brotherhood. It pertains now to the contemplative life and now to the life of service. Sometimes it is "good works" which most truly make it known, but again it is the quiet life of which the world sees and hears nothing. It does not have much to say about itself. The most spiritual people are not those who call themselves so. Spirituality is shown by the life, whatever that may be, and you must be sure that you really know a man's life, for temperaments differ enormously.

Again, it is made known by a kindly spirit. There is more genuine spirituality exhibited in a quiet little home where peace and love prevail than in many a church and seminary. Plain human life is much more acceptable than the self-conscious activities of those who set up as guides to all that is occult and unseen. It is easy to lecture about the next world and about reincarnation. It is easy to live a single life amidst a group of admirers. But the real test is apt to be home life. If one is kind and gentle there, one's doctrines have real worth. Hence it is the little deeds and words that tell. It is the gentleness amidst much that tends to provoke its opposite, the beauty which triumphs over ugliness.

Spirituality is also generous, liberal. It is not bargain-driving, nor is it economical to the last farthing. To try to buy everything for the least possible sum is to narrow the soul. Generosity invites beneficence, and liberality brings provision for its further existence.

It is needless, perhaps, to add that spirituality is unselfishness. But one must surely declare that it is gladness, for long-faced people would fain persuade themselves that they have found it. It is practical, moderate, refined, noble, pure. It is for this world, and no circumstance is too mean to make it impossible of attainment. It does not condemn the present life as a "dream," nor indulge in the false generalization that "our senses deceive us." For the natural life is the spiritual, seen from another point of view. It is not our senses that deceive us, for they are true and God-given; it is thought that deceives, and no thought is more erroneous than the conclusion that spirituality cannot be intellectually and naturally known. True spirituality is universal; it excludes no faculty in man. Hence we must penetrate the errors and negations which have obscured the spiritual life, and regard it in the pure, clear light of illumined intellect.

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Does not need to speed it on,
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That poor praise is very dear;
If you've any word of cheer
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—Human Nature.

The Light Within

By Walter S. Whitacre in Freedom

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There are beautiful, beautiful thoughts within,
Creating me anew.
They teach me that my soul's akin
To all that's good and true.
They are thoughts of Love,
They are thoughts of Peace,
They are thoughts of Joy
That will never cease
Nor bid my soul adieu.

There's a beautiful silence, too, within—
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The Financial Value of Suggestion

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SUGGESTIONS are usually statements and it is with the statement as a suggestion that we have to deal in the field of finance. In the discussion of this question, let it first be borne in mind, man has but one initial basis of action—he acts upon what he believes. Whatever incites belief, is a suggestion.

Money is the only standard value we have to place upon a human product. It is the only measure of value that has been adopted by the world at large, that can be exchanged between persons who wish to exchange commodities. That part of our political economy which deals with money and cash values is called finance.

The only standard of measurement of the value of human effort is its money value. All who have offered suggestions of value to the world, have put a price upon those suggestions. Those who have received suggestions upon which they have placed value, have been willing to pay the price. A suggestion unworthy of price is unworthy the effort of adoption. It is on this principle that man, as an honest being, conscious of his own integrity, will not receive something for nothing. This financial statement is as distinctly recognized as the converse of the proposition, "Thou shalt not have something for nothing." Man places that value upon his products he thinks is in accordance with its relative value in the known medium of human exchange. That which is freely offered, upon which no price is placed by either the receiver or the giver, is not constructed as having value.

All the great professions are constructed on the hypothesis that man will not consider of value that for which he is unwilling to pay a price. Neither should he give that which he considers of value, without adequate compensation.

What has the lawyer or the divine to offer, in response to what he receives from his client or his listener? The lawyer's success is contingent upon his capacity to offer suggestions which are of value to his client. Otherwise, his clientage would fail. In all professions, money is the only known medium of exchange. Hence, each professional act calls for a financial equivalent.

The school teacher has nothing to offer except his suggestion. Some of these suggestions are not considered of value, most are. I believe we should speak of the teacher in the feminine gender, because seventy-five per cent. of the teachers in the public schools are ladies. I think this is due to the fact that the safest instruction, other things being equal, comes from the feminine side of the family. No just estimate of the value of a suggestion can be made, for it is impossible to follow its effect in the lives of others. But a monthly income must accrue to the teacher. I can remember suggestions of my teachers which became axioms to me. The teacher's suggestion, when she has the confidence of her pupils, has in it an element of unceasing and unmeasured value.

The teacher in Bavaria, who suggested to his pupil that "Things that have to be done must be learned by doing them," did not receive in financial returns one millionth part of what that suggestion was worth, because there is not a single line of achievement under our present civilization into which that saying has not been incorporated as an integral factor.

The author of that suggestion simply reiterated the statement of Jesus Christ, "He that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them." But the nature of Christ's statement had not been correctly interpreted to men. The force of Comonius's statement was not permitted until after he had placed it above the door of the schoolroom, as something to be absorbed into the life of every pupil. Then it became the watchword of all the schools. It may be asked, "Did a money value inhere in Comonius's words?" Certainly. It taught the money value of effort. The man

who adopts this suggestion can have dominion in his own realm.

American journalism records a suggestion which had in it a money value to the world. In a very brief time it gave its author recognition as the greatest operator of his time, and fixed his reputation for all time to come as America's greatest electrician. Edison said, "I do not believe that such a thing as an impossibility in electrical inventions exists." His financial remuneration came many years later, and he is to-day receiving pay from the accumulated momentum of that thought. There is a sense, however, in which such suggestion has values beyond human conception.

The suggestion, "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country," was worth more in the development of the brawn and sinew of the young men of our country, infinitely more, than the most sanguine dream of its author could have foreshadowed. The constant application of hordes of young men for employment at the *Tribune* office may have called forth the command, but Horace Greeley stated a truth. When his reputation became national, he journeyed to the West and there noted, in its marvelous prosperity, the value of this utterance to the young men who had developed the Western area.

The world has always placed high value upon high suggestion. The man who, without personal investment, has scarcely tried to identify himself with some wonderful achievement, never gets anything of value. He is in the attitude of the thief, who never has a clear conscience after he has stolen his goods and failed to escape.

The man who takes that which is of value and returns no equivalent, knows there is no manhood in the act. This is the principle I am trying to enunciate.

There are many things which we owe to humanity. One is, the honest expression of a truth, as soon as that truth is discovered, because when we find truth, it is not ours. It belongs to the eternal years. Truth must ever constitute some basic principle in the educational, scientific or religious domain of effort.

It is important to discriminate between suggestions which have no money value and those for which the world is ready to pay a price. Suggestions given from the actual experiences of man, or from the realm of his absolute consciousness always command the highest price. A suggestion offered by a man who is learning a subject, until he has acquired mastery of the same, is not a marketable commodity. It is an incomplete thing. It does not cover the whole range of the subject, hence it is an unfinished offering.

If a man wished a decision in law, which had in it the quality of life or death, he would not employ the law student to render the decision.

The theological student, who is endeavoring to analyze some momentous question which carries with it the repose of his own soul, would not appeal to a young theologian for an interpretation.

The following serves to illustrate my theme: Two gentlemen were traveling in the same train. One gentleman decided he knew the other, hence approached him and said, "Sir, I have met you somewhere, have I not?" The other gentleman answered, "No, I think not."

"I think I met you in Atlanta; your face looks familiar."

"Probably my profession is one that would suggest that familiarity. I am a mind reader."

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"Why do you want to pay me for it then?"
"Why, the idea was worth \$10."
This indicates the value which may be placed upon suggestions of a given character. The men of all professions are to-day giving suggestions which are of money value to the receiver.

Henry Ward Beecher at one time was preaching in a given church on a salary of \$200 per year. Going to a neighboring city on business, he was invited to preach in a church of the city, after which the membership decided they were willing to pay \$200 a sermon. I do not intend to convey the impression that a financial estimate can be placed on Christian work, but Henry Ward Beecher accepted the proposition and exchanged a \$200 for a \$10,000 salary.

Sam Jones said he had often been approached by his critics and told that the price he put upon his sermons was exorbitant; far beyond the sums received by other preachers. He replied, "I will admit I have heard sermons some of you have preached which if you had received ten cents for them, you would have been better paid than I, when I was getting \$500 an hour, because what I had to offer them was worth the money." Sam Jones was justified in his retort. There were many churches eager to secure his services at that rate. It will be seen, therefore, that a suggestion of intrinsic value always has a money value.

The preacher receives money for his services and he is justified. It is one of the aphorisms of Christianity that he is worse than an infidel who does not provide for the mental as well as the spiritual wants of his family. A free Dispensary is never an attraction to the self-reliant man.

Daniel Webster's opinion was rated higher than any other lawyer of his day. Webster placed a specific value upon the opinions he rendered, and often his clients would receive a thousand per cent. on the information furnished. His suggestions had a value beyond price.

I knew a gentleman who went to an attorney and stated an important case. He asked, "What shall I do?" The attorney gave him the requisite counsel, as the client supposed. The advice of the attorney was followed. The case was lost. He returned to the attorney and said, "I lost that case."

"What case?"
"The case which I presented to you on October —, on which you counseled me."
"I don't remember it. What did you pay me for the counsel?"

"Nothing, sir."
"Now I understand why you did not win your case. You placed no value on my advice because you had paid nothing for it. I placed no value on it for the same reason. Hence, I did not expect you to act on the advice given. I am here for what I know and I do not give counsel for nothing."

The following is another illustration of the value of knowledge. A gentleman in Tipton, Mo., had placed his books, money and other valuables in his safe. No one had the combination but himself. He lost the combination and his business suffered. He was told of an experienced machinist who could open the safe. The machinist was sent for and in a few minutes after his arrival the safe was opened. The merchant asked, "What is your bill?"

"Twenty dollars," replied the expert.
"What! Twenty dollars just for that few moments' effort? What do you charge for?"

"Just for the knowledge that enables me to open the safe."
The owner of the safe refused to pay the sum. Then he abruptly closed the door of the safe, and said, "Now, it will take \$25 to open it. I will charge an additional \$5 for the second experiment."

And the bill was paid. The machinist based his fees upon the original cost of the acquisition of that knowledge.

History records of George Washington that the controlling thought of his administration was a union of the American States and a future guarantee that each citizen should have free and equal rights. In response, it was the spontaneous impulse of the nation to concede to him the distinction of being "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen." Such is the remuneration which every American citizen accords. To-day every visitor to the Capital City of the Union is directed to Mount Vernon. Here, he passes through the house so sacredly guarded, where lived and died, and within whose sacred precincts sleeps, the great man.

There are suggestions which reach us beyond the province of human instrumentality. Nature furnishes suggestions to the thoughtful mind whose value cannot be expressed by any gold standard. The mountain summit, the clouds of the evening sunset, the dash of the ocean waves, suggest to the artist the quality of colorings which give to his masterpiece, perchance, its splendid value. But the original conception was an infusion from the Infinite Mind. The artist only transfused the impression upon canvas. A thought received from the In-

finite Mind often loses much of its original force by transmission. It becomes tinged by the side lights of human character.

The one great Teacher who never gave a suggestion that did not have in it an element of value, not only from the viewpoint of man's spiritual and moral power, but also from a financial standpoint, was Jesus Christ.

There is no great financier to-day who has failed to act on the principle which Christ enunciated, "All things are possible to him that believeth." J. Pierpont Morgan, the great giant of commerce, is demonstrating the value of Christ's suggestion. He has said, "The applicant for a position who will say 'I can't do this,' 'I can't do that,' 'I would not employ on a salary of five cents a month. The applicant who says, 'I am not versed in that department of work but I can easily learn,' possesses the qualifications which will make his work of value."

Christ indicated that the thoughts which come directly from the Divine Mind must be recognized as proceeding from this Source. In studying the processes of Nature, one discovers the uniformity of law and the harmony of movement in all God's universe. That law, that harmony is the expression of the Divine. And the conception which man receives is from the Divine Mind. The consciousness of such receptivity gives vitality to that conception when transfused into the thought of another. Man cannot define these processes. But can he solve the mystery of the perfume of the rose? Does he know how he learned to breathe? Can he analyze the invisible perspiration which eliminates from the body its poisons? Can he comprehend the mystery of withdrawing from the atmosphere about him the requisite vigor?

Can he interpret the law of supply and demand? Returning to the question of values, it may be stated as a universal proposition that values are in accordance with value received.

The financial value of the Christ thought to the world in a single avenue of human experience lies in the force of the suggestion of the power of personal healing by the recognition of the divinity within. This suggestion, unattended by appliances or medical aids of any form, if generally accepted, would cancel the doctors' bills of all the ages and insure the race against such investment in the future.

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By William E. Towne

[Written especially for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES]

HARMONY is the keynote of happiness and health. Seek to attain to a condition of perpetual harmony, for thereby you are seeking to become eternally at-one with the Blessed Source of Life and Light.

"God is Love," and Love manifests as harmony of vibration. Friction, discord and wrangling are deadly foes to health and joy.

Live at Peace with thine own household and with thy neighbor if thou wouldst enjoy the blessing of a sweet and spiritual life.

Disease (dis-ease) is nothing but a form of in-harmony (in-harmony, or harmony turned in when it should be flowing out in vibrations of love and good will), and all forms of sickness are due to an effort of Nature to restore harmonious action upon the part of the different organs of the body.

The quickest way to restore harmony and health to a diseased body is to put in operation the law of non-resistance. It is resistance which causes all inharmony. The advice, "Resist not evil," is scientific advice. To resist an evil is to endow it with life and power. The more strenuous your resistance the more powerful becomes the evil. Let go of it and Nature will restore you to harmony.

Let go. That is the secret of the whole thing. Trust all to the Infinite Life which enfolds your individual life as the sheltering, all-protecting arms of a loving mother enfolds her child. Let the sweet music of the spheres find harmonious expression through your organism.

Mental discord has the same effect upon the health of your body that a discord in music has upon the piece rendered. It destroys its harmonious effect and its symmetry. It grates upon the ear of the listener and arouses feelings of repulsion instead of pleasing and attracting.

If your life is filled with jangling mental discords you will repel people and things. Do not say that the discords in your life are due to outside influences over which you have no control. Such is not the case. The kingdom of your soul belongs to you alone, and no outside power can invade that kingdom except by your permission. Therefore, if your life manifests discords it is because you entertain them in your inner kingdom.

It is possible to preserve your sense of peace and poise amidst any and all the clamor of the outer world. If you allow the inharmonies to poison your soul, if you entertain greed, envy, resentment, hate and the whole foul brood of negative emotions, then you alone are responsible for the consequences.

At the centre of your being dwells the Real Self, in a state of eternal harmony which nothing can disturb. Recognize this Real Self as ever present amid all the turmoil of the outer life, and you will gradually build up a sublime consciousness of peace and strength which nothing can upset.

Cherish this inner kingdom and preserve your consciousness of inner peace and quiet above all things.

Outer harmony is the ultimate result of this inner peace. He who is at peace within will soon find his environment changing to correspond. The practice of non-resistance will convert your enemies into friends, whether your enemies be personal or inanimate things.

It takes two people to make a quarrel. Agree with your environment and it must agree with you.

Harmony is the result of non-resistance. It begins to manifest when you see that the universe is one great Whole, and that all things are working together to fulfil a divine purpose.

"Do not bark against evil, but chant the beauties of the good," said Emerson. To recognize the good in all things is to gradually outgrow in consciousness that which we are wont to call evil.

"But," says one, "how can we call it good for millions of people to be in abject poverty and want for the necessities of life? How can it be good for a brutal and drunken husband to maim or even kill his wife or children in a fit of insane passion?"

I believe there is good even in this. Man is so constructed that he must pass the whole gamut of human experience before he is willing to give up his personal desire and will to the Divine One.

Each experience in life teaches a new lesson, until at last the man is surfeited with material experiences and ready to give up the sense life to the guardianship of the soul. Until that hour arrives, all the human experiences that come to him come as the result of his innate needs and to fulfil the Divine Plan.

The goal of all human souls is oneness with the Source of Life, Light, Wisdom and Power. Each human experience, however distorted and abnormal it may appear to us in our finite consciousness, is a step toward that goal, toward that blessed state of harmony where all shall know the oneness of Life.

The Divine Plan is not based in time, but in eternity. The troubles and sorrows of to-day are only a stepping-stone to Eternal Joy. And that joy awaits us the moment we are ready to learn the lessons of the present, and respond to the leadings of the soul rather than to the seductive voice of the senses.

We do not need to pass from this earth life in order to obtain harmony. In fact, I think we should not find it elsewhere if we could not perceive it here.

Harmony is omnipresent. Let us seek it here and now by coming into a mental state of oneness and agreement with the One Life. Let the personal self, with its fleshly desires and cravings, learn of the soul. Go into the blessed eternal silence; still the clamorous voice of the senses, and learn what the soul has to teach you. It will show you the way to health and harmony and eternal joy. It will open the path before you. The "voice of the silence" will instruct and lead you in ways of quietness and peace. Follow its leading until at last thou shalt enter into eternal harmony.

Sunland, March On!

I LOVE this sun-filled world. To-day
How fair its lofty mountains rise;
Their heads are pillowed on the skies,
And only there doth Winter stray.

The summer walks our valleys fair,
And blossoms wake to bloom and smile,
Bird songs our list'ning ears beguile,
And beauty waketh everywhere.

How calm the air, how full of light,
And fragrance fills the atmosphere,
The gold-winged butterfly comes near,
And at our feet the lilies white.

The fields of living green are here,
And soon will come the poppies' glow,
And fragrant orange bloom of snow
Through all our valleys will appear.

Growth walks through all our shining ways,
No shadow of decay doth fall,
And springing life is over all
Our long, bright year of summer days.

It is not strange the untaught soul
Of simple savage worshipped here
The sun god, throned in atmosphere
Of cloudless light throughout the whole.

Long months of ever-shining days,
And months of bloom, fair months of light,
The glorious sunshine ever bright,
As if June walked along her ways,

Sandaled with flow'rs and robed so fair,
Breathing the fragrance full and sweet,
Rising like incense round her feet,
From rose-paved pathways ev'rywhere.

Oh, here should spring great men and true,
Such godlike men as men wait for,
To do and dare for God and law,
Men who will make the old world new.

Men who will dare to scourge the wrong
To battle bravely for the right,
To keep the ultimate in sight,
The ultimate for which we long.

Great land of sun, shine on, shine on,
And as the future draweth near,
Men the world needs shall here appear,
Great glowing land, march on, march on!
—Eliza A. Otis.

Whatever our motive, if we act unwisely we shall learn a greater wisdom through unpleasant experience. If we offer to those who cannot receive, a feeling of resentment is cultivated in them, and we find that the one we would have benefited will turn against us. It is easier by far to give than it is to receive graciously. And it is usually those to whom we give the most who are likely to regard us as selfish.—Eugene Del Mar.

When we realize that everything that is good is upon the highway, we will reach out and gather to ourselves just what we desire, but many go all through life complaining of the lack of opportunities or the lack of an education, never thinking about the power of attraction there is in thought. Everything is in the thoughts we think. Reach out and take that which you think you need most.—Listen.

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The Word of God

The rational faculty is that attribute of the mind which distinguishes between the true and the false. In its exercise the reverent rationalist recognizes it as a mental gift, and he is actuated by neither self-intelligence nor self-assertion. He does not indulge in fallacious external reasonings, and is therefore not a sophist. He can only believe that which is logically true to his perceptions, and his faith does not rest upon the assertions of any man, nor upon popular systems of belief.

It is universally accepted that the practical summary of true religious doctrine is embodied in the two "great" commandments. Loving the Lord with all the heart, soul, mind and strength implies a continual recognition of and trust in the Infinite Spirit as the immanent Cause of all vitality and thought, combined with the effort to conform to every good principle that flows into the mind from this Source. It culminates in obedience to what we know to be true, and does not consist in striving to love an invisible Personage whom finite beings cannot comprehend. It is simply trying to live in harmony with every law that we recognize as lifting us out of selfishness; we call it divine, because higher than the disorderly conditions in which we find ourselves at the beginning of spiritual development and during which order is to be evolved in our resurrection from chaos.

The second division of the great command—loving one's neighbor—is the external manifestation of the first in the government of our conduct in relation to all other individuals and the laws of society; the two laws, when actuating the motives, forming that true character to attain which is the object of all our disciplinary experiences. These two laws constitute the theological Word of God, and any teaching that obscures their clearness belongs to the realm of false doctrine, which the enlightened rational faculty separates, thus relieving the mind from all anxiety and conflict concerning the opinions of others.

A word is a medium by which thought is communicated to the mind by oral, written or printed language—philosophic axioms, pictures and symbols—as illustrated in all forms of art and music that excite reflection.

A law is a fixed principle concerning any subject or object, which when perceived as true must govern our conduct in relation to it, and disobedience to which results in disorder, conflict and suffering.

Revelation is the opening of the mind to perceive what is true in religious doctrine, science and art. Inspiration is the breathing in of this truth as mental nourishment according to the religious, scientific or artistic degree of thought.

The fundamental principles of all discoveries, whether past, present or future, have always existed; but new forms are not revealed until the appropriate era arrives in which they are essential to the mental or physical welfare of mankind.

The Word of God is not confined to any written or printed books, reverently used as containing the elements of religious teaching; neither is it bound up in the utterances of any theological or metaphysical writers of the past or present. Revelation is constantly flowing into the rational mind, which is opened to perceive the Word of God in every manifestation of the divine laws of order in the natural creation, in things produced by the skill of man, and through the good and noble thoughts implanted in and flowing from the minds of poets, teachers and scholars—as inspirations leading to higher degrees of life.

We do not ignore the fact that the investigations and formulas of the past in all branches of thought were essential parts of the chain leading to the knowledge of the present, just as the ideas of the present will have relation to the New Thought of a century hence—for New Thought is the development of fresh inspiration and revelation.

Principles do not change, but they become more clearly developed in their manifestations as new forms are needed in the progress of education. When public-school instruction shall be based upon the immanent relationship of the Infinite Life with all things, and of the divine laws of order in everything, the cultivation of the rational faculty will lead to a clearer discernment of these laws and their relationship to practical life. The youthful mind will then be led to see God manifested in all the works of His creation—in every tangible substance; so that His power will be recognized in every work of art as the inspiration of every beautiful conception.

With the devout rationalist, the religious, philosophic and artistic Word of God so enlists his meditations that his mind is filled with illustrations of the spiritual principles by which his moral conduct should be guided; that this Word is incarnated in him, and he perceives that God dwells in him as the life of his spirit, lifting him out of self-love and egotism, and actuating him with affection for every law through obedience to whatever is true—in the effort of which he will perform his part in the welfare of the human brotherhood without ostentation. To him the Word of God is perpetually being revealed, and he is gently led in the paths best adapted to develop his inner mind—after he has passed through the trials that precede the opening of the rational faculty.—William Horatio Clarke.



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But taking the year all around, my dear,
You will always find a May.

We have had our May, my darling,
And our roses, long ago;
And the time of the year is coming
For the silent night of snow.

And God is God, my darling,
Of night as well as day;
And we feel and know that we can go
Wherever He leads the way.

Aye! God of the night, my darling,
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We are responsible beings here, now, to-day, and unless we wish to be considered as weaklings—or worse yet, paupers—it will be necessary for us to unfold our spiritual natures, dominate the lower self and become spiritually self-respectable and self-reliant. We can never become so as long as we depend entirely on the judgment and advice of others, incarnate or decarnate.

Each man or woman must unfold for himself or for herself. The time to step forth to the front is now.

To-day

TRUE wisdom says it is not well
Too much upon the past to dwell;
To-day has duties, cares and claims
Which should engage our highest aims.

We live to-morrow, do you say?
Oh, no, we only live to-day;
No one to-morrow can call his—
To-day is all the time there is!

It may be well enough to plan,
The future from the past to scan;
But never let it interfere
With duties of the Now and Here.

For if to-day we do the right,
The past and future will be bright.
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That can be found in any clime!

—Mrs. C. K. Smith.

Emerson was a royal and a noble lover. He was a lover of wife and children and home; of neighbor and friend and country and college. He loved liberty and justice.—*Senator Hoar.*

Let me every day afford some good,
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'Tis only living as you should,
As sinks Life's mighty sun.

We have a secretary of war. What we want is a secretary of peace.—*Edward Everett Hale.*

There is no permanent wise man except in the figment of the stoics.—*Emerson.*

If you wish to keep well, keep clean—in person and surroundings.

Knock at the door of eternity; it is within and not outside of you.—*Franz Hartmann, M.D.*

"The growth of Vegetarianism," says a contemporary, "is itself mainly due to our increasing consciousness of the horribly cruel ways in which animals are slaughtered."

Florence Nightingale once said: "If I could give you information of my life, it would be to show how one woman of ordinary ability has been led by God in strange and unaccustomed paths, to do in His name what He has done in her. And, if I could tell you all, you would see how God has done all and I nothing. I have worked hard, very hard, that is all; and I have never refused God anything." That last sentence gives us the keynote of her influential and useful life. There may be no Crimean War in which our gifts may shine out with such brilliancy as hers did. Queens, sultans and governments may not honor us, but there will always be the everydayness of our lives in which our gifts may be exercised, and if these gifts are controlled by the Spirit, our lives will also be influential and useful. For it is not what we say or do, or where we go, that goes up to God as a "sweet-smelling savor," but what we may be if "we never refuse Him anything."

Activity properly directed and a mind concentrated upon the work before us will keep up our spirits in good cheer and the body well. We should be thankful for all the work that comes to us. But we are also to remember that a body only partly kept in motion, and that motion constant and in one direction, will suffer. We need a change. The mind and the body must be exercised in different directions to insure perfect health and a happy, contented mind.

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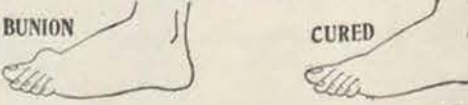
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A RECENT special cable to the New York *Herald* says: Another interesting centenarian has passed away, the oldest subject of the King, aged 120 years. This was William Stuart, who gave up the body at Gortley Letterkenny, Ireland.

When a boy he saw Admiral Warren's battle-ships in Lough Sicilly, in 1798, after he had defeated and captured the French squadron, with which was Wolfe Tone, the notorious Irish rebel.

Stuart easily heads the list of centenarians who have died this year, as the following will show: Mrs. Margaret Simpson, aged 104; William Morrell, 103; William Gordon, 102; Mary Mackinnon, 102; Elizabeth Alsop, 102, and Sarah Chapman, 101.

Among the oldest centenarians now living in England are Charles Green, of Brighton, 108; Kate Livingstone, of Fishnish, Isle of Mull, 107; James Macnalty, of London, 106; Mrs. Rebecca Birks, of Doncaster, 103; Mrs. Bembridge, of Lidmouth, 102, and Mrs. Caroline Neale, of Runwell, Essex, 102.

The Mystic Adepts connected with THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES say that as man progresses he will live longer. Statistics prove this. Never in the history of the world were there so many men and women active in life near the century mark. As we advance along the Path of Life we live more and more in the Spirit and less and less in the flesh—the senses. As we become wholly spiritual we spiritualize and refine the body so that it is finer, more beautiful and more enduring.

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What matter if I stand alone?
I wait with joy the coming years;
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And garner up its fruit of tears.

The waters know their own, and draw
The brook that springs in yonder heights;
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Unto the soul of pure delights.

The stars come nightly to the sky,
The tidal wave unto the sea;
Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high,
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The Common Sense of Wisdom

BY J. P. COOKE

(Written especially for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES)

WISDOM is to the mind what health is to the body. Life is worth little without health. Common sense, in a most uncommon degree, is really what the world in general agrees to call wisdom.

There is a sweetly human, a loving spirit of wisdom, which is not akin to the worldly wisdom of selfish worldliness.

It has been said that wisdom is the name God gives to religion; the binding back of the finite soul, through Love, to the Great Soul of all. The Divine-Positive attraction of "Good." Thus, indeed, He tells the world that the two great things which so engross the desires, namely, wisdom and pleasure, are to be found in Religion. Wisdom is the direct road to pleasure, as Religion is to both.

We remember how Socrates showed himself the wisest man when he considered himself the least so. And so we easily see how the intelligence of the man of common-sense wisdom is like glass, for it first admits the Light of Heaven and then reflects it. It is twice blessed. It blesses him that receives and he that reflects it for the general good.

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We remember how J. S. Mill arraigned Nature for cruelty, declaring that it reveals neither wisdom nor goodness. But Mr. Mill is speaking of Nature as unmodified by man; of crude Nature—Nature with the Intelligence and Love left out.

As an earnest and thoughtful worker, he steadily advises the study of Nature. Indeed, he earnestly insists that all knowledge and improvement depend on the wise use of natural agencies. He even maintains that rational obedience to the laws of Nature insures the well-being of man, woman and child. What is this but common-sense wisdom?

So far as Science is enlightened by kindness, it, too, points toward wisdom, because it leads to that complete understanding of the world—both material and spiritual—which results in noble conduct.

That wisdom, thus understood, is a loving spirit is what many will doubt. Yet I feel quite confident that many will come more and more to believe it.

As this common-sense wisdom, the kindly wisdom, justifies itself, this will appear more clearly. And that it will justify itself cannot be doubted. In its first manifestation, the kindly, loving spirit of it is disclosed.

As J. R. Lowell so truly said:

"It is only God may be had for the asking,
It is only Heaven that is given away."

There has been a long standing controversy between Love and Wisdom. Love is so glowing and enthusiastic, it easily falls, discouraged, because things do not work to its dear desires. But Wisdom is thankful and gratefully accepts the smallest advantage, and then, through some little nook or cranny, gazes into an ocean of "Good"; a Loving Kindness, so wise, so unerring in its faultless Beauty and Perfection, that we know not where to borrow words that are fit to praise it.

It is the aim of science to throw light on the working laws of this world. It is, or aims to be, knowledge, as distinct from sentiment or supposition. Physical science concerns itself with the forces and laws by which the bodies of living beings are produced. Sanitary science concerns itself with the material laws and conditions of life, how its vigor may be preserved, the human powers exalted and made fit for their work. Social science is concerned with the conditions of health and wealth in society at large, enforcing the discovered laws by which crime, poverty, demoralization of every kind shall be cured or prevented. The purpose of science is practical—not speculative. It disregards the systems that contain Ideas merely, without regard to their bearing on life and conduct.

Much of what is called theology and philosophy is concerned with teaching man-made creeds and dogmas and systems that are bewildering and harmful, misleading man and misrepresenting the wisdom and the love of the Eternal Goodness. The Love that always was and is and ever shall be in changeless Perfection.

Science respects wisdom, of the common-sense kind. Wisdom, Practical wisdom, pure and simple. Theology respects tradition. Philosophy respects "Principles." But wisdom respects LOVE; for LOVE is the ACTIVE, REALIZING AGENT and ENERGY of the ETERNAL GOODNESS. The One! The unchanging brightness and glory. The One—whose Love and wisdom bathes and blesses all that rest within the rays of His Light, His Life, His Goodness.

As Mother Virtuzia, that radiant worker for the sons of men, has truly said:

"Dear children, love one another. It is of Heaven to recognize, with honor, the full, beautiful expression of life, here and now. Realize this present Heaven! Do not put aside the appreciative, loving thought until the beautiful temple of life has crumbled to dust. Think, dear ones, how many human hearts are breaking and starving for this loving, generous appreciation. Do all you can to brighten other lives."

Dear Love-Light! "While our hearts unlearn
The creeds that wrong thy name
Still let our hallowed altars burn
With Faith's undying flame.
Not by the Lightning-gleams of wrath
Our souls thy face shall see;
The star of Love must light the path
That leads to heaven and Thee."

"Not by breathing exercises, not by mental gymnastics, but by expressing love will you realize God."

In earnest, fervent prayer, the soul is filled and thrilled with the Holy Spirit.—A. Z.

"The grosser elements ever obey the finer throughout all the domains of Life." And the lower or animal and brutal types of man obey and serve the higher and finer types. Selfish and sordid men, animal men, are the greatest drudges and slaves in the world. They may obtain great material wealth, name and fame, and yet be bound and ground by the Eternal Law as no other men are. The spiritual man is the finer man, and is supreme ruler over all that is coarser and more animalistic than he. Herein lies the difference in men—why some men suffer and are mere drudges, while others have joy and freedom.—A Mystic.

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Our Own Views

WHEN we are willing to have views of our own—differing as they must, in some way, from the views of others—it is astonishing what an improved appearance comes over things, says Fred Burry.

Much of people's unhappiness and discontent is caused by the habit of looking at things, as it were, through the eyes of others—sinking one's own individuality, obscuring one's own vision.

To many it seems such a daring, bold thing to do, to interpret the appearances of things for one's self—to learn something quite new and original from them. Everywhere is a general leaning on "authorities." Distinct lines are drawn between what is called the professional and the amateur.

That we can learn a very great deal from the teachings of others is true enough; but it is also a solemn truth that one can learn a great deal from one's self—by the simple method of viewing things from our own standpoints, and taking heed of the lessons given by our own experiences.

Have the old standards and theories and schools proved themselves so infallible that there is no need for further discovery or for more inspirations from the intuition of man? And is genius such a rare article that only a few are endowed with its attributes?

Men are born with various capabilities and propensities—but all have some seeds of greatness within them; only, these seeds must be allowed growth.

And certainly all men possess the right to think for themselves; it is their own fault if they do not have views of their own.

We hear it repeatedly said that men are crushed by their fellows. People make complaints about the hand of tyranny they are placed under. And yet is it not true that much of this slavery is voluntary and self-imposed? For freedom of thought would release nine-tenths of the world's captives without delay; and this great emancipation would soon lead to the other tenth's freedom.

We have to-day much to show in mental and material advantages for the last few years' New Thought, which has encircled the globe, and brought joy and hope, health and wealth, wisdom and freedom, wherever its messages have been received.

This New Thought is widening its influence each year in a marked degree—from little circles and communities to nations and the entire race.

Its message is Light itself; telling each man to simply take his own view, and look at Life as it is—telling him to free his mind from the false glamour of the teachings of the past, and read the plain, reliable, infallible book of Nature.

No need any more for vanished dreams, lost hopes or crushed ambitions. No need for any soul to sit down with patience, thanking God for what has been taken away. Nothing has departed. Nothing is lost. The mighty law of Growth and Justice remains ever active. Only the lesser will have to be merged in the greater.

Great heights of mastery may be reached by every soul. They will not be reached at once. But a sincere glance of recognition, a faithful look at things as they are, a survey of the opportunities at hand—will lead the way to some altitudes—and once on the ascending scale, it is easy to go up higher.

The universe—and the narrower sphere of our near surroundings—is in one sense a changing order of symbols. The great ocean of existence is here for our advancement in personal character, for the extension of our consciousness. We look on at the kaleidoscopic change of events, and as we look we learn, and thus we grow—for consciousness is life. We may also look within, and in the fathomless reservoir of our thoughts also learn—and grow.

At home, in our room, or out amidst the world, we would do well to have our own views—they may not be so very unlike the views of our friends around us—or they may. But under any circumstances, we ought not to be prejudiced, or to refuse good advice, or close our ears to the teachings of others; neither ought we to make our views offensive to others.

If they are sincere views, founded on our highest ideals, founded on the measures of Truth we have come into possession of, they will radiate happiness all around—they will make of us world-wide creative influences.

Very few know how to live in the Present; but those who can approach this condition of Concentration know the meaning of the word Happiness. It is living in the Present—thinking, feeling, acting, in the Present—that dissolves worry and care. We worry principally over future possibilities; when the mind is well-balanced and centred the future gives one very little concern. Concentration, with one's feelings, thoughts and forces held in control, makes the Future secure; for by making the most of the Present, taking all the Life we can out of the Present, grasping the Opportunities of the Present—we prepare and make ready for a still larger and better Future.—Burry's Journal.

PERCEPTION AND REALIZATION

BY EUGENE LEL MAR

Written Especially for
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THE only reliable guide is principle, truth, God. Until one finds God, comprehends principle or realizes truth he is tossed about in a sea of doubt and confusion. The Universe seems a chaos, the dominant note of which is chance or luck. Principle must be formulated and accepted intellectually before one may comprehend it.

Man is a unit, each plane of whose life is essential equally. The concurrent conscious development of each plane is essential to a symmetrical character. Man is spiritual, mental (or intellectual) and physical. One's comprehension of principle, his realization of truth or his finding of God demands the constant co-operation of the physical, intellectual and spiritual natures, for normal consciousness is incomplete in the degree that this co-operation is lacking.

Principles, however, may be formulated simply and truth may be stated in terms readily comprehended. A perception of truth does not demand a great intellectual strain. That one knows what the words signify, and that they are logical and are consistent with the measure of one's understanding, is sufficient.

In the Science of Numbers the solution of problems is dependent upon one's perception of principles. It is so in the Science of Life. The problems of life are involved in one's daily experiences, and these may be solved only through one's perception and comprehension of the principles of life. Exactly as the solution of mathematical problems leads to one's realization of the truth of the principles involved, so the solution of life's problems leads to one's realization of the truths of being.

Experience, perception and realization are representative of the physical, intellectual and spiritual planes of being. One's perception of principle is tested and converted into realization through the avenue of experience. What one believes to be true he acquires knowledge of and faith in, through the test of experience. That which is absorbed first by the intellect afterward is assimilated by the understanding through the activities of life.

The physical, intellectual and spiritual are inseparable, and each is essential equally. In order to assimilate a truth completely one must make it his own on all three planes. This demands physical manifestation and intellectual expression, as well as spiritual realization. Most truths are capable of presentation in a manner acceptable to the average intellect.

Intellectual perception alone is insufficient. In addition, one must test truth in the laboratory of physical activity. The physical and intellectual are the soul's instrumentalities whereby it arrives at a greater realization of the truths of being.

One who is developed normally tests each truth equally on every plane. One whose consciousness is concentrated abnormally on any one plane to the prejudice of the others demands abnormal tests on the plane of his special devotion. The distinctly intellectual person, for example, would reject as insufficient the presentation of a truth that might be quite acceptable to one whose intellectual faculties were developed but slightly.

Although experience is indispensable to realization, there is no exact relation or proportion between the two. One may realize little or much from a given amount of experience. But while the time expended varies with each individual, the process is the same for all. Life is a unit, and all of its manifestations are governed by the same principles. The realization gained from any specific experience may be imperceptible, but there is a gain, and it finds its appropriate place and relation in the great mosaic of life. Whatever exists is necessary and has a purpose.

The perceptions, experiences and realizations of each individual, at any given time, differ from each other as well as from those of all other individuals. One's perceptions are always convertible into realization through experience, and any experience may lead to realization through one's perception of the truths involved in them.

The combination of perception and experience produces exactly the amount of realization that one is prepared for. Emerson says: "God shields us evermore from premature ideas. Our ideas are hidden that we cannot see things that stare us in the face until the hour arrives when the mind is ripened. Then we behold them, and the time when we saw them not is like a dream."

While it is true that growth is slow, and one's perception of truth is quick, there are grades or degrees of perception. There is a process of development, both of perception and of realization, although one's consciousness of either comes in an instant. It is true that the view from the mountain top bursts suddenly upon one, but only after he has climbed laboriously up every elevation of the mountain side.

Life develops along the lines of a spiral. Again and again does the soul pass through similar experiences, but never through identical ones. At each new turn of the spiral one is able to extract a deeper realization from his combination of perception and experience. And, as life's spiral is eternal, one's realization is limitless.

Experience without perception has no immediate value, nor has perception without experience. But in conjunction both are invaluable equally as the preliminaries of realization. Perception and experience are necessary ingredients, and in the absence of either there could be no finished product of realization.

A perception of the truth that "God is Love" is attained readily. But what this perception, or the realization resulting from it, means to any individual depends upon his stock of perceptions, experiences and realizations. His perception of this truth, at any given time, will not be his only and final one, for it will deepen and broaden as he traverses life's spiral. He tests it actively through experience, and passively through silence and meditation. It penetrates and illumines every previous perception and realization, and thus modifies or changes them.

As the new perception is tested actively and passively, it is appropriated and assimilated by the whole being, and the soul becomes conscious of more light and more life. The words or symbols cease to be of importance, for their underlying realities have been reached and appropriated.

Living the life is the essential of realization. One must act as well as think. Passivity is important, but it is no more all-important than is activity. Life's equilibrium requires that activity and passivity balance and offset each other.

One lives the life when he acts on his higher perceptions of truth, when he exemplifies them in his daily life, when he manifests his faith in principle. His being expands as he liberates the best he has, and surrounds others with the atmosphere of his higher perceptions. This living and testing, this manifesting and acting, are the expression parts of one's experiences, and they are inseparable from realization.

One's perceptions are his ideals, and one never lives up to his ideals. One's horizon is always at a distance. But one always thinks and acts in accord with his realizations, for these are so identified with him that they possess him even more than he possesses them. One manifests his realizations always, for he cannot be other than what he is.

The difference between individual methods is denoted by the extent to which each approximates his ideals or higher perceptions in daily life. It is in the degree that one is faithful to the truths of his higher perceptions that he lives a life of principle, and more and more converts perceptions into realizations.

A life of principle does not lack in expressions of love, sympathy or emotion. Quite the contrary. A life of principle is the very embodiment of love and sympathy above all else. It is also deeply emotional, but the emotions are controlled, and are not permitted to counteract one's exercise of love and justice.

It is very easy to be swayed by one's emotions or to put aside reason and discretion. But this is not evidence of love, nor does it manifest a life of principle. On the contrary, one who pursues such course prefers luck and chance to law and order.

The Universe is governed by law, and is exact and invariable in all its activities. Mathematical accuracy does not preclude love; on the contrary, it is love's highest expression. It is the guarantee of justice, without which there can be no love. There is neither coldness nor lack of love in infinite justice. And the more nearly just one is the more nearly Godlike is he.

A normal life involves the perception and realization of the conception of unity. The normal soul is living these, both in expression and manifestation. It has converted sense impressions and intellectual perceptions into spiritual realizations. Impression and expression co-operate, and the inner and outer work in conscious harmony. With this realization of unity the soul expresses mental peace and manifests physical health.

The mountain brook bubbles, and is noisy and restless, as it hurries and scurries over its rocky bed, while the great river moves on silently, powerfully and undisturbed, without excitement or turmoil. The great soul has outgrown the perturbations of its infant consciousness, and it lives the life of the mighty river.

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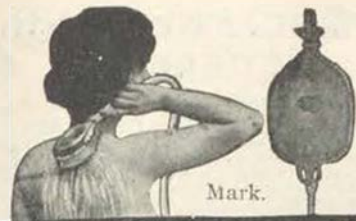
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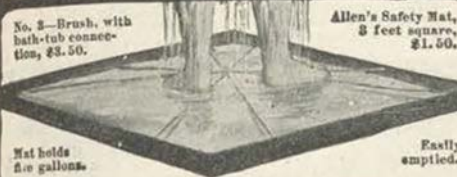
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We are coming more and more to see that the way of love is the way of life, and that he who denies good will to any being in that far limits his own happiness. It is our privilege to give out kindness as the sun gives out light. It is our privilege to carry with us an atmosphere of blessing and health. It is our privilege to make life a song, to radiate good cheer. As these things flow out from us so will they flow back to us. As we give, we shall receive.

All through the ages men have had but a partial conception of life. They have looked at a segment of the circle, not the full rounded orb. They have limited themselves by their own attitudes. They have cut off their power of coming to the universal—God—by hating, and excluding a part of that universal. They have failed to see that they could not arrive at the fulness of life until they were reconciled to every being who shared that life. They tried to be at peace with God while at war with their neighbors. They forgot first to be reconciled to their brothers before bringing their gifts to the altar.

The light grows. Our conceptions broaden. A larger segment of the circle appears. We begin to see that to hate is simply to limit ourselves. God does not exclude us, but we exclude God when we exclude His creatures. He is love, universal love, and we can only come to Him by entering into the spirit of the universal love which He is. To shut our hearts against any is to shut our hearts against Him. "As ye have done it even unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Those who sin are like children. In any real sense the sin hurts only themselves, but they do not see, they do not understand. If we hate them for it we do them no good and hurt ourselves. It is not ours to censure and exclude, but rather to help them unfold and grow into something better. A flower will not blossom in the darkness, but in the sunlight. So a soul will not open unto hatred, but rather unto love. When our child commits a fault we love it into doing better. So we should make our attitude to the little, growing souls that stumble and fall along the way of life.

This is the heart of the gospel taught by Jesus. Underneath every sentence of it is the spirit of love. The religion of the Jews had been one of strife and struggle, of stern justice, of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. That religion stoned the malefactor and went forth with the sword to slay those whom it considered the enemies of the true God. It regarded the children of Israel as the chosen people, and excluded all others. It was a fierce, a warlike faith, that sought to limit the Father to a faction.

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It is very evident to every close observer that universal brotherhood is not destined, for any great length of time, to be only a dream or a cherished ideal, but that with all the effort being put forth for its realization, it is to become a reality in our lives—when all nations shall be as one and every man his brother's keeper.

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The spirit and the truth are universal, and every soul that attentively listens shall learn of them first hand. Their knowledge will need no labeling; it is simply the law of life, or of right conduct, that Truth itself has written in our hearts; the law of love and of brotherhood. Every man, when he gets beneath the surface of self, finds it there, indelibly written, and never to be erased, however deeply covered. How plainly it comes to the surface, manifesting its beauty, when through some sorrow or common woe self is forgotten and the spirit-man stands forth ready to give his life to bear his brothers' burdens.

The spirit-man is a fact. He is not something that is to be, but something that IS. Can anything be taken from or added to the universe? If spirit-man is not, then he never will be, and universal brotherhood is out of the question, because the self or carnal mind could never be reconciled to carnal mind; he is a born grumbler, who even kicks at truth, notwithstanding how it pricks. But by-and-by he becomes weary and puts down his hatchet, and truth, shining over him, consumes him in its light. Thus shall peace come and love rule where light dwells.

Universal brotherhood is a fact, and we shall see it proven and enjoy its beauty and its rest. Everything points to it; the papers are full of it; the world is hungry for it; the air is alive with it, and It Is Coming. Get ready! It is here. If you do not believe it, take some of the evidences that are before you—take Mr. Carnegie's endowment of a temple of peace; take mental science, and all the new philosophies that are teaching unity and brotherhood; take the prophecies of the past; take the unheard sighs of overburdened souls crying for redress; take the promises of the Christ, also the signs He foretold that would be evidence that the brotherhood of man was at hand. Surely no one that looks about him can doubt that the great Era of Peace is coming, and coming soon.

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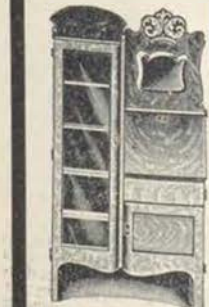
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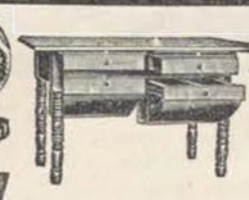
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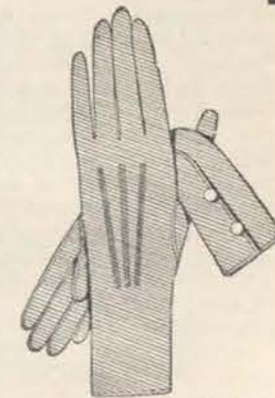
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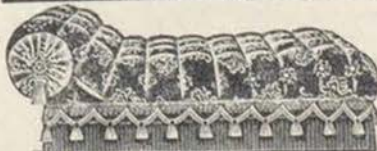
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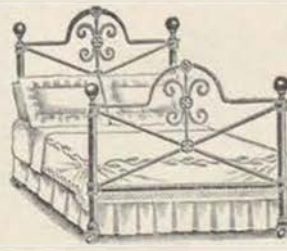
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Why is it that mankind is forever looking backward to the long-vanished yesterdays and talking fondly of "the good old days" that are gone? They were "good old days" in some respects, but are by no means to be compared with the larger and grander present. To-day is the best age that the world has ever seen. It is vaster in its achievements, nobler in its knowledge, higher in its intellectual grasp, richer in its inventions, broader in its philanthropies, grander in its educational and Christian facilities, and in all that goes to make up the advancement and happiness of man, than all the ages that have gone.

How small and narrow life would seem to us if we could be set down bodily in the midst of the environments of a century ago. It was a slow life, limited and fettered, and wholly unlike the strenuous life of the present. It was confined to narrow boundaries. It had not touched hands with the world, for that was afar off; the pulse beats of the nations were not in unison; their interests were alien and the different peoples were strangers. The lightnings had not been chained, nor the giant Steam been harnessed to his chariot. Nor had he been made the right hand of power for the artisan and mechanic. The muscles of the human arm were the propelling forces of the workman, added to those of the patient ox and the horse. Had anyone suggested that the time would come when a large proportion of labor would be accomplished by machinery, and when we could traverse the wide territory lying between the Atlantic and Pacific in the space of five days he would have been looked upon as a lunatic, a dangerous madman who should not be tolerated abroad.

Life in those old days was indeed slow and plodding, and its resources small. The tallow dip was not luminous; the big logs burned upon the hearth, but in their glow there was no daily newspaper to be read, no telegraph messenger knocking at the door, no ring of the telephone waking the silence, and no magazines or books upon the table, unless it were the Bible or a copy of the catechism. Creeds were rigid, sectarianism strong, and that Christian fellowship which exists to-day between churches of different denominations was not known.

And the world, how vast it was and boundless before the swift-going steamships had traversed the great seas, the lines of steel spanned the continents, the electric wires been stretched from ocean to ocean and the strong ocean cables linked the Old World with the New.

We are glad that those "good old days" are gone, that the morning of golden opportunity has dawned, that the day star of Progress shines clear and bright in the heavens above us, and that God's day for the regeneration and the uplifting of the race has come. It is the day of vanishing barbarism and the lifting of the shadows of savagery from the lands where cruel superstitions have reigned and darkened the world. The day when Christian civilization is occupying new fields and planting the banner of the free and the banner of the cross side by side in the distant Orient, as well as in the nearer islands of the sea. It is the day of missionary enterprise, when the Bible, the greatest civilizing agent of the world, is being carried to every land, bearing with it the sunrise of a new spiritual day, that will be glorious in its results to the race.

The old past is dead. "The good old days" are gone, for they were merely the stepping-stones to the more glorious future, and in the light of the lessons which they teach us we look forward and not backward to the more glorious day which the future holds for the world. The foundation stones for great achievements have been laid. God is in this world and His guiding hand is upon the mighty lever of human events, and His highest purposes will be fulfilled. The church is a greater power in the world to-day than it ever was before. It is the sounding anvil of God's power. The printing press, too, is a wonderful force for the uplifting of men, and our rapidly multiplying colleges are one of the strong levers of our modern civilization.

And these good new days are ours. Let us make the most of them. The golden doors of opportunity are forever opening to us and we may build, if we will, great temples to progress, and tread the noble highways of an enduring Christian civilization. With the Bible, the common school, the college, the church and the printing press as the corner-stones of American civilization, we shall endure through all time, a great, progressive people whose God is the Lord, and whose later days of power and brightness shall forever eclipse "the good old days" that are gone, even as the glorious sun of the morning eclipses the million twinkling stars of night.

Life is revelation. For long years we fail to read the revelation, but when our eyes are opened and we see, then the new thought with the new word and the new speech with the new tongue follow as a natural consequence. Then we praise God instead of exaggerating evil. We do not exalt the bad to the throne of power, believing ourselves subject to it. Then we begin to rule by divine right instead of submitting according to a limited mortal sense of ourselves and our powers.—Ursula N. Gestefeld.



LET the failures and discouragements of the past be forgotten. The future is before you. Shall it be bright and promising, or shall it be dark and discouraging? That is for you to decide. Every young man or woman entering into the arena of life must go prepared. Go into life with one profession, and you will find your place. This is an age of specialists, and you must be one to succeed. That's what I am trying to instill into the minds of the great American people. Let our youth be instructed in one thing thoroughly, and the world has a place for them.

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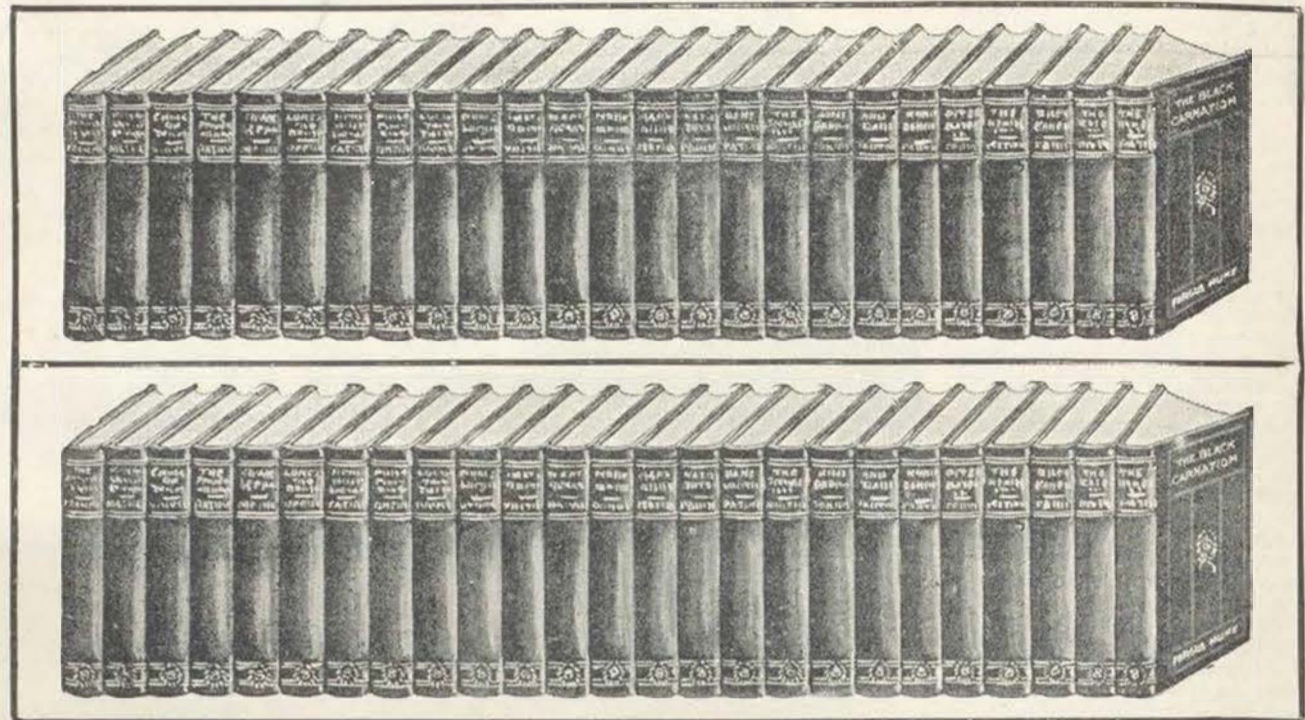
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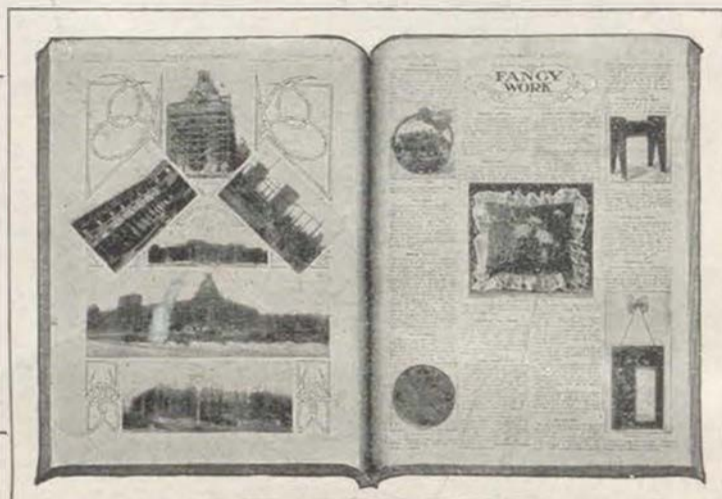
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