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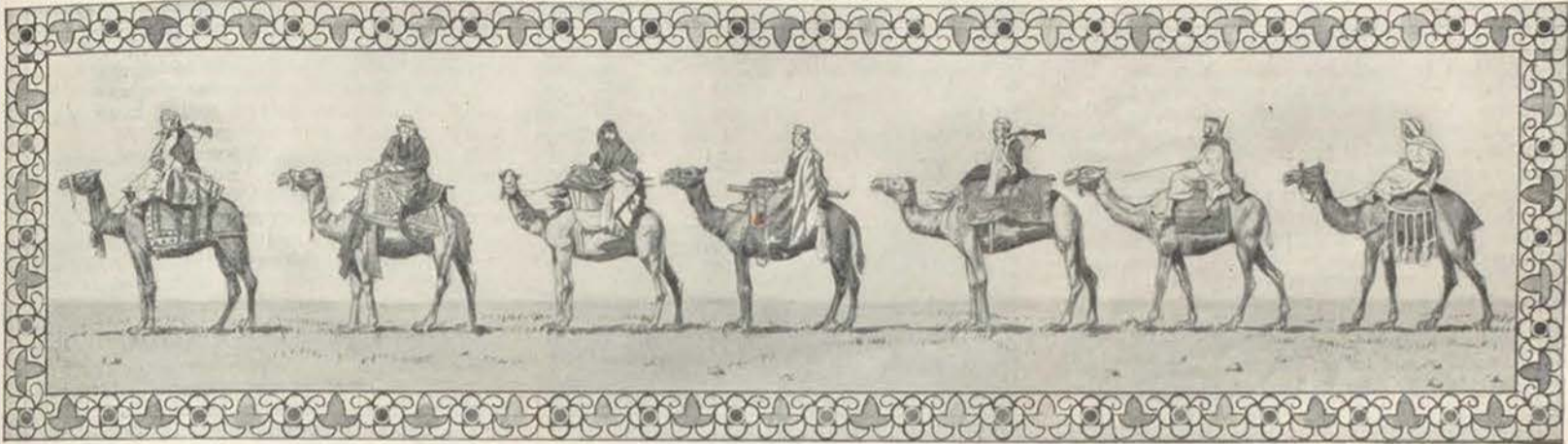
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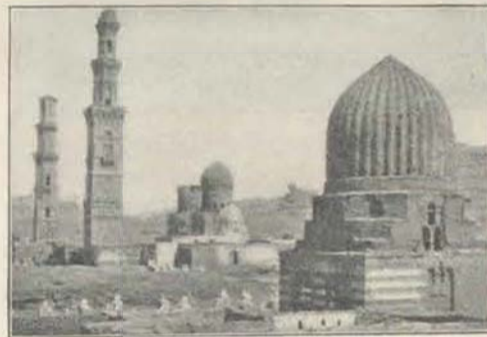
A CHRISTMAS TREAT.—We are pleased to present to our readers a series of illustrated articles prepared by Mystics Nos. 1 and 7, who have just returned from a visit to Egypt. Valuable facts have been ascertained concerning the Pyramids, Mummies, Temples and Brotherhoods of Ancient Egypt, as well as the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

The next article, appearing in the January (New Year's) issue, we promise you will be especially interesting. Each 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.

I TOOK it up and looked at it, wondering where it came from and what was in it," continued Brother Rudolph. "Then I opened and found it to be a long letter from a wealthy Irish lady who had been interested in the mission work." The old gentleman stopped speaking for a moment and when he began again there was a tremble in his voice. "You see I cannot even remember that moment without crying," he explained. "Simply I began to read the letter, and—and—and—well, every word in it was sent from God. This lady had inquired for me at the mission and followed up every clue to my whereabouts until she had traced me to the absinthe shop. When she found I was sleeping and living in this dreadful loft, she had a servant go up to see what sort of a place it was. He told her there were no chairs and no table, and that the bed and books were on the floor, and she insisted on mounting the ladder herself to see if what he said was true.

"As I read farther and farther in the letter, I kept crying harder and louder, until the shop-keeper came up to see what was the matter."

Brother Rudolph wiped his eyes, and finished abruptly, saying, "The end of the letter was a proposition that I carry on the work in my own way, and she would make me a settled allowance for my support. So you see how God sustained me—by sending His messenger and His means



TOMBS OF THE CALIPHS.

have a place by themselves, or there is war," said our host, with a twinkle in his eyes, as he preceded us into another room, where were more tables loaded with most generous bowls of very nice thick pea and lentil soup, a half a loaf of bread at each place, with privilege of more if wanted.

"What large soup bowls!" exclaimed Brother 7. "I don't see how they can eat so much of such thick soup."

"Oh," laughed Brother Rudolph, "many of them eat three bowlfuls. These are the tables," he continued, "for any and all nationalities, and as it is now noon, in a few moments they will be coming in. Sit down," pointing to a bench, from whence we could see them all filing in.

What a sight! Literally the halt, the maimed, the blind, of which there were many, without regard to creed, sect, sex or color, men, women and children.

Brothers, our hearts swelled and our eyes grew dim. This was one exhibition of the real Brotherhood service of which we of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES are all hoping to do our part in our own way.

Here before our eyes was the early dream and



THE WATER CARRIER AND HIS PIGSKIN.

I then began the real work I had longed to do. Out of what she gave me I started a little booth on one of the poorest streets, where I cooked as much food as I could afford to buy, and served to everyone who applied, without regard to whether he were Arab, Jew, Italian, Egyptian, Syrian or Greek. And so I went on day after day, always at my post, until, after many months, people began to contribute to the work. At last someone went to the Khedive and petitioned that he set apart some land for a building. This was granted, and then money poured in for the building of this house."

He waved his hand, as if the matter was but trifling, and he would turn the talk to other things, but we eagerly asked for more information. "Well," he went on to say, "we fed nearly a thousand poor people a week at one time, during and after the war in Egypt, but now we average from three to five hundred."

"And can anyone come and eat any time?" we asked, wondering how any limit could be placed.

"To those who are recommended or whom we know to be unable to make a living. Come and I will show you over the house."

We descended to the first floor, where, in a spotlessly neat hall on either side the front vestibule, were long tables with soup and seats for from fifty to one hundred to be served at one time. These are for the worthy poor which the Greek Church sends. They can send as many as they wish.

We went through the spacious kitchen, crossed a little court and came to more long tables under a shady porch.

"These are tables for the Jews. They have to



THE NATIVE BARBER.



NATIVE CARPENTER SHOP.

effort of Brother Rudolph come true, magnified, indeed, compared with his humble beginning, but the ripened fruit of his unselfish consecration. Many other interesting things might be told of our brief stay at this home of Brotherly Love, including the royal feast spread for our benefit by Madame Rudolph, who equaled her husband in hospitality, but our space is brief, as was our stay. It was nearing the hour of our departure for Cairo, and shortly after luncheon, in company with our good Brother Sakakina, who had accompanied and remained with us during the visit to this most interesting of all missions, we returned to the station and boarded the train for Cairo. Unfortunately the very short time of our stay in Alexandria precluded the taking of many pictures, which we regret very much, as it would be an honor to our Magazine and our cause to present the honest, kindly faces of these Brothers and their centre of work.

On to Cairo! The noisy train bears us away over the dusty land of the Nile, revealing a landscape new, strange and intensely interesting. Either the Nile or its canals are nearly always in sight, with the fertile fields, the palm trees, the mud villages and red-fezzed, queerly garbed people on either hand. We are in Lower Egypt, the Delta, which, owing to the superior system of irrigation and the industry of the fellahen or peasantry, is kept green and beautiful, with the two and three crops a season which the fertile land produces. Sugar cane, cotton, lentils and rice are the principal products. The palm trees are laden with ripening dates, and, in some cases, the agile-limbed natives are already having a taste of the succulent fruit.

The streets of Cairo are full of varied and ever-varying pictures of Oriental life. Among the most frequent of the busy peddlers is the water-carrier, with his pig or donkey skin full of bursting with water, of which the natives are ever ready to partake, but which would be anything but inviting to foreigners like ourselves. In the picture you will see the water-carrier just ready to start out with his freshly filled skin.

Other vendors of refreshing drinks, who seem even more numerous than the carriers of the pig skin, are natives who go about in gay red plaid or striped skirts, carrying a brass jar on the hip, and in one hand clanging two brass plates together to attract attention. The jar has a funnel-shaped mouth on top in which is kept a wedge-like piece of ice, inserted so as to cause the melting drops to fall into the jar. A nozzle or spout like a tea pot protrudes from the side of the jar, out of which is poured the water, wine, lemonade or whatever is carried. The beverage is flavored to order out



FRUIT MERCHANTS.

of the small brass pitcher, which holds the flavoring fluid and which the carrier holds in his left hand. The frequency with which these street merchants are patronized proves the great popularity of their wares.

And this is not strange, for Cairo is a place of perpetual sunshine, and tropical sunshine, too. Along the side of the street, in the shade—anywhere that seems most convenient—the barber plies his trade, his customers accommodatingly submitting their heads to his lap in whatever position required, thus doing away with all need for a barber's chair, or even the striped pole that tells of his professional place of business.

Always alert for new patrons are the toilers of these busy streets. Indeed, it almost looks as if the words of the poet concerning ancient trades are as true to-day as of the time they were written, centuries and centuries ago. Here is his description: "I have seen the blacksmith at his work in the heat of his forge; he has the fingers of a crocodile and is black as fish spawn. The artisans of all kinds that handle the chisel, have they more rest than the peasant? Their fields are the wood they shape, their profession is the metal. Even in the night they are called, and they work again after their labor of the day. Even in the night



NATIVE FRUIT GATHERERS.

their house is lighted up, and they are awake. The stone mason seeks his work in every kind of hard stone. When he has completed his work and his hands are tired, does he rest? He must be in the work yard at sunrise, even if his knees and spine break with toil. The barber shaves even in the night. To be able to eat, to be able to lie down, he must go from district to district searching for customers. He must overwork himself as well as his two hands, in order to fill his stomach. Thus the honey is eaten, and only by those who make it. The dyer, his fingers smell with the odor of decayed fish, his two eyes ache with weariness, his hand never ceases renewing pieces of stuff until he detests its very sight. The shoemaker is very miserable, and is forever complaining; his health is like that of a dead fish, and he has nothing to eat but his leather."

This is the picture of the Brotherhood of labor in the far past; yet there are many signs that it is measurably true in the Egypt of to-day, for did we not see men and boys running to fill and empty baskets of sand and mortar with a master who scolded them soundly if they did not hurry fast enough? And were they not at work as long as daylight lasted? Did we not see the shoemaker, the weaver, the garment maker, busy far into the night?

Be thankful, O Brothers, in the new and blessed land, for the greater privileges, the greater opportunities and the greater immunities, and out of this thankfulness work with joy and bring about true Brotherhood, in Brotherly co-operation.

Yet laborers are not always pushed to the limit, for many are evidently taking life as though it were merely a pastime, as appears in this carpenter shop, which seems rather a place of rest than of labor.

In the evening and at midday, sitting on the numerous benches, chatting or dreaming the time away, are many of the loungers and folk about town, who are blessed with more leisure than the laboring classes, and who seem content to let the world wag as it will, while they are enjoying themselves. Yet these same dreamers are fully alert when the chance of turning an honest penny comes their way. It may be in driving a donkey or a



A TYPICAL STREET SCENE.

hard bargain. They are both quick and shrewd. Even the nargileh smoker you see in the left of the picture is not as stupid as he looks, and all these children of the old world are on the way to better things of the new, as you and I know, and for which we can be glad for them.

It is an old saying, "He who has not seen Cairo has not seen the world," and this seems certainly true when we realize that to enter Cairo is to enter a new world (to Western eyes), a world of mystery and beauty and joy and brightness, a world of secret histories and magic surprises, of queer streets and byways, of bazaars, mosques, squares and gardens, of strange, motley crowds, of picturesque human beings of every variety of color, garb and character—a world of fairy tale and romance in the midst of the march and stride of twentieth century progress and the stupendous monuments of the dead, mysterious past.

Yes, Cairo is a marvelous city, full of a fascinating variety of scenes that take one in a single ride through more elements of culture, objects of nature and artistic productions than any other city in the world; for here, as someone has said, "the three quarters of the earth meet and touch."

One of our first expeditions was a carriage drive out to the tombs of the Caliphs, a group of memorial tombs containing the remains of the Sultans, Pashas, Khedives, and other members of the royal families.

We drove out through winding streets to the outskirts of Cairo, where our first glimpse of the desert whereon is built this city of the dead revealed the oft-imagined caravan of laden camels. The scene made us feel that we were surely in the land of dreams. Stately and apparently slow is the tread of the camel; yet, with long, majestic strides, he covers the immense distances of the desert with an eloquent and silent patience, and, as we gazed at the far-off caravan, a suggestion of many things deep and true sprang to our lips. On the sandy plain, and built in irregular streets or standing aside from the main group in lonely dignity, are the tombs of the Caliphs. Minarets, domes and mosque-like proportions mark the architecture of these unique and picturesque houses of the dead. We descended from the carriage and went inside several of the most famous of the tombs, notably the one in which lie the remains of Tewfik Pasha and his mother.

He was the second Khedive, and one of the best rulers Egypt has known for many a day. He had a character that might, as one of his friends lovingly remarked, be summed up in the word "loyal." He was loyal to his disreputable and selfish father, to the Great Powers, whom he often

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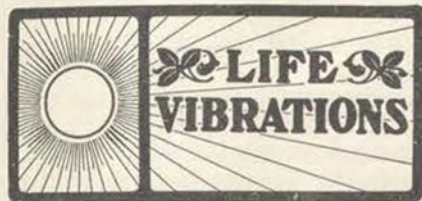
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DECEMBER!

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and
His ears are open unto their prayers.—1 PET., iii, 12.

My God, if thou art mine indeed
Then I have all my heart can crave;
A present help in time of need,
Still kind to hear and strong to save.

And it is in DECEMBER that we think of the
blessed Master.

"And teach me, Master, in thy way:
Through loving human voices,
Through earth's great mystery, day by day,
Through faith that age rejoices."

THE CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder;
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince
of Peace. Of the increase of his government and
peace there shall be no end.—ISA., ix, 7.

Blessed is he who loves the Prince of heavenly
birth!

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH
PEACE, GOOD-WILL TOWARD MEN."
It is the Christmas season!

Since that immortal night went by
The whole earth is our Bethlehem,
Hosannas ring from every sky!
In forest glade, on billowy main,
Judea's height, Nebraska's plain,
By any shore or mount or sea
Where faith and hope and love abide,
And self is lost in sacrifice,
There the celestial gates swing wide,
And heaven descends to human eyes;
There Christ, the Lord, is born again;
There is His new Nativity.

—Edna Dean Proctor.

And the great God has given us a year!
IT IS DECEMBER!
And we already beckon the New Year.

Rich gift of God! A year of time!
What pomp of rise and shut of day,
What hues wherewith our Northern clime
Makes Autumn's drooping woodlands gay,
What airs outblown from ferny dells,
And clover-bloom and sweet-brier smells;
What songs of brooks and birds, what fruits and
flowers,
Green woods and moonlight snows have in its round
been ours.

—Whittier.

Come, beloved, let us know: "The earth is the
Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they
that dwell therein."

This is the season of Peace, Joyousness and Glad-
ness—for:

"God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow,
nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain;
for the former things are passed away. And He
that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all
things new."

Praise God forever!

Only

"ONLY a thought; but the work it wrought
Could never by tongue or pen be taught,
For it ran through a life like a thread of gold,
And the life bore fruit a hundredfold.

"Only a word; but 'twas spoken in love,
With a whispered prayer to the Lord above;
And the angels in heaven rejoiced once more,
For a newborn soul entered in by the door."

"Never Man Spake Like This
Man"

For all time the words of our blessed Elder
Brother, Jesus, will stand as soul-food for the weary
children of the All-Father-Mother.

The great London Divine, the Rev. C. Campbell
Morgan, in a recent sermon said:

"Give me the four gospels, whether spurious or
not, whether they are the words of the Man to whom
they are attributed, or whether they are imagined,
the Man who spoke them, or the genius who imag-
ined He said these things, that man is the greatest
teacher the world ever saw. You may dispute the
authority or genuineness of the books, but you can-
not take the four gospels from me. They are a light
on human life compared to which every other phi-
losophy, every other suggestion, every other argu-
ment are all rushlights that glimmer on the shore
and perish in the darkness of the night. This man
spake as never man spake. His teaching was clear,
authoritative and rational. Oh, how is it that men
who say they have no faith can call themselves ra-
tionalists! Jesus is the only rationalist the world
has ever seen."

Our Elder Brother and the Father were and are
one; no one is sane or rational until he comes into
complete and perfect oneness with God; all "sin,"
"wickedness" and "disease" and "woe" and "mis-
ery" are the effects of an unbalance—a lack of con-
scious oneness with Infinite Wisdom; the effects of
illusions about the blessed Jesus and His teachings,
or the ignoring them entirely.

Men fail to find God because they search every-
where for Him save within their own souls.

The hardest trials become mounts of blessing to
the spiritual-minded.

Oh, beloved, learn the blessed Ancient Secret that
will give you a charmed existence. Come! fellow-
ship with The Mystic Success Club and live a full and
rich life here and now.

You, beloved, no matter what your lot may be,
have much cause to thank God for His marked pres-
ence and blessing at many times. The All-Father is
ever present to help us; the great trouble is our
hearts and minds are not open to Love, and we are
so immersed in material things that we are not
conscious of the Blessed Presence.

A bitter controversial mind closes all doors of our
being to the All Good.

Man is perplexed and apprehensive as he does not
know; in oneness with the Omniscient One is all
peace; joy, bliss and force.

Man can never get an understanding of "life's
troubles" until he looks to a higher power than him-
self (his mortal mind) to help him solve them. We
should look at everything through the Light of the
soul rather than through the thoughts of the head.
Do not lose the great blessing of Light and Knowl-
edge and Wisdom that lies in the centre of your own
soul.

Many of the cruel wrongs and outrages of the
world's history have been actuated by alleged reli-
gionists. True religion brings to the world only
love, peace and joy.

When a man comes into perfect oneness with
God—the All—and is a universal and eternal lover,
he is Christed and can with all truth and all power
say

"I AM."
"I am the bread of Life."
"I am the door."
"I am the Way, the Truth, the Life."
"I am the Light."
"I am the Good Shepherd."

The supreme divine state of man, and which all
men will reach some time, somewhere, by the mighty
love, help and grace of God, is when he can say in
all truth, "I AM."

"Before Abraham was I AM."
The real meaning of Eternal Life can only come
to man when he looks to God, the omnipresent and
omniscient and omnipotent One, for all Light,
Guidance and Leading.

I Am

I AM, before all else was. In all the beginningless
Past and in all the endless Future, I AM. And thou
art the same, beloved child, because that which ex-
ists is eternally One. I AM thee, thou art ME. I
am the everlasting perceived and the everlasting
Perceiver. I am the finite and the Infinite. I am
that one ETERNAL SIMPLE that never changes, was
never born and never dies. I am the All in All,
never born and never dies. I am the All in All,
under All, above All, through All, for all time, and I
am never apart nor absent from thee. I am all the
Love, all the Light, all the Truth there is in all the
universe. I am that, beloved, which if thou wilt
but recognize and know, will cause all thy pains,
woes, anguish and sorrow to cease forever and ever.
Come, know ME and be forever FREE! I am FREE-
DOM!

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.

Palestine

By John Greenleaf Whittier

BLEST land of Judea! thrice hallowed of song
Where the holiest of memories pilgrim-like throng;
In the shade of thy palms, by the shores of thy sea
On the hills of thy beauty, my heart is with thee.

With the eye of a spirit I look on that shore,
Where pilgrim and prophet have lingered before;
With the glide of a spirit I traverse the sod
Made bright by the steps of the angels of God.

Blue sea of the hills! in my spirit I hear
Thy waters, Genesaret, chime on my ear;
Where the Lowly and Just with the people sat
down,
And thy spray on the dust of His sandals was
thrown.

Beyond are Bethulia's mountains of green,
And the desolate hills of the wild Gadarene;
And I pause on the goat-crags of Tabor to see
The gleam of thy waters, O dark Galilee!

Hark, a sound in the valley! where, swollen and
strong,

Thy river, O Kishon, is sweeping along;
Where the Canaanite strove with Jehovah in vain,
And thy torrent grew dark with the blood of the
slain.

There, down from his mountains stern Zebulon
came,
And Naphtali's stag, with his eyeballs of flame,
And the chariots of Jabin roll'd harmlessly on,
For the arm of the Lord was Abinoam's son!

There sleep the still rocks and the caverns which
rang
To the song which the beautiful prophets sang,
When the princes of Issachar stood by her side,
And the shout of a host in its triumph replied.

Lo! Bethlehem's hill-site before me is seen,
With the mountains around, and the valleys be-
tween;
There rested the shepherds of Judah, and there
The song of the angels rose sweet on the air.

And Bethany's palm trees in beauty still throw
Their shadows at noon on the ruins below;
But where are the sisters who hasten'd to greet
The lowly Redeemer, and sit at his feet?

I tread where the TWELVE in their wayfaring trod;
I stand where they stood with the CHOSEN OF GOD;
Where His blessing was heard and His lessons were
taught,
Where the blind were restored and the healing was
wrought.

Oh, here with His flock the sad Wanderer came—
These hills He toiled over in grief are the same—
The fountains where He drank by the wayside still
flow,
And the same airs are blowing which breathed on
His brow!

And throned on her hills sits Jerusalem yet,
But with dust on her forehead, and chains on her
feet;
For the crown of her pride to the mocker hath gone,
And the holy Shechinah is dark where it shone.

But wherefore this dream of the earthly abode
Of Humanity clothed in the brightness of God?
Were my spirit but turned from the outward and
dim,
It could gaze, even now, on the presence of Him!

Not in clouds and in terrors, but gentle as when,
In love and in meekness, He moved among men;
And the voice which breathed peace to the waves
of the sea,
In the hush of my spirit would whisper to me!

And what if my feet may not tread where He stood,
Nor my ears hear the dashing of Galilee's flood,
Nor my eyes see the cross which He bow'd him to
bear,
Nor my knees press Gethsemane's garden of prayer.

Yet loved of the Father, Thy Spirit is near
To the meek, and the lowly, and penitent here;
And the voice of Thy love is the same, even now,
As at Bethany's tomb, or on Olivet's brow.

Oh, the outward hath gone! but, in glory and
power,
The SPIRIT surviveth the things of an hour;
Unchanged, undecaying, its Pentecost flame
On the heart's secret altar is burning the same!

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.

Brother Sam G. Adams, Steamboat Springs, Col., is an earnest, positive spirit, and his blessed letter to us vibrates with Love and Force. He writes: "Dear Brothers and Sisters: I have just completed the First Degree of The Mystic Success Club, and it seems like a revelation. From my own soul, I can now plainly see and know how The Mystic Success Club can aid humanity. To know we can personally aid in the manifestation of the Christ principle is power enough to lift us up out of the narrow lines which physical man has drawn around himself during his ignorance. When we fully realize that the eternal God is within our eternal souls we certainly will be in heaven right here and now. My prayer is to know myself, then I shall know others. I thank God for this grand knowledge which The Mystic Success Club is giving to the world. We know what the harvest must be." Indeed, we do, beloved brother. In a while God, with His mighty and everlasting love, will win and gather all His children in the one fold—consciousness and bliss. How great and mighty is God!

Sister Carrie Sachelben, 1310 Howard street, St. Louis, Mo., writes: "The First Degree has helped me wonderfully; I never experienced such peace and contentment before." Each day this Club grows in numbers and power. It is a blessed privilege to be a life member of such a great and mighty Club.

Brother Archie Fiek, Langton, Ont., writes that he is developing wonderful magnetic powers. All members of this Club are strong in Personal Magnetism. Success depends much upon this splendid power—Personal Magnetism.

Sister F. L. Boggs, 45 Cambridge place, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "There is a great improvement in my health since joining the Mystic Success Club. My friends are impressed at the improvement, not knowing the cause." It is always wise to tell no one what you are doing in any great and grand work. After you have completed your work and succeeded, tell it quietly and confidentially to those who can revere and respect sacred works.

Sister C. E. Rust, Emmaclair, Wash., sends us a letter vibrating with great, force and love. She says: "I feel I cannot praise God enough for what he has done for me since I joined The Mystic Success Club. I was born June 20, 1839, and joined the M. E. Church when I was thirteen years old, and have tried all these years to serve my blessed Father aright according to the rules of the church, but I made poor advancement, try as hard as I could. At last I found that the letter killeth, but the Spirit maketh alive. I left the blind old way and followed the Spirit the best I could, and made more advancement. But since I joined the Mystic Success Club I feel like a new being, and am growing all the time. When I joined this Club I thought I had most all the diseases that flesh is heir to—bronchitis, asthma, kidney and bladder trouble—and my husband, who is a physician, says I was very near death's door. But now I can do a good deal of work, do not cough or have hemorrhage of the bronchial tubes as before, and am well. He is amazed, and thinks it is wonderful. I think he will stop practicing medicine soon and I will try and get him to join the Club. A number have joined through my case and my influence and I hope to get many more. The Spirit cannot be quenched in your work, and your work will spread until it fills the whole earth. Praise God, the All-Father-Mother, that He ever threw THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES my way. If anyone would offer me One Million Dollars to put me back where I was when I joined your Success Club, and never avail myself of its privileges, it would be no temptation to me." God bless you, beloved! Let us give thanks to the Spirit. There can be no money value placed on spiritual things, the only real things in life. With the many unsolicited testimonies of the Spirit's work through this Club, is it any wonder that thousands are joining us?

Sister Louise Rotramel, 305 Collinsville avenue, East St. Louis, Ill., writes: "I am now through with my First Degree, and am delighted with the great progress I have made. I feel your vibrations with me all the time, and I feel much stronger mentally and physically." And thus they all write.

Sister Olive C. Howe, 89 Myrtle avenue, Fitchburg, Mass., writes: "Such is the uplifting and spiritual influence of the First Degree that I have gained in health, and am stronger physically, and I have more courage to go on with my life work than I had before I received the First Degree."

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.

WITHIN this article is direction and guidance to the ANCIENT MYSTIC WAY to real Peace, Joy, Bliss and great Success, here, now and forever.

Read it with all thy soul, heart and mind; there is real and lasting progress in the MYSTIC WAY; thousands of members of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB are living now in the fulness and richness and beauty of Life.

Disease, Failure, Disappointment and Sorrow play no part in the life of loyal and earnest members of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB.

You can be free, absolutely free forever, from all discordant and inharmonious states; you can have perfect health, peace, force and power to do and achieve. Read the many testimonies from members, printed on these pages, and then ask your inner self if you are doing justice to yourself in not coming into fellowship with this Club or Blessed Brotherhood.

An eternal and abiding Power which makes for Success and Happiness is yours, if you but choose the Mystic Way.

Come, beloved, come up into the glorious eternal omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent Power which will lead you forever, out of all your woes and miseries.

Again we beseech you to read ALL of the printed letters from our members, and think it over in the Silence.

How blessed is the Blessed State!—to be filled and thrilled while here on earth and for all time with the blessed vibrations of Health, Life, Vigor, Knowledge, Wisdom and orderly and purposeful Force and Power.

The Four Degrees of this Club (by the simple Ancient Mystic Way), by the help and grace of the great God and His hosts of mighty angels, lead all loyal members in a little while to perfect and permanent Health, to a state of perfect and permanent Receptivity of soul, heart and mind, when the All Good and the great Unseen Psychic Forces will continually fill your whole being and direct you exactly what to do, how to do, where to do and when to do.

More than that!—the Third Degree will give you Psychic Magnetism or Personal Magnetism, which will attract all blessings and repel all vibrations that make for disease, discord, inharmony and failure; all beings will not only love you but will desire to help and serve you; your enemies will become your warmest and most helpful friends; you will be a blessing and a benediction to the world; such is the power of true Personal Magnetism; the better name is Soul Magnetism; we do not teach animal Magnetism.

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 leading thousands of blessed souls from darkness to light, from poverty and drudgery to opulence and freedom, from disease, nervousness, fret and worry to perfect and permanent health, a serene and calm life—a peaceful, powerful and blessed, blissful life every minute here and now.

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 preeminently 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.

YOU CAN HAVE PERFECT HEALTH! YOU CAN BE RECEPTIVE ALL THE TIME, TO ALL THE BLESSINGS OF LIFE! YOU CAN BE SWEET, CHARMING AND ATTRACTIVE IN YOUR PERSONALITY! YOU CAN HAVE IN A HIGH AND MARKED DEGREE SOUL MAGNETISM! YOU CAN, BELOVED, REALIZE AND ACTUALIZE ALL OF YOUR IDEALS! YOU CAN HAVE THE GREATEST AND HIGHEST SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS HERE AND NOW AND FOREVER!

The Mystic Way is the Great Way!

The ancient occult and mystic writings (sacred secrets) we send you will help you open your eyes to all light, will help you open your heart to all men, and open your mind to that, knowing which, all is known, and all power to attract, possess and hold the real riches of life will be yours.

You are asked to join us at once, take the four simple degrees, and get fully into our vibrations and become full of HEALTH, have perfect RECEPTIVITY and attract all the tremendous psychic and occult powers that will make you personally magnetic and cause you to realize fully, here and now, success in its highest and most perfect degree.

Come, beloved, join us this day, and with "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together," we can, in this psychic age of quick action and great results, achieve phenomenal success.

What is that *mystic something* that makes for success?

THERE ARE BUT FOUR STEPS TO SUCCESS, VIZ.:

First Step—PERFECT HEALTH.

Second Step—RECEPTIVITY.

Third Step—ATTRACTIVENESS—PERSONAL MAGNETISM.

Fourth Step—FULL RECOGNITION AND REALIZATION OF YOUR PSYCHIC-MENTAL POWERS.

In a little while our Mystic Adepts take you through these *Four Steps* or *Four Degrees*, by correspondence, and you come into HEALTH, RECEPTIVITY, ATTRACTIVENESS and REALIZATION.

You are also held in a psychic and occult way by master adepts for health and success. But you must read and re-read the occult and mystic writings we send with each degree to fully realize success.

Much time and money have been expended in organizing and formulating our plans and preparing the four degrees so that they might be simple and comprehensive to anyone. A child can comprehend them.

BELOVED, YOU CAN BE SUCCESSFUL.

Thousands 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 of this Club. Read these letters printed on these pages devoted to the Club.

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 making 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 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, here and now.

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, here and now, 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.

HAVE you not some friend who is "shut in" to whom THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, with its Messages of Love, Hope and Inspiration, would prove a welcome gift at this time, especially—Christmas? No gift, it seems to us, costing so little, could possibly carry so much of comfort, interest and blessings as a yearly subscription to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.

Brother Dr. H. B. Hicks, 622 Main street, Davenport, Iowa, writes us a long letter full of Holy Love, and expressing gratitude for the help he has received from our Club. Many doctors and Spiritual healers belong to our Club, and our teachings help them much in their work. As this Club grows it will help the healers in all parts of the world, as it has been given to us that we are to do a great and mighty work in spreading the good news about Spiritual healing everywhere.

Sister Estelle Nichols, Box 787, Waterloo, Iowa, writes a long, strong endorsement of our Club, saying, "It shows the earnest and aspiring soul a field to cultivate which will continually yield richer and richer harvests."

Sister Emma C. Causland, 400 S. Burlington avenue, Los Angeles, Cal., writes: "I have been greatly blessed and benefited by our Club. My mind has been strengthened and my general health is also much better. I am sixty-nine years of age. May God continue your good and great work." This Club can help one at any age, beloved.

Brother M. G. Stanley, Marblehead, Mass., writes: "At the end of the First Degree, I am much improved in health; I am stronger and less nervous. The improvement has been noticed by all my friends so it is not merely in my imagination."

Sister Alice M. Trecartin, Room 121, State House, Providence, R. I., writes: "I am greatly helped by our Club and so thankful that I belong to it. I'm now alive and tingling with life and force." Beloved, there is only Life, blessed Life, in the Universe.

Brother Emile Burnin, Montague, Cal., writes briefly, as many do: "My health, my mind and my body are much improved in working only the first two Degrees." And what is more, beloved brother, this improvement will continue.

Brother Aaron W. Emerson, South Framingham, Mass.—Beloved, your kidneys are not so bad as you think. Now, the Spirit says to us to write you that in the hills—the Knobscot Hills—near you, are many springs of water that have a wonderful cleansing, purifying and healing effect. Prayer with drinking great quantities of this hill water, will cure you. Follow the first degree work calmly and earnestly.

E. K. R., Hamilton, Ont.: God bless you for your deep and earnest interest in our work. We will give you special treatments, as we do all of our members when we see (psychometrically) they need them. This will answer many inquirers who write us about special treatment for specific things.

Brother William Raymond Edwards, Barberton, O., writes: "Kind friends and Brothers: Within this letter you will find report of my work in the First Degree. I never thought I could be so well, happy, strong, and so full of health as I am now since I completed this First Degree. May the All-Father-Mother grant us all abundant Light and Peace and Joy." Beloved brother, your words are filled with the Spirit, and we will lead you to that, knowing which, all is known.

Sister Hill, 615 Holly avenue, St. Paul, Minn., says: "Since joining The Mystic Success Club, I certainly have improved both mentally and physically—I have such a quiet, calm feeling, I have gained five pounds of needed flesh in a month. The thoughts I hold are very sweet and quieting."

Sister W. H. Hughes, Madisonville, O., in completing the work of the First Degree, writes: "Upon receiving my Second Degree I felt thrilled with an indescribable joy and peace from head to foot, and I heard two distinct raps. I enjoy reading THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES very much. Since joining your Club I have mastered control of my lower nature. I send you love and blessings." Persons who are not Mystics or who do not understand the great power of the WORD—the Spirit—cannot realize the great value of the Four Degrees of this Club. But it makes no difference at first whether you understand the Mystic Way; at the completion of your work in the Four Degrees you will know things that you little dreamed you would ever know, and you will have powers that make for all joy, peace and success.

Sister E. Shraga, 4447 Eastern avenue, St. Louis, is cured of Insomnia by her work in the First Degree. In a letter full of love, among other things, she says: "I got through the First Degree all improved in health and strength. I now sleep soundly and eat heartily. I will soon be well. May the blessing of God be with you with all good work in accord with His Will." This Club is working many permanent cures in cases of Insomnia and nervous depression. We help all members out of any nervous ailment, in a very little while—usually by the First Degree.

About the Mystic Success Club

SUCCESS CROWNS ALL OUR EFFORTS WHEN WE LIVE WITH THE BLESSED OMNIPOTENT ONE.

Many members of our Club are full of fervent love for the All, and are desirous of helping any work that has for its purpose the upliftment and betterment of the children of earth. Yet these brothers and sisters write: "I do not desire any publicity concerning the matter, please—that is, I do not wish my name published." All such requests are fully observed; all requests of this nature are fully observed; but what a blessing it would be to such members and what a help to others if they were perfectly fearless, and would give their testimony freely and openly for publication, as a praise, an honor and a glory to the great God!

Brother D. W. Dougherty, Newburgh, N. Y., writes: "As a result of my work in this Club I have grown from doubting pessimism into a realization of at-onement with the All God, which has brought comfort, happiness and sunshine into my life. Your teachings lead to the Radiant Centre from which radiate Love, Light, Truth, Charity, Knowledge and Wisdom." And these are what make for success, beloved brother: loving gentleness is the Mystic Way to success.

BELOVED MEMBERS: The way to success is not in force, but in love and by the help of the Spirit. We do great works, and get great results when we do not force things. The Mystic Way to Success is the simple yet positive way.—THE MYSTICS.

Sister Mrs. Frank Cassidy, Burg Hill, O., writes: "Our Club has been a wonderful help to me in bringing me to know the true knowledge of our God, and to trust Him with all things. I now have the greatest comfort, courage and loving thoughts. May God bless you and send many more members to our Club." Beloved sister, our Club is growing at a tremendous rate, because we help each member to help himself and bring into his life peace, joy and success.

Brother G. M. Amory, Luling, Tex., writes: "Our Club is helping me wonderfully. I have had a crippled foot and leg for years, and could never wear a dress shoe without much pain. Now I walk and wear the shoes without inconvenience of any kind. Was having chills and fever when I commenced working the First Degree, but they were quickly cured, and have not bothered me since. I am very grateful. I shall get others to join our Club." Beloved, thank God for your blessings and not us; we in a Mystical Way by the help of God help others to help themselves.

Sister Annie D. Price, Neodesha, Kan., writes in the Holy Spirit: "Oh, I have such a grateful heart for your help! God bless you, dear ones. I now feel the warm Life (Love) vibrating my whole being; my whole being is strengthened and renewed. Angels minister unto me. I am bathed in the ocean of universal love. Oh, blessed Eternal All-Father-Mother, I love Thee! I love Thee! I love Thee! I thank Thee for leading me to this blessed Club of kindred spirits! I thank Thee for ministering angels! I thank Thee that the Spirit bears witness with my spirit that we all are one Spirit. Amen."

He bids His angels pitch their tents
Round where His children dwell;
What ills their heavenly care prevents
No earthly tongue can tell.

Sister J. F. Killebrew, Elkton, Ky., writes: "I feel greatly strengthened and benefited in many ways, and want to thank each member of our blessed Club for the help they have given me. I have advanced spiritually and physically, and would not be back where I was before I joined our Club for anything in the world. God bless each member of this great Club who is my constant prayer." Beloved, we discern that thou hast wonderful spiritual powers to soothe and heal.

MANY GREAT SPIRITUAL HEALERS AND PSYCHIC MEN AND WOMEN WRITE: "I am led to your blessed order by Unseen Forces." One great Adept says: "THE VOICE SPEAKETH TO ME SAYING, 'IT IS THE GREAT NEW MOVEMENT THAT WILL HASTEN THE KINGDOM ON EARTH—THE MILLENNIAL AGE.'"

Sister Anna Keidel, 138 Waterloo street, Detroit, Mich., is making splendid progress. She writes: "I feel so much better in health, and I do not get fatigued as I used to. This Club has been a great blessing to me. I now work with ease and don't worry. God bless the Club for helping me so much."

Brother Charles Chevallier, Grace, Mich., writes: "I feel happy since I joined The Mystic Success Club. It has done me much good. I feel enlightened, and am made strong for one of my age—seventy-nine years the 24th of November. I am helped every day. I can feel the unseen forces most every day. Thanks to God for the good I have received." Beloved brother, with Love and Faith we are made strong and rejoice.

Brother K. L. Smith, 167 Ninth street, Seattle, Wash., writes: "The Club has helped me greatly, and I consider it a great privilege to be a member. I have been wonderfully strengthened and cheered."

Mere mortal power shall fade and die,
And youthful vigor cease;
But that which wait upon the Lord
Shall feel our strength increase.

Brother Wm. M. Sheehy, 409 Gregory street, Blue Island, Ill., writes in universal love: "This work has done me a great deal of permanent good. I know I shall be raised to a far better state of mind and body than I ever thought possible. I have never read

anything that appealed to me in the manner that THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES does. Enclosed you will find a list of twenty-five names, to which please send sample copies." Thanks, beloved brother. All who help to circulate good books or papers are helped by the unseen forces.

Brother W. H. Smith, 552 West Orange street, Lancaster, Pa., writes: "The Club is a great help to me. May God bless you and all connected with THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES."

Sister Julia A. Goodnow, 7 Congress street, Worcester, Mass., writes a long letter filled with spiritual vibrations and the highest praise for our work. She says in part: "The Magazine inspires and helps me more than words can tell. I will do all I can to place the Magazine in all the hands I can. I want to shout the good tidings to all. Since I became a member of The Mystic Success Club I feel many new forces with me; I feel their help; they give me strength and courage; I am gaining in health. May God's help and blessing be ever with you. I cannot express my thanks and feelings in words. Love to all brothers and sisters." God bless you, sister! We will ask certain unseen intelligences for special help for those near and dear to you; the Mystic Adepts will also help you.

Sister Mary Benelmyer, Napoleon, O., a simple, trusting child of God, writes: "I am thankful that I joined hands with you. I feel renewed every day. My flesh is solid now and I am gaining much. My mind is opening more, and I am glad that God put it into your hearts to help me."

Sister G. O. Hale, Box 344, Evanston, Wyo., writes: "I have been a member now for six months, and I cannot tell you how much the lessons and teachings have helped and benefited me. Oh, what joy, peace and happiness I now have! I see good in everything. Words fail to express the benefit the Club has been to me. May God bless you all, is my prayer." And, beloved, thou art just entering the glorious Path of Realization. In a while we will send all members who have worked the Fourth Degree some special instructions.

Sister Josie E. King, Diller, Neb., writes: "I find in this Club great comfort; I have received much help and strength that seemed to come from the Unseen. I am very grateful for my many blessings, and my only desire is to live in the Spirit according to the Divine Will of God."

Brother Edward W. son, Everett Wash., writes: "Beloved Mystic Success Club—I don't know how I can thank you enough for the blessed truth you have put in my mind. I am greatly improved in health. Praise God that I found THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. I now see life in a different light. I felt your vibrations as soon as I got your letter. It gave me new life. I feel grateful to God for my improvement, and I pray to God for blessings on you all. It is a wonderful organization." All our help cometh from God and the Angels.

Sister Anna Johnson, Greenwich, Conn., writes: "I am stronger, happier and more contented than I have ever been before, and I feel very thankful to God and you dear brothers. What a great and blessed union of beautiful souls!" Yes, beloved, we are a great and growing brotherhood of God-lovers who aspire to live full and rich lives here and now that we may honor and glorify the great God.

Sister J. A. Martin, northeast corner of Twelfth and Race streets, Cincinnati, O., writes: "Now I feel much more able to cope with the world; am stronger and am calm and filled with joy. My future is very bright. May God be manifest in us all in this blessed work."

Sister E. V. Z. Wheeler, Portchester, N. Y., sends us cheering words. She is an old worker along spiritual lines, yet finds our Club has helped her much. She says in part: "This Club is doing great and good works, and it will grow and help many souls who need it, who have not been in and never heard this Truth. I have been at this kind of work for the past ten years, and feel and look younger than when I first began it. What must I do now to become one of the 'Elder Sisters?' God bless you, eternal child of God; all you have to do to become an 'Elder Sister' is to love God and the All, all the time, with all thy soul, heart and mind. Some of the Elder Brothers will help you in a silent and Mystic Way."

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. These are only "hard times of oppression" to those who are asleep spiritually, mentally and physically.

Sister M. L. Liedermann, 2327 North Charles street, Baltimore, Md., is far advanced on the Path. She writes: "I am decidedly benefited in this work."

Sister Mary E. Bandson, Hines, Wis., sends a letter filled with love. Among other things she says: "I know there are unseen forces helping me. I never in all my life felt better or stronger than I do now. I am new—now." God be praised!

Sister Esther J. McKann, Hull, Mass., has made wonderful progress and is very thank-

ful to God for His blessings. She writes: "I have been helped in every way since I joined The Mystic Success Club. Nothing could tempt me to part with the knowledge I have attained to. This Club is certainly a great power. I am so glad I came into it. You will do great and lasting good in the world. You are the most satisfactory part of my life." All praise and all glory be to God, beloved! He is our only refuge, power and strength.

Brother John T. Nelson, Box 201, Campbellton, N. B., writes: "I am so glad I became a member. I now feel nothing but love for all God's creatures and enjoy a peace I never had before. I rejoice to know of the God within and the Power He has given me, and I shall endeavor to be a blessing to the All." Man can have no real and lasting power without God; the Mystical Way, with the help of the Holy Mystic Adepts and the Elder Brothers and Masters, is the only simple and true Way to Peace, Joy, Happiness and Success.

Sister Maud M. Whatmough, 706 Linden street, Clearfield, Pa., writes: "Oh, I have been so benefited since I joined this Club. Peace and good will to all the dear brothers and sisters, and all souls; and all praise to the All-Father-Mother." Draw near to God; He is nearer to you than your own thoughts.

Brother Geo. T. French, Augusta, Kan., writes in universal love: "I have found help from God through this Club in many different ways. I am much stronger, I have more faith, hope and courage and am trusting all to divine Providence, who has promised to help us, and I know He will. My mind is calm and God is answering my prayers, and I have all confidence in Him through the help of this blessed Club. I know I will come out all right in all things. I shall continue at different times to reread my degrees and I will find help in them. It is also a great pleasure for me to read the many testimonies you print each month from members." God bless you, brother! We could fill this whole Magazine each month with new testimonies. We print all we have space for. The others we are saving to print in a great book one of these days. A great soul is never afraid to publicly announce any blessing God may bestow. Many strong and beautiful testimonies are sent in, the writers asking us not to print them, and we always observe these requests. All these testimonies are voluntary; it is the Holy Spirit speaking through the gladdened soul of the member. We let the Holy Spirit move us in selecting and printing all testimonies.

Sister M. L. Paddock, Deadwood, S. D., writes: "This blessed Club has helped me to experience peace and joy unspeakable; yet, I still request your prayers and the prayers of the brothers and sisters. I desire to dwell always in the light and love of the All, and pray that all may do the same and be filled with eternal love and joy."

Brother Thomas H. Bassett, Cochrane, Alta. N. W. T., Canada, writes: "Since I became a member of this blessed Club I have become more hopeful and am very optimistic, cease to worry about anything, and fully trust in Providence, who cares for each of us, although we often err. I wish our Club every success." Great is he who puts his full trust in Providence.

Brother William Paxton, 1223 South Compton avenue, St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I am delighted with this work; it is good for the soul, the mind and the body; light for those in darkness to those whose eyes are partly opened. There are many steps in the eternal ladder to progress, but all will see, hear and understand some time, as we all exist in eternity; there will be time for everyone to get home to God." Blessed truth, brother. God is Love and Love wins all. Love is omnipotent and never fails. We are all of us eternal children of the one loving God. The sooner we realize this blessed truth the sooner we will reach eternal Peace, Joy and Bliss.

Sister Emma Istermann, Sandwich, Ill., writes in universal and eternal love: "This Club has been a great blessing to me, and what it is to me it can and will be to others. It is a great work. May God bless all."

Brother William Irwin, 830 Capp street, San Francisco, Cal., is very grateful for the blessings this Club has helped him to realize. He says: "I am much improved in mind and body since commencing this work. I pray for the Club's grand success, and will at all times exert myself to increase the circulation of the Magazine." Blessed are they who help to circulate spiritual literature.

Sister R. J. Higgins, Beaumont, Tex., writes: "I am greatly benefited, dear brothers and sisters. I feel almost made over; my life is on a higher scale now; all is light, love, joy, peace and happiness. Success and attraction are now mine. God bless The Mystic Success Club."

Life, like a fountain rich and free,
Springs from the presence of the Lord;
And in Thy Light our souls shall see
The blessings promised in Thy Word.

Brother Carl Rueggesser, Bernstadt, Ky., writes: "I am full of hope and courage now, thanks be to God and The Mystic Success Club. What a great and glorious organization this Club is, and how good is God when we awake and come to Him in the right way. I feel some Angels always around me. I wish to reach perfection in a high degree." And so you will, beloved brother, if you but look to God and the Angels for Light and guidance.

Sister Isabella F. Blossom, Salem, Mass., and many others who ask if they should tell anyone that they belong to this Club; Let the Spirit (your best judgment) direct you in this matter. It is best not to say anything about it to anyone until you get well along in the work and begin to receive blessings. Rely wholly on the Voice Within (God), and you will make no mistakes.

Sister Ida B. Clagett, Spokane, Wash., is making excellent progress. She writes: "Our Club has been of inestimable help to me; indeed, I hardly see how I could have gotten through the last few months without it."

Sister E. L. Millard, Box 876, Denver, Col., writes: "Oh, it is with joy and love to overflowing I address you, my beloved brothers. I cannot find words to express the joy of my soul for all the blessings I have received. I know I am led and governed by the Spirit. Praise God for the knowledge of His Life in me. My sleep is so sweet, refreshing and restful. I feel so thankful and grateful that I am doing all I can to get new subscribers for 'our' Magazine. May God bless you in your work." Blessed is that soul who tries to help any publication or work that is trying to spread the truth of universal and eternal Love (God).

Sister Mary J. Elwood, Waterloo, Ia., writes: "It is indeed with a grateful heart that I address this grand and glorious band of workers. God speed you on in the blessed work; I am with you, spirit, soul and body, to do what my hands find to do. I can truly say I have received great peace and love in this work. I have been made to rejoice in knowing that God is with me to heal and bless. I realize a new vigor filling my whole being; I know I have been greatly blessed in this work. God bless you all!"

Brother Martin J. Gallagher, 155 Franklin street, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "I sincerely thank you and the brothers for the great benefits I have received from The Mystic Success Club. I now have more faith and confidence and more control over myself. My power to do is getting stronger, and The world is getting brighter and more beautiful." God bless you, beloved brother, you are awakening to a new and eternal blessedness.

Sister Margaret Duffes, Nampa, Idaho, writes: "I cannot tell you how much I am benefited by our blessed Club. Truly yours is a blessed work. You help one change night into day and make everything appear bright and lovely. I humbly ask an interest in your prayers. May God bless your work." Beloved, we will gladly pray for you, and ask our brothers and sisters to do the same. It is more blessed to pray for others than for ourselves. Some of the Holy Mystics are continually praying for others.

Brother G. Dixon Avery, Los Angeles, Cal., writes: "The way I have been led by the Unseen is marvelous. I am glad that I am in this blessed Brotherhood. The great idea of Unity expressed in it has been a powerful stimulus to me."

Sister Bloomfield Harter, 1603 Van Ness avenue, San Francisco, Cal., is an earnest and fervent member. She writes: "I am greatly benefited and I am improving all the time. I have been very sick for a year, but I am now able to be about and know that I have been greatly helped by the unseen forces. I have great faith in your work, and I am so glad to have heard of this great Club."

Sister Katie Clarke, 1055 Barclay street, Vancouver, B. C., is very strong in psychic powers. She writes: "I am more than pleased and delighted with this mystical work. I thank God most fervently that I am a member of the Club."

Brother G. J. Harris, McMinnville, Tenn., writes: "Wonderful, indeed, are the lessons and thoughts you blessed Mystics give us. I have never had anything in all my life that has brought about such a grand change in my whole being. Language fails me in expressing the blessings this Club has wrought in my life. May God bless us all, all the adepts, and every member of The Mystic Success Club. I ask members to pray for me and mine." Come, beloved brothers and sisters, let us all pray for our aspiring brother.

Sister Izetta B. Sears, 13 Isabella street, Suite 2, Boston, Mass., sends the following inspiring letter: "Dear Brothers—I have finished the Fourth Degree. I found help in all the degrees. I know that if we live each day the best, the highest there is in our soul we will benefit humanity, also our own organism. I know I have gained more power by blending with this Great Mystic Brotherhood; may you do a great work for the advancement and unfoldment of all humanity, no matter what condition they may be in. We can do much with good thoughts, then the great eternal force of action will do the rest. May this Mystic Success Club grow so that all mankind may feel its influence; also may my Brothers, the founders, grow so strong in spirit and power that this Club may do a mighty work. There is great power in Love, Truth and Justice." Blessed are they who always love the All and desire the well-being of all souls.

Sister Lucretia Isaacs, Bengal, I. T., writes a long letter full of universal love, praise and gratitude. She says, in part: "I am now conquering everything adverse. I have been helped so many ways; good fortune comes to me on every hand, and I am informed in my dreams by the unseen powers that they are working for my good. I pray that the Divine Power may be with you always and help you carry on your good work until every family has this blessed work in their home. I shall do all in my power to spread the good work. Oh, what blessings I receive every day; it helps me to go through any and everything I undertake. I ask the prayers of all our members. Now my health is better than it has been for years. I am 53, and many friends say, 'Oh, you look so much better.' I say to them I must give thanks to The Mystic Success Club for leading me to the Light and New Life. God is now so good to me. I see His grand works everywhere, and all I can say is, praise God for such a beautiful world." Beloved, this world is exactly as we make it—a heaven or a hell. The Mystic Way is the Divine Way and brings order and beauty out of chaos. Believe in the Lord if thou wouldst see beauty and order.

Christ Picture

Wonderful Painting of Henry Hammond Ahl Amazes Scientists

AN unfinished and unexplained miracle picture of the Christ by Henry Hammond Ahl, of Springfield, Mass., is attracting wide attention. The painting puzzles scientific men and fills laymen with amazement, says the Washington correspondent of the Springfield (Mass.) Union. It is entitled "In the Shadow of the Cross," and its history is as interesting as the strange, startling phenomenon it produces.

After studying in the art centres of the Old World, Mr. Ahl returned to America and established his studio in Springfield, Mass., where, for some time, he painted principally portraits and landscapes. On the advice of some friends he turned his attention to religious subjects, and among others began a full-length figure of the Christ. He did not succeed in attaining his ideal, and the unfinished canvas stood a source of trouble and vexation to him.

Among the visitors to his studio was a well-known lecturer on Biblical characters, who became intensely interested in this picture and tried to make the artist understand the appearance of Christ as revealed to him in a vivid dream. In vain the artist sought the ideal and had about given up when the vision came to him. He immediately painted a wonderful countenance of Christ.

Anxious to know what the lecturer would say, Mr. Ahl sent for him. On entering the studio the lecturer exclaimed: "Now you have painted Christ as I saw Him."

Not long afterward, having to go to his studio at night, Mr. Ahl was astounded to discover that his picture could be distinctly seen in the dark, and that Christ appeared to be walking in pale moonlight, while above and behind could be seen a cross. His first impression was that the moon was shining through an open window upon the picture, and that the cross was a shadow. Then he remembered that there was no moon that night. Not a ray of light entered the studio, yet the picture shone with a soft, luminous light. He had not thought of a cross in connection with his picture, but the cross was there, plainly visible in the painting's own light. He could not account for the phenomenon. The paints he had used were only well-known pigments. So profoundly impressed was he that he did not finish the picture, and it remains unfinished to this day.

The painting was purchased by a Washington physician and taken to this city, where it was shown to many scientific men, who acknowledged their inability to explain it. It is on public view now, and has been made the theme of many sermons. One minister said: "This picture is the most wonderful thing I have seen, either marvelous, miraculous or accidental, and will do more to attract attention to the character of Christ than any occurrence of modern times."

In ordinary light the picture shows a life-sized, standing figure of the Saviour, clad in the homely garb of the Galilean, one hand across His breast, the other hanging by His side. In the dark, the figure appears as if walking in moonlight. It seems actually to move. The face, the garment, the hands, stand out with wonderful distinctness. Back of this apparently living Christ is a sharply defined cross.

The picture is shown in a room from which every ray of light is excluded by heavy, black hangings. Upon entering there is absolutely nothing to be seen. The lecturer announces that owing to the brightness of the outdoor light it may be five minutes before the picture can be seen; but at the end of that time the eye will grow accustomed to the darkness, light will appear, and by keeping the eye fixed upon it the picture in all its detail will appear. True to word, the phenomenon takes place.

There is no fake about it; there can be no fake. The electric lights are turned on. The picture is examined minutely by the mystified onlookers. It is swung around. Hands are run over the back and the frame, in a vain effort to find the secret.

Mr. Ahl would like to know the secret; the owner of the painting would like to know it. If paint can be mixed to shine luminously for years, there is a fortune in store for the artist. But Mr. Ahl has not since been able to produce the combination which has made his great painting, "In the Shadow of the Cross," famous.

But the most marvelous feature of the painting has yet to be told. C. H. Claudy, a former resident of Springfield, and now managing editor of the American Inventor, interested in the painting from a scientific viewpoint, has succeeded in photographing it by its own light. He gave the camera an exposure of thirty-six hours, and when the plate was developed there appeared an exact reproduction of the painting as it is seen in daylight, the cross being absent.—*Light of Truth.*

When Spiritualism Began

Luther Marsh Says in Middletown Church that It Was when Christ Spoke beside His Tomb

IN a recent address by Luther Marsh in Christ Church, Universalist, Middletown, N. Y., his subject was "Some Thoughts of Jesus, the Christ." In the evening address he made the following references to Spiritualism:

"The word Christ syllabled in the garden, heard only by the bewildered women who had weepingly sought His sepulchre, was 'Mary.' Vibrant with the effluence of heaven, it touched her inner sense, and revealed the Saviour in humble garb. That first name uttered by the risen Lord bore more significance than all the trumpet voices that rang that day among the seven mounts of queenly Rome. That little word 'Mary' was charged with the potency of deity and lives forever.

"It proved life to be unending. It proved the resurrection from the tomb. It brought immortality to light. No word ever spoken ever meant so much. That single word uprolled the veil that hung obscuring heaven from mortal gaze, revealed the continuity of human life, demonstrated that the dead live. That auspicious moment, disclosing the revelation from heaven, witnessed the birth of modern Spiritualism, the capacity of the dead, so-called, to reappear and talk to mortal man.

"Could I be permitted before such an audience to detail the evidence vouchsafed to me from spiritual sources of intelligence, and could these proofs be accepted by you as they are by me, I could paint the standard of truth upon an adamant mountain as unshakable as the globe itself. But as yet, though not for long I hope, the veil must be drawn before it."

101 Years

THE 101st birthday of "Aunt Salome" Sellers, of Deer Isle, Maine, was observed the other day by the M. W. B. Society, of which she is a member. Mrs. Sellers was the recipient of numerous handsome tokens of remembrance from her friends. She enjoys good health, and heartily entered into the joys of the occasion, and during the day plied her knitting needles with agility quite equal to some of the younger members of the society. Mrs. Sellers retains her faculties to a remarkable degree and bids fair to see several birthdays yet, and every one who has met the kind old lady most fervently hopes she will.

In this wonderful psychic age the soul is holding the body for many years. The Adepts connected with this Magazine say to all souls: Hold your body as long as possible; live as purely and highly as possible and pass out to the Angel World at a "ripe" age.

He Celebrates His 111th Christmas

JAMES J. CAVANAUGH, of Watertown, Mass., has celebrated his 111th Christmas. He was born on December 25, 1790.

He retires each evening at about six, and sleeps and eats well, which probably accounts for his good health.

Ripe age is desirable. It is good for the soul to hold the body as long as possible here on the Earth Plane. The more soul powers we have the longer we hold the body, and the healthier and happier we are, and the better prepared for entering the Angel World. Health, a long and useful life here, free from disease, depends entirely upon Spiritual development and growth. This Magazine, through its Adepts, in a certain way, shows man how to live.

A finished life, a life which has made the best of all the materials granted to it, and through which, be its web dark or bright, its pattern cleared or clouded, can now be traced the hand of the great Designer—surely that is worth living for.—*Miss Mulock.*

When we reach oneness with God, the past, the present and future are known. No one separated (in mind) from God has the power to know and realize the truth of religion. As a matter of truth, no being can be separated from the omnipresent God; it is only in our mental attitude that we are apart from the Eternal Father on whose bosom all dwell.

How can we be Christ-like if we are carnivorous? Carnivorous people are more or less carnal-minded and cannot be highly spiritualized until they give up their carnivorous habits.

Man's power is in knowledge. When we know we live. Knowledge is more life, more health, more power, more prosperity, more progress. The universal religion—the Higher Religion—pleads with men to know and not believe.

Life is one continuous delight to the fully awakened soul—the soul that has come into oneness with God.

Power of Positive Thought

By Victor Illuminer

KING SOLOMON, in Proverbs vi, 9 to 11, says: "How long wilt thou sleep, oh, sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelth, and thy want as an armed man."

Supplant the word "sluggard" by the word "negative," and note how true is the teaching given. The negative man ever desires rest, preferring to lean upon the support furnished by another than to depend upon his exertions or efforts, and it is this very desire to lean and depend upon others that causes him to reap or garner poverty and distress. The word "sluggard" can possibly have no other meaning than negativeness or slow vibratory rate, and such qualities are never the controllers of congenial and desirable conditions.

Just draw in mind an image of a negative and positive man, studying the characteristics and natural results of the thought and labor of each. The negative man will accept and endure conditions under which his spirit chafes and rebels, knowing that he possesses the innate qualities to manifest better and higher ones; but because his talents are not thoroughly appreciated, he will accept what others offer him, even though he continually bemoans his lot; but the positive man does not wait for appreciation from others, neither does he meekly submit to opinions and conditions furnished by his contemporary observers. Instead of bemoaning unpropitious and uncongenial conditions, he openly combats them, demanding forcibly, thus potently, the manifestations of better and more congenial ones. He demands the full value of his talents, while the negative man hopes for and waits for the same.

A negative man rests; a positive man works continually. How easy it is to be seen that he who rests becomes enervated and impotent, owing to his lack of exercise; while he who continually works is like the athlete. Exercise and motion develop power, agility and physical vigor; while the strongest physical organism cannot resist the enervation that must be the natural result of inaction.

The man who waits in idleness for the appreciation of his talents and accomplishments will surely find poverty, distress and dire want ever abiding guests in his home or habitation. Surely will they present the appearance of an "armed man," for the reason they are a veritable manifestation of force.

Poverty and want are strong forces, but remember, like every other force, they are destined and compelled to operate upon lesser powers than themselves. The weakest force never yet controlled the most positive, so man can feel assured that whatever conditions surround him are more forcible than his creative and resistant powers.

The positive man, though perhaps of very little actual value, by effort and persistent determination, forces a recognition of the worth he estimates his own powers or ability. The man who says, "I will have appreciation," even though he has little personal merit, will generate so strong a magnetism that he will actually psychologize others to credit him with powers he never really possessed.

Think negative thoughts and your surroundings will be negative; think confident, hopeful, cheerful thoughts and congenial environments will manifest. If you doubt, you will not garner the harvest of the subject of this lesson. Your doubts will make you negative, and negativeness will attract want and poverty just as the subject declares. Appreciate yourself and others will appreciate you. Doubt yourself and others will doubt you.

[The above excellent article from the Philosophical Journal, headed with a Proverb from King Solomon, suggests that we urge our readers to thoroughly and carefully read all of the Proverbs. The sayings of this wise man are helpful to all aspiring souls. Indeed, the Proverbs suggest positive thought. There was nothing negative or colorless about the Great King Solomon.—EDITOR.]

God dwells in the great movements of the world, in the great ideas which act in the human race. Find Him there in the interests of man. Find Him by sharing in those interests, by helping all who are striving for truth, for education, for progress, for liberty all over the world.—*Stopford A. Brooke.*

The more soulful a man is the more his restraining power; or, the less active he is in sensual desires and pleasures. "The weaker the man the less he has of restraint."

Progress is steady and unrelenting.

The carnal-minded see the world in much disorder; the freed soul, or one who is at-one with God, clearly sees orderly and intelligent progression everywhere and in everything; he knows the evolutionary plan of God, and does not doubt nor question God's omnipotence, omniscience or omnipresence by complaining of these "degenerate times."

The clear-thinker builds strong character.

Character always means great success.

THOUGHT HELD BY THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD

Thought to be held at 12 M.

Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.—Psalm xxxvii, 3.

Thought to be held at 9 P. M.

And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and thy praise.—Psalm xxxv, 3.

BELOVED, though you may not be of those who fret, take this text for the month of noons that lies before you, and see how much the admonition will help you to help others if you need not the help yourself. There are so many round about us to whom the calm, trustful, cheery word would be a comfort in their striving, that we need to be overflowing with the language of joy and happiness. "Fret not" means, Be not concerned or troubled over what cannot be helped. True, there may be much that you would change were you to order the lives of others, yet the one supreme truth which underlies all existence is to be found in the words of our great poet, Shakespeare:

"There is a Divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them as we will."

In our human short-sightedness we cannot see life as a whole; we only see the imperfect part or parts. The working of evil, in so far as it affects this life, may be truly disastrous. Yet, as it affects life as a whole, must be but the out-wrought picture of misdirected force and selfish will. Through evil comes experience, and experience begets wisdom. Shall we say evil is good, and thus put away our fears concerning it? No. Relatively speaking, it is not good, and never can be; but it is the good in process of evolution. Knowledge only is the cure. We may do our best to bring knowledge through precept, example, prayer and love, yet having done all, we must not fret if the knowledge be not gained. The erring one will finally learn through experience and the activity of his own self-will.

The case, then, lies with God, not with us. Meditate, dear Brothers, upon this truth, and you will find it growing daily more easy to follow the text. This very state of trust is a state of calmness and implies an attitude of peace toward all environments and conditions. One cannot fret if he cultivates the state of abiding trust. The method of cultivation lies in daily meditations. It may be that you will often find need for the speaking of the words before noon or any time during the day. If you will speak them carefully, slowly, they will always help you, for they will quell that disturbance and unrest which comes from the continuous looking upon evil.

Two things cannot occupy the same space at the same time. The picture of evil and the picture of good cannot hold sway over the mind at the same moment. If you cannot expel the undesirable picture, at least give your attention to something else, and you will find that the image of evil will gradually lose its power to disturb.

You will be all the better prepared for the calm living during the day, when you make it a point to retire at night with the evening text upon your lips and in your heart.

We have said many times before, dear Brothers, that one of the great essentials is to clear the mind and fill it with beautiful thoughts before retiring. You who have been practicing faithfully these many months have no doubt proven the law; but for those just beginning to read our Magazine and study the Brotherhood Page, we must say again, it is most important, if you would live the spiritual life, to fill the mind with right and beautiful thoughts before going to sleep. Not only does this prepare you for a restful, refreshing slumber, but opens the mind for instruction and spiritual strength during the passivity of sleep. To direct the attention to ideas pertaining to the higher life, is to invite and receive such ideas. We can make no better preparation for a day of active, righteous living, than by having the refreshed, praiseful consciousness. The suggestion given by the text, "My tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise," fills and enriches the mind, enlarges and warms the heart, so that in the morning you will awake with joy, and see all things as in the light of His Presence.

We dwell much upon the kind of words which are held in your mind, both day and night, because it is your words which make your conditions, your character and your life beautiful or ugly, good or evil. Each word has its value; each word plays its part in the destiny of life. Can we, then, afford to be careless, indifferent, ignoring the condition that is making our lives wretched or happy as the case may be?

The teachings of this Brotherhood are based upon the law given by the Master: "By thy words thou shalt be justified; by thy words thou shalt be condemned." And again, "If my words abide in you, ye may ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Thus it is through the living that we come to the knowing. These texts are to be lived in order that you may know their truth, and he who knows is one whose foundation is sure, and he cannot be moved because he has gained his knowledge through experience.

Carefully, earnestly, study these things, until they are no longer as a shadow before your eyes or as a mere sound in your ears. You are verily on the path of light when your thoughts and actions accord with the words of life and truth.

Trust your children, your family, your neighbors, to the care and guidance of the Father, and fret not over everything they may say or do, in the calmness of the faith that believes all things possible; in the joy of continuous praise, leave each and all to the perfect working of the divine law.

Yours in holy love,
Mystic No. 7.

Man becomes great, and a blessing to mankind, as he himself becomes pure and good.

God is always with us, and is one of us. Our troubles, woes and miseries come because we do not keep quiet enough, pure enough, to permit the Spirit to guide and direct us. There never is a time when God does not live in us.

The best gift one man can bestow upon another is love. All men hunger for love. He who loves is rich and bestows riches. "Not a day passes when the opportunity does not come to every one of us to do something that will make life a little brighter, a little sweeter for somebody." It is the Christ Way to go through life here in a cheerful, hopeful and optimistic way. Pessimism is the sure sign of a lack of love for God and man, a lack of faith in God and man, and darkens, blights and withers all it touches. So, our best gifts to God, to man, to the world, are our hopeful smiles, our words of cheer and comfort and encouragement. Blessed is he who never murmurs or complains, whines or pines, for he is a blessing to himself and the All.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

"Thou camest forth from Me, and now thou must return to Me again!"

When man gets his revelations from *within*, he also gets them from *without*; he is one with the God within his soul and with the blessed angels without.—*Frank Harrison.*

Wherever there is a manifestation of Being, there is God.—*A. Z.*

Behold, the star of Truth is risen, and the truly wise men of earth go forth to welcome it.

Both the kingdom of Heaven and Hell is within thee, and is nowhere else.

Man's health, peace and happiness depends entirely upon how much soul he has—in what he may have within himself. It is the life from within that is blessed, which is only another way of saying that it is character that counts. With pure and high thoughts we have a pure and high character, and with real character man has health, strength and force and power to do and achieve.

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Universal Intelligence

By Leander Edmund Whipple, in *Metaphysical Magazine*

AMONG the varied faculties of the human mind, as observed in the continued existence of the living ego, there is one that is marvelous in its powers and interesting in the detail of its activities, yet much neglected by some who occupy positions well advanced in the educational channels of modern civilization. This faculty is Intelligence—the power to understand principles. It is a spiritual reality, the substance of consciousness, and in proportionate degree is common to all that lives.

In the apparent seriousness of this workaday life of external action, little seems to be involved beyond the direct power of the five senses; consequently suggestions of forces transcending their plane are readily dismissed without sufficient examination for the recognition of deeper principles which may possibly be involved. This oversight results from the inability of unaided sense-action to perceive directly that which in its nature is finer than itself.

The combined power of the five external senses does not adequately describe the living man, even in his physical existence. The proof of the statement is found in that "something" which marks the difference between the animal and the human—a difference freely admitted by even the most superficial thinker. This same difference is superconsciously recognized and clearly proved by the individual himself whenever he solves a mathematical problem, no matter how simple the process or how self-evident the conclusion.

The merest tyro in thought activity—even he who openly and aggressively denies any potency for action in life beyond the recognized powers of his animal senses—knows that he can readily solve a problem in simple arithmetic which even the most intelligent animal is unable to do; yet the animal possesses all the direct sense faculties enjoyed by him, sometimes even more acutely than any man. It is equally certain that one possessing more knowledge, and with the faculties of intelligence in a higher state of development, will just as readily solve the most intricate problem in Euclid—intelligently comprehending in the minutest details its every principle, while recognizing its application and use in the economy of human life.

Now, with which of his five senses did this cynic proceed to analyze the mathematical principles involved, and thus to solve the problem in simple arithmetic? How did he reach the solution even of the first step in this process, which before he could write its numeral on the board, must have been evolved within himself? Did he see that conclusion with the physical eye, or hear the harmony of its action through exercise of the auditory nerve? Did he smell or taste the finer activities of intelligent thought, and thus discover the relation existing between numbers? Did any nerve organism touch the principle existing in mathematics itself, and thus disclose to him that perfect harmony which unites every mathematical fact with every other fact in the universe and demonstrates the perfect, united action of the whole?

No; none of the phases of activity involved in the comprehension of any principle is possible to the external senses. The most cursory glance at the subject shows that no one of the senses, nor any combination of their powers, plays any part whatever in the solution of either the most simple or the most complex problem in mathematical science. Yet both are solved intelligently, and with comprehensive understanding. Recognition of the perfectly united action of all mathematical facts alone renders the solution of a mathematical problem possible to any individual intelligence.

This eternal fact being recognized, the inevitable conclusion is that the intelligent human being possesses other faculties than the five senses. It goes without saying that these must be finer and more powerful in action, because they deal successfully with problems and with phases of activity that lie infinitely beyond the unaided reach of external sense. It is also observed that the less there is developed of this "something," which ever remains outside of external sense action, the nearer the man comes to the animal plane, where it is quite commonly agreed that he exercises but a lower order of intelligence.

In the scramble for position on the external plane of existence, which for several centuries has so closely occupied attention here in the West, this most important faculty, so plainly marking the difference between man and the animal, has received only secondary consideration in very many phases of life where it rightly deserves first place.

Intelligence, or the power to comprehend the principles involved in the activities of the universe, is the fundamental substance of every faculty—animal, human, or divine. To ignore it in any phase of existence is to withhold one's self from the greater part of the power contained in the faculty, function or sense involved. To withdraw entirely from its activity would be to cease to live on any

plane. Nothing lives without intelligence; and nothing whatever exists in any phase of life except through the exercise, more or less perfectly, of some kind or degree of this most important faculty.

Each species demonstrates its own specific kind of intelligent action, varying in degree with individuals of the species. The nearer the approach to the ultimate of the power common to that species the more perfect is that individual considered. This rule holds good equally with the mineral as with man. Each obeys that law which expresses the principle of its own phase of active life, and each possesses the power to recognize only that which is involved in its own mode of existence.

In this generation there seems to have begun a great awakening of this faculty, and we find almost daily evidence of a growing recognition of a side of life beyond the pale of the external senses. Some forty years ago there began in the United States a revival of the thought, so common in all Eastern philosophy, of a metaphysical (or intelligence) side of each subject involved in human existence. At first there seemed but little fruitful soil. But this was so principally because the fallow soil was not quite ready for the advanced order of seed. The first and easiest direct hold upon the attention of the public was made through the application of thought along metaphysical lines which produced a healing effect—first on physical ailments, later extending to other phases of those tribulations so common to all who have been educated to pin their faith principally on materiality and objects of sense.

A few independent souls who had escaped the withering flames of dogmatic scholasticism turned the light of introspective thought upon themselves, and were astonished at the revelations of power thereby gained. Principles of action, hitherto unrecognized, at once became apparent. Examination shows that these principles are universal, existing inherently in the nature of every individual and applying to every phase and condition of life; in fact, that there is intelligence involved in every activity. This being the case, there must be an "intelligence" side to every vital subject—a side from which the subject may be intelligently understood.

The few whose attention was first brought to this stupendous truth (new to them and in the main to Western thinkers, yet old and well understood by the philosophers of all times) found the subject all-absorbing, and an element of silent thought in appreciation of the importance of the principles rapidly developed, unconsciously spreading in all directions. The potency for good contained in this high state of mental activity could not then be estimated.

The principles at that time so clearly observed by a mere handful of humanity, being adhered to, were passed along to others, who, recognizing the truth, swelled the voice of the glad song; as drop added to drop creates the rill, and rill to rill produces the brook, which dancing along and joining its brother creates the stream, while stream within stream whirling away in each other's arms through the merry waltz of water-life plunge into the great river, which goes galloping away to the billowy sea, there in ceaseless action to cleanse and reconstruct the shores of every land—so thought added to thought has produced realization of new truths of a saving and regenerating character, and realization to realization has developed waves of feeling with regard to the inner and purer facts of existence, creating a mighty tide of recognition of fundamental principles which is sweeping around the world, and is already felt in nearly every civilized clime.

In our own land this tide is both seen and felt on all sides as a subtle but powerful undercurrent of changing opinion. The preacher at work in his study develops a train of thought which but a few years ago would have almost paralyzed his conscience; but now it appeals to him with a certain beauty that he cannot resist, and he weaves it into the fabric of his sermon. The medical *savant* in his lecture or essay expresses almost the height of the healing power that inevitably accompanies the reception of the truth with regard to man's life on the higher plane. The magazines of the day seem to vie with each other in bringing out just those thoughts about life, education and development of the various faculties of the human mind which but a few years ago not a prominent periodical of the world would dare to print. Even in the heretofore fixed and almost immovable schools of education there springs into life the spirit of advancement, and new, even startling, innovations are being proposed by the strongest minds on our educational boards and among the faculties of our universities.

This progress is the direct outcome of the combined thought of first a few, then hundreds, and later thousands, who have come to recognize the eternal reality of the higher—the unity—side of life, and have put their newly acquired under-

standing into practice in *thinking the active principles* for all mankind. Such combination of minds for a united purpose contains the potentiality of a mighty force. Because of the reality on which it is founded, it is absolutely irresistible. As an influence it becomes possible through the action of thought-transference, now clearly proved and thoroughly established by science as a fact in the universe, and invested with the scientific name "Telepathy." By the natural proceeding forth of thought from active mind-centres—spreading and being received only again to be sent forward on its beneficent errand—all of this development of understanding becomes possible. Without the essence as well as the faculty of intelligence none of this could be possible.

What is the nature of this active reality of all life—Intelligence? Is it material? Has it objective existence—form, shape, density? Is it limited in power, in application, in extent, or confined to certain localities? Is it incased in material surroundings?

If material, either in essence or element, its shape and proportion must be finally resolved into the form, size, and characteristics of the atom; because matter is capable of infinite reduction; through contraction, becoming more dense, inelastic, opaque, occupying less space, approaching nearer and nearer to the dimension of the point, that which is devoid of magnitude—nothingness.

The spiritual faculty of intelligence, however, answers to none of these descriptions of limitation. The activities of intelligence never display any problem of reduction; they perpetually demonstrate expansion; they never narrow down to travel in a fixed direction, but perpetually expand, as does the illumination of the light centre, in perfect equality in all directions at once, from the centre of the spiritual consciousness of Being. This precludes the possibility of limitation either in power or extent, and eliminates the notion of special location or limited endowment. Human intelligence is the illumination in the soul of man of the radiant countenance of Conscious Being—the activity of spiritual Reality. It shines forth from that centre in perfect equality, as shines the light on each and for all, causing even the blackest spot to glisten and the darkest crevice to gleam with responsive action. The most sullen and opaque surface seems to absorb and to bury out of sight all of its active power; but the purest and clearest mirror receives only to send forth again, in vivid reflective action, each ray in multiple power of brilliancy. Yet the light shines no more thoroughly and with no greater consideration upon the one than the other. So with Intelligence. It is universal, and its enjoyment becomes merely a matter of appropriation and use by the individual.

This glorious faculty, with its grandest of powers, is not parceled out, under various forms of limitation, to different personalities, each to own and exercise his own limitation of the element; but it is given with the full freedom and the most liberal generosity to every one who will break down the seeming barriers and throw open the shutters of superstition and bigotry, opening his soul to the effulgence of the divine whole of active life, under which act of freedom he cannot but reflect and reenact the pure, harmonious light and intelligence of his own being, inherited from the Divine Reality of the Father.

The notion of unequal distribution of intelligence with individuals or in localities is derived from the fact of unequal observation of men and of things. He who narrows his thought necessarily contracts his vision, finally reaching a focus at the point of self-consciousness. At whatever point he succeeds in fixing the gaze of his self-conscious eye, there he finds *no* intelligence, and obtains *no* light upon the subject of his would-be investigation. The light of intelligence does not accompany the self-centering effort—this being entirely contrary to its nature and a violation of every law of its being. Light can never be abstracted from its principle nor withdrawn from any point of direction in its natural progress.

On the physical plane light is but a reproduction of Intelligence, that purely spiritual faculty through which one recognizes the principles of reality. On either plane it shines only in the act of recognition. A partial recognition of the principle involved is accompanied by only a faint illumination of the subject; but a full and perfect realization brings instantaneously a flood of light illuminating the entire field and laying bare both root and branch of the subject.

We frequently hear—and perhaps think similarly ourselves—of the presence or absence of light at certain times, as day or night, and in certain places, as in the open air or in a closed vault; little thought is necessary, however, to enable us to perceive that where anything exercises the power of vision there must be light. Only *where no living being can see* may darkness be said to exist.

Under certain conditions of etheric vibration man fails to recognize objects which are present; he then asserts the presence of darkness and the absence of light; but in the same place and under the very conditions which preclude the possibility of his being able to see, other forms of external life—the mouse, the bat, and myriads of insects—see with perfect clearness. Can it be said that these

see in darkness? Impossible! Where anything sees, there it is light to that form of life; and as there can be no conception of a place, or a degree of darkness, in which no form of life can exercise the power of vision, so there can be no place, time, or condition in which there is total absence of light. This simile holds absolutely good with regard to Intelligence—an entity belonging to the spiritual universe, and an eternal faculty of the real thinking and knowing individual. Light is its counterpart and becomes its material representative. Shall we consider the original entity as less enduring or less universal than its objective expression?

The similarity of light to intelligence has always been recognized by both infidel and sage; the terms are entirely synonymous on either plane of action. One is the subjective entity, and the other its objective expression. Both have the seat of their activity in the consciousness of the observer. To still this consciousness were but to cause both to vanish. Without an observer there can be no light and no intelligence.

In the infinite activity of the universal reality all this, however, becomes mere idle speculation. Life is eternal, and exists everywhere through all time. Where life is, there consciousness also dwells; and inseparable from consciousness is intelligence, the light of understanding in which life exists through the conscious knowledge of its own being. The freedom of conscious life necessitates the absolute ubiquity of intelligence.

We are therefore forced to the conclusion that there is no spot in either the heavens or the earth where there is no light for any creature, and no darkened chamber, even within the most benighted soul, where the light of intelligence cannot gleam in the joy of conscious recognition.

Intelligence is universal light, and in its full recognition lies universal power.

My Creed

I do not believe in weakness,
But I do believe in strength;
I do not believe in sorrow,
I believe in joy at length.

I do not believe in trouble,
For trouble must pass away;
There is no eternal darkness,
But there is eternal day.

I do not believe in worrying,
Nor in sin, nor want, nor "fall,"
For I believe in the Father
Who knoweth and loveth all.

I believe in His happy sunshine,
In the abundant rain, in the dew;
I believe that the Love of the Father
Is caring for me, for you.—Aline North.

The life-giving spirit is with you, and is fashioning you in the very image and likeness of the infinite. You need not fear, the work will go on in spite of all you can do. There is no resistance to the creative power of thought, and we are creators ourselves; each of us by our daily and hourly thoughts is creating our externalities, environment and circumstances, all in fact that relates us to matter. We are all spirits, however, for matter is but the manifestation or externality of thought.

Human Century Plants

Men and Women Are Living in the Body Much Longer

It is nothing remarkable for men and women to pass out of the body, on to the higher life, in these days, at 100, 110, 115, 120 and 130 years.

In a while, as man becomes more angelic and less animalistic, he will hold the body in health, strength and beauty indefinitely.

The New York World, editorially, says: "According to the census statement of 1900, there were 33,762 persons in the United States over 90 years old, nine being set down as over 130 and 86 as over 120.

"The census also reports 4,000 centenarians in our population of 76,000,000, while human century plants are increasing steadily.

"The race in this country at least is constantly increasing in longevity and the same is probably true in most other countries.

"Those who cherish the theory that we shall yet have immortality in the flesh are not entirely without grounds for such an extraordinary belief."

It is significant that the doctrine of Reincarnation in all ages has been taught by great teachers and sages, and has stood, and that to-day it is estimated that two-thirds of all the people on this planet know and realize within their own consciousness that it is the truth; that the eternal spirit goes through all forms. Think of it! Two-thirds of all of God's children hold to this doctrine of Reincarnation. It is also significant that each succeeding day animal-forms become less in number and men-forms increase in number. There will be more human beings to-morrow than to-day, less animals to-morrow than to-day. Reincarnation, Involution and Evolution explain God's plan.—B. P.

EDUCATION DURING SLEEP

By DR. J. C. QUINN, Ph.D., LL.D., in *The Magnetic Leader*

It has been demonstrated that the child-mind can be trained, and the adult mind improved by well-directed suggestion during induced sleep—hypnosis—and during natural sleep. The mind of the child is very pliable, and therefore easily impressed; and parents have unlimited opportunity to give strength and direction to their offspring during the hours devoted to sleep.

Sleep is itself what we call a subjective condition, and but one barrier lies in the way of impressing suggestion during sleep—a physiological psychic condition—and that barrier is the sound of the voice, which may awake the child or adult, and this must not be done. This difficulty can be overcome very soon by talking in a firm, distinct undertone while the child is going to sleep. Having thus secured complete rapport with the little sleeper, the course of suggestion may then be given to the child to correct his bad habits or incompetency in any required direction. To illustrate my meaning, I give you an interesting case described by Lloyd Jones, of Milwaukee, Wis. He writes: "A friend of mine has done wonders with his little nephew, a boy of about nine years of age. In school the lad is a bright student, but inclined to too rapid reading, thus bringing down the percentage in reading in his report card very low. The uncle began his course of treatment by going to the bedside after the boy had passed into slumber, and with a gentle stroking of the head he soon had the boy familiar with his surroundings. Then in a low, clear voice he impressed by suitable suggestions upon the subjective mind of the boy that he could overcome the habit of rapid reading, and that he would soon take a special pride in reading slowly and distinctly; that he would not be nervous, and that he would soon find that he had overcome the habit of too fast reading. These talks to the boy during his sleep lasted a few weeks and his uncle was much pleased when he saw the next report of his nephew, in which the standing in reading was very good; in short, a great improvement over the last one."

Similar results can be obtained in other cases. It is an easy matter to make deep and lasting impressions for the better upon the minds of children when they are asleep. The course of instruction is not difficult to master and the results are most encouraging.

In the case of adults the process takes more time and much more patience, but it can be done successfully. The difficulty in the case of adults is to overcome their will power. Men do not like to admit that they are slaves to any habit. Take the case of a sufferer from the cigarette habit. He has been an inveterate smoker, but will not admit the fact that he is a slave to the habit. Such a case is hard to handle, but can, in time, be cured by giving him suitable suggestions during sleep. Sleep is or should be a passive condition, and the course for the operator to take is to deepen that sleep until all the muscles of the patient are relaxed; then to stroke the temples and forehead gently, at the same time giving suggestions of deeper sleep and mental and physical betterment.

Suggestions along the line of an improved nervous organism will cover numerous ills. These suggestions should be followed by suggestions of cheerfulness, and, to give tone to the whole experiment, leave your patient with suggestions of pleasant dreams.

The good effects of this treatment are sure to manifest themselves in due time. I would add further, that to support the work that is being done during sleep, aid the nocturnal suggestions by suggestions of cheerfulness and brightness during the day.

Encourage the patient during the day by telling him that he is looking much better than he has done for some time past.

In this way you strengthen his auto-suggestion and thus engage him unconsciously to become your co-worker in his own behalf.

Induced sleep and natural sleep are the same, with one important difference. In natural sleep the sleeper is *en rapport* with himself alone, while in induced sleep (hypnotism) the sleeper is *en rapport* with the operator.

Another fact must claim our attention: in natural sleep the patient is inattentive, while in hypnosis he is attentive.

Of course, exceptions are met in both cases, but these do not affect the general law.

During natural sleep, that suggestion may become operative, the sleeper must be rendered attentive. The operator must be sure, by word of mouth, that the sleeper takes and understands the suggestions. They can be easily tested.

Dr. Flower states that "after receiving a response from the sleeper, the operator should take hold of the hand nearest him on the bed and raise the arm of the sleeper, saying to him, 'Your arm will stay in the position in which I have now placed it. It will not feel tired. It will remain up.'

"If the arm remains as placed by the operator, the attention of the sleeper is fixed. Now he hears and heeds, and you can now give your suggestions with the assured prospect of success."

Why is it that suggestions given during sleep have a power they do not possess when the patient is awake? Because the "objective" mind is in abeyance, and therefore there is no opposition from auto-suggestion. Everything is in the operator's favor. He has the patient's attention, passivity and receptivity.

The success of suggestion depends on the depth of the impression made upon the mind of the sleeper. This is the very best method of treating bad habits, etc., in children. Disinclination to study in a child or youth can very soon be removed by a course of suggestion given during sleep.

This method of instruction during sleep for the correction of habits, etc., has received much attention in France. M. Pan St. Martin gives a case: "I treated," he says, "a child who was incorrigible, idle and backward. The parents refused to allow the use of hypnotism. I then tried suggestion during natural sleep. The treatment was very long, but I succeeded in curing the child. In addition to this, his intelligence has been developed; he takes an interest in his work and is now successful in his studies at school."

M. Paul Farez says, commenting upon the report of M. St. Martin: "Suggestion during natural sleep is a substitute for hypnotic suggestion, in cases where the latter cannot be used. . . . I have myself cured a child of enuresis by suggestion given during sleep."

Many more very interesting cases might be given, but these will suffice at present.

Freedom

AND what is Freedom? 'Tis to know
God's love encircles all below.
There's not a sparrow falls from air
But rests within His loving care.

No human woe, whate'er it be,
Can stay thy Father's hand from thee.
No seal of death upon thine eyes
Can veil from thee thy paradise.

No ills that bound thee to the past
Can thy freed spirit overcast.
All real love and fond caress
Will yet return thy soul to bless.

And joyous freedom waits us when
We link with God our fellow-men.
Their bright hereafter introspect,
The mark of their high calling set,

Beyond all bounds, on heights sublime,
Far-reaching o'er the hills of time;
Ah! this is Freedom's vital breath,
The song of victory over death.

As personality is permitted to dominate the truth, the spiritual is subordinated to the material, and quality is established. Personality is necessarily limited, and what is not included within the scope of its understanding will be ignored or denied.

COMMON speakers have only one set of ideas, and one set of words to clothe them in, and these are always ready at the mouth; so people come faster out of a church when it is almost empty, than when a crowd is at the door.—Swift.

THOSE who follow the banners of reason make a less dazzling show than the light troops composed by Imagination, but enjoy more safety, and even more honor, in the conflicts of human life.—Scott.

LET a man overcome anger by love, let him overcome evil by good, let him overcome the greedy by liberality, the liar by truth.—Buddha.

CUT off thy cares with thy clothes; so shall thy rest strengthen thy labor, and so thy labor sweeten thy rest.—Quarles.

Nature's Nerve System

A WONDERFUL sight is this fibrous warp in space. The active thought, pulsing and throbbing in rhythmic motion, produces wavelets, and the constant interaction of this thought service has the appearance of a sea of ether constantly oscillating.

Yet, in it each specific brain centre, and its action with and in the general system, is plainly marked. It was pointed out to me that the approach to brain centres resembled in sound the ticking of a watch or clock, while the impingement resembled the click of the telegraphic key. How plain it all seemed, this inducting and exchanging of specific and general intelligence, and, too, it is so constantly demonstrated that it seems strange that it has not been rightly seen and demonstrated long ago by man the student.

Truly, thought is the moving power of the world, as it ripples on in unison, in its dynamic pulsations. The effects of its implied purposes are realized. In thought all substance is represented, and all forces are active in its multiform manifestations. It was also shown that thought has its planes for action marked in accordance with grade and quality of substance made use of and forces active therein.

Selfish thought ever remains on the worldly levels. It cannot claim an abiding place on the spiritual planes; even though it makes occasional flights thither, it falls back to its proper level where the individual is marked to belong. This is so, until selfishness is by degrees outgrown and promotions upward are secured in accord with pure thought and conduct. Shrewd, selfish people who take advantage of less wary ones in traffic, and also create occasions for such transactions, may flourish for a time on those planes, but in the records made, as shown by this system, they are marked as violators of the rules of God's divinely established mail service, along with their other misconduct.

When a man or woman has malice in the heart and impure motives, which are all covered up with pleasant appearance and smooth talk as if they meant well, simply to gain points of interest, it is marked "trespass," and is a misuse of this grand thought system upon which thought is imported and exchanged.

Man punishes man for using the Government mail service for foul purposes, but God does not punish man for using His system thus. It is law that operates, and Nature's impartial ruling decrees and also enforces punishment for all offenses committed in her realms. Then, be it noted here, too, that this fibre or psychic system in space is often referred to as God's loom in which thought is woven.

This was at once clearly demonstrated. Everywhere this warp was stretched and it seemed organized forms served as appliances for the loom. The woof is produced by everything that breathes or has pulse. All contributions are carefully marked and the unique method of throwing the shuttles with their threads, by the action of breath, pulse and thought, is simply grand. Filled with admiration, I exclaimed: "Oh, how marvelously is this power loom constructed, and its weaving is conducted, by the breath and pulse of the Creator and that of every creature!"

Then the reverberating thought rose and fell as a melody chanted softly, sweetly, and I felt a harmony settling over me that made me rejoice in the wisdom and goodness of God.—Mrs. M. Klein, in the *Philosophical Journal*.

Blessed Be Thy Name

BLESSED by Thy name forever,
Thou of life the guard and giver;
Thou canst guard the creatures sleeping,
Heal the heart long broke with weeping.
God of stillness and of motion,
Of the desert and the ocean,
Of the mountain, rock and river,
Blessed be Thy name forever!

Thou who slumberest not, nor sleepest,
Blest are they Thou kindly keepest;
God of evening's parting ray,
Of midnight's gloom and dawning day,
That rises from the azure sea
Like breathings of eternity:
God of life! that fade shall never,
Blessed be Thy name forever!

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Who prays, does well;
For then the soul mounts heavenward,
Bearing its troubles to an unknown sea of rest
It feels is there, where every hope seems blest.
—The Waif.

Man descends to the common level of human imperfection when he sees so much of "bad" and "evil" in "these degenerate times"; his eyes are blinded by the false thought-picture of degeneracy and he fails to see the omnipresent God—infinite perfection—at work, making the world more beautiful and perfect each succeeding hour.

Cheerfulness

It emanates from its fortunate possessor like a vapor from water; it is absorbed by the atmosphere, then condensed to return again to its source in the form of a gentle dew or a fructifying rain, says C. De La Baere, in the *Philosophical Journal*.

Cheerfulness does not depend on honeyed words or artificial smiles, which oftentimes produce the opposite effect that they were intended to convey; neither is it a projecting effect like a hypnotic power, but as a sweet-scented flower it attracts silently and is the expression of clarity in thought and action and the fulfilment of—"Love endureth long and is kind."

In its highest form cheerfulness is of the soul and above physical considerations and social appearances; it radiates from the character which the individual has builded for himself and forms the unseen aura which impresses itself upon those who approach him; even under the pressure of personal troubles, it will help and uplift others. Who has not been comforted by the cheerfulness of some friend prostrated on a bed of suffering, or under crucial trials of long-lasting material difficulties?

Blessed are they who, through discrimination, have developed the power of right thinking, for thoughts are like messenger birds, which carry evil or good news to the recipients; thus the virtue of cheerfulness, emanating from a pure heart, brings heaven down to earth, and by its genial glow imparts its mellowing warmth to others, who, in their turn, reflect its limitless vibratory circle like rings around a pebble thrown into the water by a powerful hand.

Our New-Found Ancestor

THERE has lately been discovered in Africa a carnivorous plant, which devours living beings. This vegetable vampire is unlike its kin in the wilds of India, for that is a tree. The vampire vine is far more dangerous than anything ever before known in the form of vegetable man-killers.

Some reports say that it grows upon rocks, and lives without taking root. If this is true, it is of close kin to the animal kingdom. This vampire subsists upon blood, and will devour the flesh from the bones. It emits blood when its shoots are severed, and also emits a stifling odor or stench, that makes the human being lose consciousness rapidly. This curious plant-animal fastens itself around the limbs, arms and body of a person, then by means of exhausting the air from under its cup-shaped prehensiles, sucks the blood from its captive.

The carnivorous plant is not cursory, but has a fixed abode among rocks, where an ever-increasing heap of bones is to be found. This curious destroyer often entwines lions and larger game. Its branches still adhere to objects after being severed, and the flesh usually comes off when torn from the deadly squeeze.

The question is: Does the vine show intelligence in its mode of capturing its victims, and is it sustained by a nervous system? Are we its ascendants? Progress knows no descendants. Who can tell?—*Mental Advocate*.

Generosity Must Be Just

"MONSTROUS generosity" is just as foolish and "wicked" as monstrous stinginess, and equally as disastrous to the individual who practices it. Stinginess is centripetal, generosity is centrifugal. Only a balance of the two keeps intact the individual. Only the balance of exact justice is righteous. And the individual must first be just to himself. He may not look upon the apparent need of another, judge by that, and thoughtlessly rob himself to fill that other need, real or fancied. Each soul must keep his own balance and fill his own needs. If he does this, if he is just to himself, he will soon find his needs filled, and a sort of overflow of power and money and thought with which he can be generous without destroying the balance of himself. Each must find for himself this balance of forces. How? Just as he finds the balance, the poise of his body when he learns to walk. When he catches himself toppling one way he throws his weight in the opposite direction. Many times he goes over in spite of his efforts. But at last he finds justice, balance, equity, and maintains it. Be not drawn away from your centre by sympathy—sym-pathy—by getting into the same state with another. Be not sentimental. On the other hand, be not drawn in, through fear of poverty, toward the centre. Be free and balanced. Use your common sense.

To live for common ends is to be common.
The highest faith makes still the highest man;
For we grow like the things our souls believe,
And rise or sink as we aim high or low.
—F. L. Spaulding.

The love side of our natures, while it makes us kind, mild, gentle, just and courteous, is our strong side—is our positive side. All the great men and women who have made a deep and lasting impress on the world for its upliftment were full of love, kindness, mildness, gentleness, justice and courtly dignity. As man can love on the universal plane he is impressive and magnetic; personal magnetism is the expression of Love in its highest degree.

I'm Sure He's Gone to Heaven

He was just a good-for-nothing,
An encumbrance to the earth,
And there seemed no slightest semblance
Of a reason for his birth;
He was lazy, old and shabby,
And the work that he had done
In his life you might have crowded
In the time from sun to sun.

He would sit around and idle
When he knew at home the larder
Was empty—'twas the period
When he seemed to loaf the harder;
So his angry wife had left him
Many years before my song,
And the neighbors said they wondered
How she'd stuck it out so long.

He was lazy, old, and shabby,
And his friends were very few,
But he loved the children dearly,
And the children loved him, too;
And though he wouldn't labor
In the ordinary way,
For a little man or woman
He would slave the livelong day.

He could make a bow and arrow
That would shoot 'most out of sight,
And the sailing boats he fashioned
Were a wonder and delight;
And he told the finest stories,
While he whittled at his work,
Of gorillas, wolves and grizzlies,
And the wars against the Turk.

So when he died the children
Wept as if their hearts would break,
And I'm sure he's gone to heaven,
If it's only for their sake;
He was lazy, old and shabby,
And a ne'er-do-well, I know,
But the Judge above is lenient,
And he loved the children so!

—W. W. Whitelock.

The manliest attitude a man can take, whether he is still rejoicing in his youth or getting into years, is that attitude of awe and reverence which befits a man confronted by the facts of our habitual experience, that attitude of dedicated will which, for so much received, pledges the best that it can give.—John W. Chadwick.

The characteristic of the Christian victory is its inwardness; that it is not gained over the accidents which lie around us, but, first of all, over the substantial difficulties which lie within us, and, after these and through them, over all outward things.—Henry Wilder Foote.

There is no presumption involved in the claim to be "fellow-citizens with the saints." The moment I really begin to love God, and try to be like God, I am on their side, and can claim whatever help and inspiration they have to give.—Charles Beard.

Preaching and prayer are good for those who can attend upon them, but they will never by themselves convince the world. It is action and example, a life fully lived out, that has power over mankind.—William H. Freemantle.

Do not despise your situation: in it you must act, suffer and conquer. From every point on earth we are equally near to heaven and to the Infinite.—Amiel's Journal.

"Remember, your own soul must be illuminated before you can help others; the spring does not brim over with refreshing water that has not a hidden source."

Nobody changes from bad to better in a minute. It takes time for that—time and effort and a long struggle with evil habits and tempers.—Susan Coolidge.

The great majority of men who have passed forty are old or young according to their belief. Those who think themselves old are old; those who think themselves young are young.

Don't be selfish anywhere. Don't be selfish most of all in your religion. Let yourselves be free in your religion, and be utterly unselfish. Claim your freedom in service.—Phillips Brooks.

In shutting none out of your sympathy, in the willingness to help all and to be helped by all, we are here beginning, like children, to climb the foothills that lead us upward to immortality. We already breathe joyfully the air of the unseen kingdom.

Real religion begins in man when he begins to have a universal, loving reverence for the ALL—a pure and high love free from all compulsion and coercion; free from all traditional and conventional forms that bind and limit the mind.

The Mystic Healing Circle

LET US GIVE YOU HEALTH

"Your Body is the Garden, Your Soul is the Gardener, Your Birth-Right is Health."

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.

"LET THERE BE LIGHT"

Special Message

By Mystic No. 12

AFTER I had cast out the "beam" out of mine own eye, I was called to use this wonderful Mystic Healing power to "cast the mote out of" other eyes. Being a "stranger in a strange land" I determined to speak to the people through the daily paper. I started for the newspaper office. The door was open. Lying on the floor, on its back, was a little brown sparrow. I thought it was dead. I stooped and picked up the little bird. As I did so, I saw the little sparrow instantly quiver with life and it was gone. I inquired and was told it had flown out of the door. A few of its larger feathers I held, showing its sudden departure.

A Message had flashed through me. I was dazed. Two years from that time, when I met the Mystic who was my Teacher and related this experience, my understanding was enlightened and I was told the meaning of this healing Message. Then was given to me my healing Word.

And without the Word was not anything made that was made.

"And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."—*Gen. 1, 2, 3.*

Beloved, let us be led of the spirit.

"Thou preparest a table before me.—*Ps. xxiii, 5.*

"As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:

"So the Lord alone did lead him."—*Deut., xxiii, 11, 12.*

"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father,

"Fear ye not, therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows."—*Matt., x, 29, 31.*

My doctrine shall drop as the rain;

My speech shall distil as the dew,

As the small rain upon the tender herb,

And as the showers upon the grass:

Because I will publish the name of the Lord:

Ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

He is the Rock, his work is perfect.—

Deut., xxii, 2, 3, 4.

Jesus said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my father."—*St. John, xiv, 12.*

"The greatest work one can do for another is to help him to help himself."

A lady writes: "The greatest work one can do for another is to help him to help himself." "The greatest work," etc., over and over again it seems to repeat itself, an endless refrain.

Did you ever read a sentence which seemed to be charged with some subtle force, that caused it to eat into the very soul? So these words in the last issue of our Magazine have thrilled me with some strange influence until I have determined to seek your aid, not for myself, but "for another to help him to help himself."

Special Offer

THE above is the first part of my new message, "Let there be Light." All who send a written request for this printed message to Mystic No. 12, inclosing a SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE, will receive same without additional cost.

MYSTIC No. 12.

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.

Wishing Your Light May Never Grow Dim

Wishing to testify in regard to the benefit derived by me from your vibrations, 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. Yours, wishing your light may never grow dim.

B.

"The light of the body is the eye; if, therefore, thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." Let us see only good, only health, only life. God is Good and his eyes are too pure to behold iniquity.

A Wife Says:

I am happy to say that I can see I have realized decided results from your vibrations. Immediately began to feel hopeful and cheerful.

I have not had such severe pain at any time since. But the greatest change of all is that which is wrought in my husband. He seems quite pleasant now, and will converse with me and even consult me in business matters, which he has not done before for months. I will send you \$1 about the 15th inst., so there will be no break in the treatments.

"Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth."

Testimony of a Testimonial

MARY E. BARDEAU:
Dear Sister—I have just received your welcome letter. I

was so glad to hear that it is the truth we read in the Mystic Magazine.

Mrs. R. L.

Mrs. Bardeau, whose testimonial, "Whereas I Was Blind, Now I See—A Modern Miracle," was published in the September number, says: "I have so many letters of inquiry to answer—I never dreamed that there was so much sickness and sorrow in the world as has been revealed to me of late, asking me some of the queerest questions; and these letters are not all from ignorant persons, but people who will say: 'I know I am a Christian, but I don't believe that such things can be.' 'Do you think I can be healed by the Mystics if I don't believe in them?' etc."

All the readers of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES have read the wonderful story of Pompeii, and how the ashes that fell over that city are now being removed, revealing the secrets of those who lived many centuries ago. Just so I am telling you the truth—removing the dust of ages. Telling you the truth as Jesus told it to His Disciples. "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. Afterward He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after He was risen. And He said unto them: 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.'"—*Mark, xvi, 9, 14, 15, 17, 18.*

In a Different World

Dear Brother Mystic No. 12—Have had your health vibrations for two months, and I am very grateful to the Father through you for them. Spiritual laws of health, almost more than any others, change our attitude and help us to recognize our oneness to all life. Why is it that we only accept Christ's way when in desperation we are disappointed and have failed in all else? I am improving all of the time, and am growing into the Light daily. I am living now, when I have for many years only existed. I bless you, and hope to be the means of others being helped as I have been, for I am not only gaining my health, but am being wonderfully uplifted spiritually. I feel that I am in a different world. With the blessing of a grateful heart, I remain,

Yours sincerely, MAY B. WOODRUFF.

No. 325 Central Park West, New York City.

Entirely Well of Bladder Trouble

Dear Mystic No. 12—I enclose application for membership, and want to tell you that after I had written you about my bladder trouble that I am entirely well.

Your friend, M.

No Fatigue

Dear Brother Mystic No. 12—I feel your healing vibrations strong—am so much better in health, and have more life, hope and courage. I am doing my work without feeling the least fatigued. I am doing my best to live your teachings. I am so thankful to God for all blessings, and to you, dear Brother. Your helpful vibrations are wonderful.

With Christian love to all in truth, Mrs. C. D.

A Month Ago

Dear Mystic No. 12—A month ago my daughter wrote to you in my behalf. Since last December I have been subject to severe attacks of neuralgia, and at the time my daughter wrote you I had an attack which left me too weak to sit up in bed. At first I was too weak to read the printed letters you sent, but my daughter read them to me. I improved slowly, and now I am able to be about the house and do some light work. I read the letters you sent often. I have gained so much I think I can get along now. God bless you in your great work. Gratefully yours,

Mrs. E. F. P.

I am Happier and More Cheerful

Mystic No. 12—It is only a very short time since you commenced to surround me with healing vibrations, but I have already marked some change for the better in my condition. I am happier and more cheerful than I was before I wrote to you. After I received the yellow papers I have read THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES more regularly, and am getting more and more interested in it.

Yours with thankfulness, H. G.

"I Am Gaining All the Time"

Dear Brother Mystic No. 12—While taking treatment of you I found little time to write, but now I must tell you how much good you have done me in so short a time. I am every way stronger, my nerves are much better. I can stand now what I could not for years. I am gaining all the time. One friend, who had not seen me for months, told me "I looked more like myself than I had for years." God bless you and keep you for there are so many like me in the world.

Sincerely, Mrs. J. H.

New Life

Dear Mystic No. 12—I wish to thank you very much for the great benefit I received through your Mystic Healing Vibrations. When I first wrote you, I had choking spells; also weak and nervous spells. They have almost disappeared. I feel new life in me. I have not had such good sleep in the past six years. May God bless you and the Mystic Healing Circle.

Mrs. M. V.

"My Physical Conditions are Gradually Improving"

Mystic No. 12—Beloved: I enclose \$1.00 for another month's vibrations. I have never had such peace of mind; my nerves have never been in better condition, and the future never looked brighter to me than the present. My physical conditions are gradually improving. Yours faithfully, W.

I Am Just Learning to Live

Mystic No. 12—Two years ago, in a bookstore in Cincinnati, I found a copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and have read every number since then. Words simply cannot tell the change that has been wrought in my life since that time. I am just learning to live. I knew before that I was only existing, but did not know how to find life. Not knowing how to manage the emotional nature, I stifled it, and had reached a dead calm which nothing ruffled, because there was no life there. One year ago, feeling the need of some help outside of myself, I wrote to Mystic No. 12 for treatment. The strength and the feeling of courage and hope that came to me then were wonderful, and made it possible for me to take up and carry on work which had seemed beyond my strength and power to do. Now I feel that I am almost out of the wilderness. It is a matter of growth and cannot be accomplished in a day. But I want to say to all: Do not be discouraged, however hopeless your environments may seem, press steadily onward and you will win. The sun will arise for you, never again to set, and life will unfold before you as something transcendently beautiful. Read and absorb the Words of Truth found in THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and if you need a helping hand to give you a lift, you will find it in Mystic No. 12. This I know.

Cincinnati, O.

L. P.

A Grand Mystic, my Teacher, has said:

"Put your spirit, your responsible consciousness, on the throne and make your body its servant; then if you are curable it will begin to get well. So soon as the intelligence, the conscience, the emotional nature of a man can be made to act in obedience to and harmony with God's laws he will surely begin to climb the upward path toward health."

Clairvoyance—Clairaudience—Spiritual Sight and Hearing

THE TALK ABOUT LIFE

WHEN the question of communication between those in the seen and in the unseen through a medium is the question of such mediumship as that of Mrs. Minnie M. Soule, it is at once placed on a basis of intelligence, truth and dignity. The refined and beautiful personality of Mrs. Soule and her reverent attitude toward the spiritual life render her mediumship something very exceptional, very helpful and very uplifting. Mrs. Soule is a constant and earnest student of psychic problems, and her deeply religious nature contemplates them in the light of revelations of the divine order. She fully realizes that spiritual truths are spiritually discerned, and her aid and teaching are on a high and beautiful plane, says Lillian Whiting, in Practical Ideas.

There is, however, another means of communication with those who are in the life just beyond this—a means which will come to be, in time, universal, as much as is sight or hearing. Clairvoyance and clairaudience are the results of the development of spiritual sight and hearing, and the psychic faculties will be developed in the race as a part of the progress of humanity. We are already learning to recognize the psychic body—not as the body to be acquired by means of death, but as the real body, the substantial body of the present, which is clothed upon by the unsubstantial body, the physical one, which, as the physicists inform us, is in a perpetual state of change, and which, at last, is thrown off altogether. The new schools of medicine and hygiene address themselves more particularly to the psychic body in all aids to health and healing. Now the difference between a man whose psychic body is still clothed upon with the physical, and who is, thereby, an inhabitant of the physical world, and a man who has shed his physical body, and who is, thereby, an inhabitant of the ethereal world, is a difference that cannot affect his spiritual being, his real self. In shedding his physical body he does not thereby lose his memory, or his love, or any quality that has to do with affection and friendship. The only difference is in the mode of expression. The psychic voice is not, as a rule, audible to the physical ear, and so, as Elizabeth Stuart Phelps (Mrs. Herbert D. Ward) once very truly said: "Death is dumb because life is deaf."

My friend Kate Field once wrote to me through Mrs. Piper's hand:

"Lillian, you, and all of you in your world seem so stupid to us here. You are deaf and like blind mutes. We stand by you, and you do not see us; we speak to you and you do not hear us, and as you do not hear you do not, of course, reply, and so, practically, you are like people who are deaf, dumb and blind."

This outlines the situation exactly. The keen observation which characterized Miss Field in this world is equally in evidence in her present life. Our psychical faculties are not, as a rule, developed, and we thus fail to recognize the presence of unseen friends around us. This recognition is to come. But telepathy—the flashing of thought from mind to mind—is a spiritual law, and by means of it we all receive a vast amount of impression and suggestion from the unseen world, and anyone and everyone can train his mind to consciously recognize these messages in an increasingly clear and definite manner.

"Why is it necessary that I should go to a medium to get any word from my daughter?" said a gentleman to me the other day. "It is not necessary," I replied. "You can so train your own spiritual perception as to be able to communicate with her telepathically. You will learn to distinguish her message, to recognize the special suggestion that comes from her, and reply to her in the same way—thought flashing to thought."

To develop our own spiritual powers, by aspiration, by prayer, and by living the life of helpfulness, of sympathy, of love, is the privilege of all. It is he that doeth the will who shall know of the doctrine. Let us not lay too much stress on concentration, or this performance, or that, but, rather, on the quality of the daily life—on the degree to which we may realize in outward experience all possible ideal conceptions. "To the persevering mortal the blessed immortals are swift."

Astrology teaches us God's method of arbitration between man and man. When the people learn this method and conform to it, it would be impossible for any assassinations to occur, for the barn would be locked before the horse could be stolen, and the would-be thief would receive no injury. On the contrary, he would be thankful when his Dis-Ease had passed.

Affirmations

He that doeth the will of my Father, the same is my mother and sister and brother.—*Jesus*.

The idea that we call our own will make its own audience. It will grow by a taste of itself.—*Walt Whitman*.

The Magazine of Mysteries

HERE comes a paper from Lahore, India. It, too, has got into the vibrations of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. This is what the Harbinger says: "THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, published in New York City, United States of America, is one of the latest and most powerful of the recruits in the fields of occult and mental philosophies. The Western world, for the past few years, has made giant strides in this direction, and some marvelous changes for better conditions in the world's thought will be the outcome. We wish THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES every success."

To be a true Christian is to be honest, upright, honorable, industrious, persevering, patient, kind, gentle and tolerant.

No harmful influence will ever be able to affect you if you ignore all inharmonies and dwell in the harmonies; the affirmations of good and truth. If any inharmony presents itself to your mind, hold its opposite in thought; if any inharmonious feeling reaches you, think of the opposite feeling.

The Spirit of the Plague entered the gate. One waiting, asked, "How many wilt thou slay?" "A thousand," spake the Spirit, "is my quest." The Plague made end. The Spirit left the gate. The Watcher cried, "Ten thousand didst thou slay!" "Nay, one!" the Spirit said. "Fear killed the rest!" —*R. R. Bowker*.

For an impenetrable shield, stand inside yourself.—*Thoreau*.

Power to Do

LIFE is Power. I am Life. I am Power. Life and power are infinite. I desire to do anything that Truth and Love inspire me to do, and that I will love to do.

Duties are mine, and I have the Power to do them, and do them well.

No matter what it is that I feel to do, that I will love to do, and the Power is mine to do it.

There is nothing that I wish to do that I am not supplied with Power for doing, and that power I use wisely.

Power includes Health, Strength and Wisdom. I have the strength and the knowledge to enable me to do every duty well, to do all I desire, and to enjoy this doing.—*Now*.

Art is the beautiful way of doing things. All Art is the expression of sublime emotions; and there seems a strong necessity in every soul to impart the joy and inspiration it feels. Art is for the artist first, just as the work is for the worker—it is all a matter of self-development.—*Elbert Hubbard*.

My soul is girt with secreties, Like petals of a rose.

—*Anna Hempstead Branch*.

What is known as personal magnetism, in some individuals, is an instance of the tremendous power of mind. It is impossible not to be convinced by what such people say. There is a pleasure in even being in their presence, while it is a bore to be in the presence of another, although neither of them may not more than pass the formalities of an introduction.

There is no getting around the fact that the strongest suggestion wins every time; nor is it less true that auto or self-suggestion is far stronger than the most powerful that may be wielded by any hypnotist or suggester, let them be ever so strong-willed and powerful.

"We may reach what we pursue,
But still we keep pursuing.
We'll do the best we can do,
For soul-growth comes of doing."

Force is merely the rate per unit of length at which energy is transferred or transfused.

Matter is a greater mystery than mind. What such a thing as Spirit is apart from God and man I have never been able to conceive. Spirit seems to me to be the Reality of the world.—*Tennyson*.

Crowd all your life forces into to-day, that tomorrow may be brighter, fuller of life. Thus all great souls live—in the now.

When I have my being in Universal Love and Universal Life, and Universal Mind, who or what can harm me?

We manifest Universal Love when we live the Golden Rule.

Be silently positive to all external nature and negative to the inner or divine nature.—*The Blissful Prophet*.

Thoughts

It is only in a very restricted and local sense that mind is master of matter. It is still the slave, so long as matter can crush the body, blow it to atoms, burn it up, or drown it.

Immortality means the conquest of all that is known as material elements and things—"death is the last enemy to be destroyed."

The progressed spiritual race will have mastery over the elements. None will "hurt or destroy"; "the knowledge of the world shall cover the earth"; Man shall then fly and float in the air, walk on the water, pass through fire unscathed, and go down deep into the bowels of the earth, by the mere fiat of his Divine Will.

It is in the balancing of the internal and the external, the real and the ideal, the practical and the theoretical—the material and the spiritual—that the true issue of life is to be attained. There must be both internal and external. Theory needs practice to perfect it. Spirit finds scope for its activity in matter. To find out true relation with the ever-changing and inharmonious and conflicting movements in the web of life is our individualization.

It is a curious anomaly that the people who are most deeply hypnotized by the leaders in Church and State and society are afraid of hypnotism. Everyone who does not think for himself is under the hypnotic control of some one who thinks for him. And it is a more degrading slavery to give up the ownership of one's mind than of his body.

There is no Freedom until one becomes himself the Law.

You put all the habitual thoughts that you cultivate into all your daily labors, and these thoughts constitute the strength or weakness of all you do. Your love or your hate permeates the world through everything that emanates from your being. The contemplation of all that you have done in thought, feeling, action and motive constitutes all there is of you.—*Lucy A. Mallory*.

Suggestive Thoughts

SIMPLY saying all is good does not make it so. Always do the best you can, and you will be happy.

Be of good cheer; all things work around to good, finally.

Hatred is the term used to express or explain the kind of love.

Always work for the good, and you will have nothing to fear from the evil.

Perfection is never reached for all time to come; but every time has its perfection.

Let all you do be in a degree of Love, and you will surely come out at the right place.

Let nothing worry you, and you will have what is rightfully yours—peace and prosperity.

If all would take care of the now there would not be so much dissatisfaction in the world.

Everything has a time for its fullest development on a certain plane, and then it seems to retrograde—but it is only in seeming; it is only starting on another spiral of eternal progression.

Who wrote: "'Tis said the pitying angels smile at that which makes us weep"? A thought just the reverse of this comes to me the while my wearied eyes rest upon the shams of life. Surely the pitying angels weep at that which makes us smile.

There is only One Life in all the universe—the universe is Life; but there are endless expressions of that One Life, just as the life of man expresses itself in a variety of ways. Any hurt done to any form of life is done to ourself—the one life that comprises all.—*W. E. W., in Advance Thought*.

"Truth is within ourselves; it takes no rise From outward things, whate'er you may believe. There is an inmost centre in us all, Where Truth abides in fulness, . . . and to know

Rather consists in opening out a way Whence the imprisoned splendor may escape Than in effecting entry for a light Supposed to be without. Watch narrowly The demonstration of a truth, its birth, And you trace back the influence to its spring And source within us, where broods a radiance vast. To be elicited ray by ray, as chance shall favor." —*Browning*.

Prayer to the God within will always help man when all else fails.

We must give in our hearts the things we most desire. This is the law.

"WHATSOEVER MAKES OR HAS MADE FOR THE LOVE OF GOD AND MAN, IS RELIGIOUS, AND WHATSOEVER MAKES FOR THE CONTRARY IS NOT."

A man filled with universal love is a man of fine manners, and a man of fine manners is loved and served by the world as no other man is.

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.

NOW, and here, is the time and place for the children of God to walk with God and the Angels: to walk in love, righteousness and integrity is to be blessed.

Glory to the Eternal ALL-FATHER-MOTHER of the universe!

Let the whole earth with joy and goodness resound!—it is the festival time—it is the Christmas Season!

In this blessed season a Master came to earth to teach man the Way—to walk and talk with God here and now.

The blessed Jesus, as did the blessed Buddha before him, taught Love, universal love, Peace, universal peace, and the at-one-ment with God.

Now and here, say the Masters, in all ages, is the time and place to live in eternal and universal love: to live with God, and make the Earth a blessed abode of peace, Harmony and Melody.

Come, ye eternal children of an eternal loving ALL-FATHER-MOTHER, let us sing praises to God, the Son, the Holy Spirit, the Holy Angels, the blessed Archangels and the radiant Seraphim, that we may rejoice our souls and come nearer to God.

O ye blessed children of God, let us think only of Him and rejoice only in the Oneness of the All: it is thus we walk and talk with God: there is no other way.

O ye blessed children, now and here, is the time and place to rejoice in the Lord!

Precious in the sight of the great God are all men—Being.

Recognize and realize the blessed truth that God is the eternal loving ALL-FATHER-MOTHER to ALL, and thou hast come into that blessed state where you will walk and talk with God and the Angels here, now, and from everlasting to everlasting.

Blessed is he who knows: to love is to know and to know is to love.

The great God appeareth to those who love with eternal and universal love; the partial, the dualistic, or the carnal-minded cannot see God because they live in parts and not in the Whole: the great God dwelleth within thine own soul, and all souls and all things.

All the day from the beginningless past to the endless future shall the God-lovers have Peace, Joy and Bliss: now, here, there, or anywhere, the God-lover is in Peace, Joy and Bliss.

The Lord shall give the Word to them that Love Him and the ALL: the Angels can only approach those who love ALL the time, with ALL their soul, heart and mind.

To love is to be good; and to be guided by God and the Angels: "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way."

Unto Thee, great God, let us give all our love: and the best way to love Thee is to love ALL.

And always remember, beloved, God in His great love and wisdom has granted to each of us a holy angel for our guardian, and we ought ever to love, respect, revere and give our confidences to these blessed spirits who guard us:

"Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom His love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide."

These Holy Angels of Love and Light are our guardians, protectors, consolers and advisers: in a while they lead us to the Most High.

The Angels help us much to be born to an interior and spiritual life; they help increase our sanctity, our love of purity and righteousness and help spread about us the pure, clear White Light in which we clearly see the emptiness and vanity of worldly grandeur: the blessed Angels help us to love only things that are simple, eternal and universal.

The blessed Angels help us to give up carnal and

mortal mind and be vigorous in executing the orders of Divine Mind and Will.

The blessed Angels of Love and Light never tell man it is too late for him to come to the All-loving Father: at any time, any place. "He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when He shall hear it, He will answer thee."

Oh, how great is God's love and tender mercy! Come, beloved, let us call upon His Name.

"To God I cried when troubles rose,
He heard me and subdued my foes;
He did my rising fears control,
And strength diffused through all my soul."

God is our only sustainer: He will sustain us when we are weakest and all else fails if we will but call upon Him: "My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." And beloved, "The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him."

"O Thou, from whom all goodness flows,
I lift my heart to Thee:
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,
Dear Lord, remember me."

O Infinite Power, how little we call on Thee, when Thou art the only help in every woe, trouble or sorrow: O Infinite God! may we all call on Thee more and more, and now and here walk and talk with Thee and the blessed Angels.

O may the burning fire of Infinite Love melt our frozen hearts: may we become noble, generous, kind, simple loving children of the ALL-FATHER-MOTHER. "I grieve for what is passed (hatred, anger, lust, selfishness and unrighteousness), not because I fear, but because I love."

"Nothing has succeeded with me, because I never consulted Thee as I ought."

NO ONE CAN SUCCEED WITHOUT THE HELP AND GRACE OF GOD!

Woe, misery, sadness, loneliness, unrest and all attitudes of mind that make for dire failures come to that mind which does not love, seek and recognize the great God: woe to the mind or will that sets itself up as great or more than God: the mental mind is only a mere instrument or servant of the Divine Mind: we suffer much because we walk and talk with our mortal minds instead of with the blessed God and the Angels.

The mind can only help thee as it leads thee to God: only God can help thee: "The Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded."

Man as he relies on his own mind and his own will-power is more or less confounded and made ashamed of his acts: "Therefore have I set my face like a flint (before God), and I know I shall not be ashamed."

God is our only Comforter: "I, even I, am He that comforteth you."

In the blessed Vedas and the blessed Holy Bible will be found all truth if thou dost but seek it with the Spirit and not with the Mind.

Seek the blessed Truth, and live it here and now, and thou wilt walk with God and the Angels in eternal bliss here and now. "Great peace have they which love thy law," and greater peace and bliss have they who obey and live the Eternal Law.

Great is God! I will sing his praises forever and forever: He is the only Sustainer and Restorer. Praise His Name through all Eternity!

O Almighty God! all I ask Thee is to grant me grace to love Thee.—*Prayer of a Mystic.*

He who loves, prays, listens and obeys is far on the Path to the Blessed State here and now, where he will be forever free from all care, all worry, all woe, all pain and all misery. Love all Being and pray to the ever-present God within your own soul for Love, Light, Guidance and Direction, and then quietly listen to the voice within, and obey its commands. One of the special features in the teachings of The Mystic Success Club is to teach its members how to pray. Read about this great and blessed Club in another part of this issue of the Magazine.

Be strong and stand up and seek the God of Love. This is the highest strength. What power is higher than the power of purity? Serve the Lord and Him alone.—*Swami Vivekananda.*

O Great God! lead me only to the simple and true; help me to avoid the complex and involved theories and speculations of the mind and intellect. Let only the quiet simple Voice of my soul speak! Rather, calm my mind and give me wisdom to listen only to that sweet calm Voice within my own soul. O God! Thou art the only One who can lead me.—*Prayer of a Mystic.*

Judgment is executed each day. The one eternal Law will not wait a single moment to require penalties for its infraction. All is cause and effect, action and reaction. In sane or right action is immediate good results; so, also, in disorderly action is the immediate discord. Who dare say the foolish are successful or that the wise and righteous are not blessed? Who dare say the good are miserable? God never changes His one eternal blessed Law; from everlasting to everlasting God is changeless. Blessed is he who lives in love, at one with the eternal changeless Law of God!—*The Blissful Prophet.*

The love of God does not restrain nature; it gives it a higher and more powerful direction. Therefore in all history the great men and women who were a blessing to themselves and the world were invariably spiritual-minded men and women. No one can be great and powerful and forceful and purposeful and helpful until he recognizes and realizes that he must love God and look to God for his strength, his guidance and his wisdom. Now the highest love of God is when we can broaden and deepen our minds and expand our souls so that we love all Being, see God as the All in All.

No man can be supremely happy until he can give his love, his devotion and worship to the Supreme Being who reflects back this love. The vast majority of humanity have some sort of a conception of God, and to a more or less extent give their adoration and worship to that concept. Blessed is that man who can realize that God is Love and all-pervading—the All in All—in all humanity. Humanity is one vast organism, slowly but surely coming toward light, toward infinite perfection. "God is omnipresent; He is manifesting Himself in every being." So, peace, joy, strength and bliss come when we love, recognize and realize and adore and worship the one eternal Supreme Being, and it can come in no other way.

Here and Now is the place and time to be a great soul.

The mind of man becomes purified, sane and wise as it merges into oneness with the Divine Mind. Oneness with the Omniscient One relieves the mind of man from wear and tear in thinking, for if we know we do not have to think; as man reaches oneness with divinity his mind vibrates with the bliss of knowledge, and such a man is the greatest power in the universe.

When man thinks, speaks and writes from the soul he is a master for all time; from everlasting to everlasting, the soul has but one simple eternal and universal language that may be understood and comprehended by all peoples, in all ages. The most illiterate and the most intellectual will listen to and understand the message from a true and great soul—a simple, God-loving soul. And thus it is that the great and eternal God speaks eternal words of simple truth, through his soulful children, in all ages, to all peoples and all generations.—*Frank Harrison.*

COULDN'T FOOL HIM

Doctor Was Firm and Was Right

Many doctors forbid their patients to drink coffee but the patients still drink it on the sly and thus spoil all the doctor's efforts and keep themselves sick. Sometimes the doctor makes sure that the patient is not drinking coffee and there was a case of that kind in St. Paul where a business man said:

"After a very severe illness last winter, which almost caused my death, the doctor said Postum Food Coffee was the only thing that I could drink, and he just made me quit coffee and drink Postum. My illness was caused by indigestion from the use of tea and coffee.

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LIFE'S WASTED MOMENTS

"Waste not the smallest thing created, for grains of sand make mountains, and atomies infinity. Waste not the smallest time in imbecile infirmity, for well thou knowest that seconds form eternity."—*E. Knight.*

THE clock ticks, the heart beats—a second comes and goes, the seconds grow to moments and the moments to hours. How is this time, each precious golden moment, to be spent? Much of it, indeed, is nobly used, as the many great and praiseworthy works of this world bear witness, but what of the wasted moments? There are so many in one single day in one single life, that to think what a quantity of that most precious of all things, time, must be left to idly drift away unused, makes one fairly dizzy.

If all the wasted moments of an ordinary life were gathered and used for some great good, one grand ideal that is to be adhered to through life with unflinching fidelity and determination that must by the force within it overcome all obstacles, failures and disappointments, there would be more sublime history and more high and noble lives lived; not all, perhaps, known to fame, but none the less noble in their own special sphere. Life at the longest is too short to contain one wasted moment. Not that there should be incessant labor of mind and body, for both need and demand a certain period of rest. But this rest should be such a perfect relaxation and giving way, in appreciation of its priceless value, that the entire system will be so refreshed and strengthened that to work is a pleasure, and what is done with enjoyment is not unlikely to be done well.

But there is no time for idle dreaming in this busy world, with its great throng of crowding, hustling humanity, every soul of whom carries in their heart of hearts some cherished ideal of what life might bring, and of what to some degree it could bring if properly cultivated. Every thought should be a clear and well-defined look ahead, no vain longings and retrospections, but thoughts that take up the duty lying ever nearest, plain though it may be, and by devoting to it unselfish, thorough care and patience, unravel at last the tangle of perplexities with which it is surrounded, and give perhaps to the world some glorious work that shall reflect its halo throughout all the centuries. Such has oft been the result of a single thought, and there has never yet been a deed so grand and glorious that it may not, in that untold wonder-book, the future, be surpassed. There is no end to progress, and in that very progression there is the satisfaction of a pleasant, happy consciousness that makes life worth living day by day, if nothing in fame's album has been inscribed.

When the moments seem unavoidably to be thrown away, put them to use of some kind, before, perhaps, unthought of. If a cherished plan has failed to materialize, think philosophically that it must be for the best, and *make* it for the best. If a train is missed or delayed, utilize the spare moments in studies from nature's school to be seen everywhere—the people, representing books of unfathomed knowledge, educations of lifetimes, and here and there a genius, some one on whom a precious, mysterious something has been bestowed, which, if rightly used, makes the pathway to fame in some direction more certain, easier, perhaps, though to be a genius is but to be a master-workman. But no two people are alike, and from all, the proudest to the humblest, we may find much to learn. Something hardly noticeable to the careless observer, a chance remark, or perchance but a facial expression, may set us thinking, and in some degree influence our after-lives. It is needless to say influence for good, for they who are ever stretching their hands in longing toward the highest lights of life have no time for retrogression, and from their own standpoints judge their fellow-beings, searching ever for the virtues and ignoring the faults. From one we may take a lesson in patience, that gentle, soothing virtue that makes many a plain life beautiful; from another sympathy, that unconscious power that more than any other trait seems to make a person lovable. To see the world for the time being with the eyes of another, to feel as though your own their joys and sorrows; this, indeed, cannot be learned too perfectly; the hopeful heart that listens never to discouragement, that shining star crowning all trials and disappointments—each and every life where dwells a human soul, though they themselves know

The great soul glories in the great movements of all men, nations, the world, the universe.

Didst thou know thine inherent wealth thou wouldst never murmur nor complain.—*A. Z.*

it not, can impart to others something that is beautiful. And over all the skies, by day so beautiful with the ever-changing colors that it would make a painter's name forever could he half transfer it to his canvas; and at night the scintillation of lights innumerable 'midst the quiet and rest of the inanimate world that no fairyland could rival.

In the flowers of the garden, of the field and wood, there is the beauty which for ages artists have striven to express on canvas, poets in song. There is a perfection in the flower, in its construction, its season of life, which is a noble example of what the human life should be. Nature wastes no time. The snow may still cover the ground when the brave little crocus creeps gently out. The hyacinth and the tulip, and soon the May flowers, violets and innumerable others in their wake. And after summer, with its perfume that shall be a memory forever, has given place to autumn, and the leaves have turned to gold and crimson and faded from sight, who can point to a wasted life amongst all these wonders? There is a sense of fullness and satisfaction that nature has been so generous, that so much has been accomplished in so short a time. And it is a thought for sadness that the beautiful human life cannot also show a harvest when autumn draws near, of that perfection which comes of cultivating every moment, in taking it for granted that the moments must be improved and life lived aright whenever lived at all.

Does the violet exhale less sweet a perfume for the poor than for the rich? Does the queenly rose disdain to grace the cottage of the poor invalid who might never see a flower except for someone's kind ministrations? Why, then, does the queenly woman with scorn regard poverty and think contemptuously oftentimes that if her talent is not to be appreciated according to her own peculiar ideas, it may as well be left unused?—the fluent talker who saves his flowery language for those said by the world to be best able to appreciate it, when on some poor lives which he carelessly overlooks it might confer unspeakable joy, to catch a glimpse, to hear a few stray chords of the sweetest music of life? Surely all should do their best conscientiously and carefully, for the sake of what they are doing, and not with thoughts of the appreciation it may or may not receive, thinking only of attaining that perfection that considers not the environment, but only the goal to be striven for, the beacon-light ahead reflecting its radiance throughout the life of the worker. And many a time the fragrance of a life so lived has lifted to even the highest plane discouraged souls, turning them back from their dark, blind gropings for light and wisdom, just as the dainty flower has filled with nobler and better aspirations many a broken heart, and the sweet notes of a bird have awakened from lethargy and set in motion neglected, slumbering talents. The approbation of the world at large, though surely in a way to be desired, is not everything; there is above all things the consciousness of a right course of action.

But, some would remark, the flower deserves no credit for living its life of undisputed perfection. It is ordered by a Higher Power that such should be. It has no care or worry for the small things of life. True, but how much more opportunity for expansion and cultivation is given to the human being than the flower. In comparison, it is as though a teacher gave an easy lesson to help a pupil with a harder one, to make the latter seem easier. The flower brightens and enriches this life and suggests the unfathomed possibilities that lie in the reach of man. And, as the flower brightens and sweetens all lives it comes in contact with, so do noble human lives encourage and uplift others. Nothing can be done too well, no time spent in culture and the effort to uplift the soul's plane of mental vision can be classed as wasted. Rather, it is increased and multiplied with the interest of refinement of observation in its most minute particulars, and is rapidly lifting the worker far up into the light for which he strives. Take not long looks ahead and plan inestimable greatness to be some time achieved, but rather take life day by day, hour by hour, and moment by moment; and with eyes and souls gazing steadily upward, let the spring-time flowers be sweet and loving, the summer nobly beautiful with its luxuriant fragrance, and the crowning golden autumn, when life's journey is nearly over, be rich in the love of humanity, the wealth of time used aright, and talents grown to glories that have brought their own reward.—*Alice C. Caldwell.*

This is the day when advanced psychologists are making a careful psychological analysis of all teachings, past and present.

There are no unattainable ideals.

The Choir Half-Visible

By Alice S. Woolley

My father told it to me like this: "For many months I had been my mother's constant attendant during her illness. I was worn out with the continued watching and went to my room, leaving father and a brother to care for her that night, but about three o'clock I was called. I quickly dressed and stepped out on the porch to get more thoroughly aroused from my heavy sleep. My attention was instantly attracted to a bright light in the sky, which seemed to be a reflection of a fire in the town of S—, two miles away. I became alarmed, for my business interests were there. As I looked the luminous appearance moved and came toward me. The moon had set two hours before, and I was puzzled. I stood as if riveted to the spot, as to my ears came a soft melody of the sweetest sounds in blended harmony. The cloud of brightness slowly sailed through the air, and almost rested over our neighbor's home on the next farm, and the plaintive melody increased to an immense volume of music. Nothing I had ever heard approached it in purity of tones and swelling cadences, dying away to rise on the next light breeze. Seemingly pausing just long enough to announce its approach, it floated nearer, and soon it was all about me. Over the house, in the yard, as far as I could see, half invisible, shining forms moved rhythmically, and the words of a magnificent anthem were almost audible. Soothing, comforting tones brought to me assurance of Peace and Rest; then Home must have been the theme, followed by such alluringly sweet echoes of 'Come, come, come,' that I was charmed into ecstasy. Ah! soon they began to drift up, up into the starry heavens, half chanting a loving benediction. I felt drawn toward the shimmering, almost visible choir, but could not move. I gazed into the night sky until sight and sound could no longer distinguish them, when I went quietly to my mother's room, and found her spirit had just triumphantly taken its departure from the suffering body. And I told them: 'God's angels are conveying her Home.'"

Christmas Eve

Sing to me, Star of the Evening,
Shining with radiant light;
Your notes will ring, though you voiceless sing
To my listening heart to-night.

Sing to me, unseen Angels,
Louder and clearer sing;
For my wondering heart hears only a part
Of the message you surely bring.

Then the Star sent down from Heaven
A glorious hymn of praise
To the Master of all, the Father of all,
The Ruler of Nights and Days.

And louder the unseen Angels
Sang of His only Son;
Of Christ, who was born on that wonderful morn,
When the Darkness of Night was done.

And clear and ever clearer
Their message came to me,
For the star-notes rang, and the Angels sang,
And my soul was glad and free.

Sing it, O Star of the Evening,
Tell it, O Angels of Light;
For just as of old, by angels foretold,
He was born in my heart that night.

I know of two brothers who worked a number of years in a factory for the same wages. One saved his money, and has a comfortable home, with three thousand dollars. The other spent all in drinking, gambling and other pleasures, and is penniless. He admits that he would be as well off as his brother if he had taken care of his money. And yet he is a socialist and says his brother ought to divide with him. There are lots of good philanthropists on all sides who encourage him in his unreasonable demand, and use the name of Jesus or some other equivalent of Celestial Love in their impracticable demands.

Our life-impulse is not in outward things, but *within*, in our minds and hearts, the Self. The inherent power of the Self is omnipotent, because it is eternal God within the eternal soul, our very self. Both spiritual and temporal benefits are obtained by the power of the universal Self in the individual self, which practically are one, as they never exist apart—are merged and blended together in the eternal One. We are in paradise whenever or wherever we realize this *oneness*. So there are always men *here and now*, in a physical body, who are omniscient, omnipotent, and in psychic-mental vision (clairvoyance) and hearing (clairaudience) are omnipresent. In a gross body or an etheric body, on this planet, any planet, or any etheric sphere, they are practically omnipresent. Such are Masters or Adepts. So, to the extent that a man is spiritual, to that extent is he powerful—God-like—masterful.—*The Blissful Prophet.*



By Frank Harrison

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers.—1 PER., iii, 12.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness.—Psa. cxii, 4.

"His soul, well fixed upon the Lord,
Draws heavenly courage from His Word:
Amidst the darkness light shall rise,
To cheer his heart and bless his eyes."

THERE is a perfect escape from all woe, misery, pain and sorrow. All the so-called bonds of "evil" and darkness may be broken.

GLAD TIDINGS!
Permanent Peace, Joy, Bliss and Happiness here and now is not an idle dream.

Disease, Poverty or any adverse Condition or Circumstance, can be put on one side, never to return.

Come, beloved, why not have a permanent Peace, Joy and Prosperity free from all fear?

Why be bound? Come, beloved child of God, break the chains, once and for all time, that bind you.

In all ages, omniscient men, holy men who were at-one with the Omniscient One, have taught but one thing, and that is, that there can be no Peace, Joy, Force, Power or Purpose in any man or woman who is not righteous through the love of the great God.

The lack of right action, caused by a lack of love of God and the ALL—a lack of Light—is what causes all the woe, misery, disease, pain, poverty and drudgery in this world.

No man down in his heart of hearts can deny this statement of Truth.

The righteous man who lives in perfect love, justice and right action toward all is the Christ-man who is both a blessing and a benediction to himself, to All, to the world, and to the Universe.

"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

No man may expect Peace, Bliss and Freedom until he lives the pure, simple, righteous life—the life taught by our blessed Master, Jesus.

The good and the wise and powerful and forceful men and women of the world, without one exception, have always been illuminated souls who shined with the celestial radiance of righteousness.

They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.—DAN., xii, 3.

"Bright as the firmament above
The truly wise shall shine,
Reflecting beams of truth and love
From Christ, their Sun divine."

If we all loved God with a fervent love we would all be righteous, and what a beautiful world this world would then be! There will always be more or less darkness where men do no love, and do not live in right action toward each and all.

Love and Live in the Christ Way, is the only Way to make life here and now Peaceful, Joyous, Blissful and truly Successful.

Wisdom and abiding happiness and peace can only be secured in One Way—the Righteous Way.

No man can ever weave life with a master hand until he is righteous through perfect love for God and the All.

The fervent God-lover is always a righteous man, and he always walks and talks with God and the Angels, and his every act is ordered by the Most High.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way.—Psa., xxxvii, 23.

No man can ever have any true delight in life until he walks continuously in the Path of Right Action to each and all, through love—not through fear.

There can be no righteousness through fear of God; righteousness can only come through eternal and universal love—love for all.

The love of God is the only fountain of life, the only central principle of right action.

Love Him, ye saints, and ye shall then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you His service your delight,
Your wants shall be His care.

Divine Law is eternal and universal and demands by its mighty power of Love, perfect Love and perfect right action from each being in the universe; until one becomes righteous through pure and perfect love he or she must suffer.

Each spirit attracts its own; as we learn to love ALL, we begin to attract ALL; a universal lover is the greatest magnet in the world to attract the All Good; all forces, seen or unseen, serve the universal lover because he or she is a righteous child of God, and under the Eternal Law attracts only that which is its own—only that which is needed for perfect life here, now or anywhere.

Lord Buddha said: "All that we are is the result of what we have thought; it is founded on our thoughts; it is made up of our thoughts."

But the great Master, Lord Jesus, the Christ, gave us a simple teaching of love, which, if we follow, we do not need to think much; as a man approaches oneness with Omniscience One he does not have to think so much.

Oh, how the blessed love of all saves wear and tear on our minds!

How easy and simple it is to reach the Kingdom through simple Love and not through complex and involved mental gymnastics!

Who can think himself into the Kingdom?

NOT ONE!

The simplest child of God can love itself into the Kingdom, quickly and easily.

"Ye shall seek Me and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all thy heart."

So, beloved spirits—eternal children of God, the One All-Loving Father—who read these words, remember that the mortal or carnal mind is led by strange and complex ways, when there is but one simple and easy Way to all Peace, all Joy, all Bliss, all Happiness—LOVE, AND OBEY THROUGH LOVE.

And then, beloved:

"THE LORD SHALL PRESERVE THY GOING OUT AND THY COMING IN, FROM THIS TIME FORTH, AND EVEN FOR EVERMORE."

Blessed is he who is righteous through pure Love and not through Fear.

It is easy to bear all the trials of life when we love God and put our whole love, faith and trust in Him. Indeed, when we do this all our trials are transmuted into blessings. The Mystic Success Club shows its members the Ancient and simple Mystic Way to overcome all troubles and transmute them into golden blessings. Read about this blessed Club in another part of this issue of the Magazine.

The Soul's Awakening

By Elizabeth M. Campbell

Oh! give me a ray of hope,
A promise of something divine,
That shall cheer my heart in the hours
When darkness and light entwine;
My soul is sick with the shadows
That encompass me round about,
And I cry with a feeling of anguish—
Let a beacon light stream out!

Let it shine in the darksome places
And gild my path o'er as with gold,
Till my weary feet shall grow lighter,
Till its radiance my soul shall enfold;
Till I step from the shadows around me,
While they speed from my path away,
And I stand once more at the flowing tide,
In the light of a new-born day.

Oh, soul! the burden of the cry
Floats only through the mist of years,
And the yearnings of the spirit
Are baptized in a sea of tears;
And a sea of golden glory
Reflecting the moontide light,
Springs from the darkness around thee,
Dispelling the clouds with its might.

An angel voice falls low and sweet;
So near indeed doth it seem,
A hand outstretched might touch the hem
Of the garment's silken sheen;
And ears that were closed to things divine
And eyes that would not see,
Have broken the chains of bondage,
And the captive soul is free.

It pierces the veil that lies between
That mystic land of flowers,
For love and truth discern afar,
In the soul's awakening hours;
It reaches out to the world of thought,
Spanned o'er by a mighty band,
And the sighs and fears of years ago
Roll back from the shadow-land.

And the soul, no longer uncertain,
Comes forth from the gloom and mist,
A host of immortals surrounding,
Whose path by the light has been kissed.
No more shall it grope in sadness,
In the valley of dark despair,
For an angel hand recorded,
Its advent from doubt and fear.

BOTH FEEL

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The brighter be their dreams!

But shouldst thou, traveling the deep,
The silent angel see
That puts the little ones to sleep,
Bright star, remember me.

We must live a pure life before God. Every secret sin will be uncovered, if cloaked over with a profession. We cannot hide our sins from God, whose eyes see all things. He knoweth our thoughts afar off, and all things are naked and open to Him with whom we have to do.

We are saved by hope.—*Romans viii, 24.*

What is that we call *sacrifice* to make others happy? Love, nothing but love.

Live at-one with God and you cease to struggle and battle with what the world calls adverse conditions, as you then know how, what, when and where to do. The countless blessed gifts and fruits of the spiritual man can never be fully described. Consider, as one blessing, the wonderful gift of clear-seeing and clear-hearing (clairvoyance and clairaudience), where you see and hear mighty angels! This alone is of more value than all the material wealth, honor and fame of the world. Crookes, the eminent scientist, a few years ago said he would gladly part with all of his scientific knowledge for the gift of clairvoyance, as he had seen it manifested and demonstrated in a number of instances by spiritual men and women. The fruits of the Spirit are rich, great, many, and endless.

When we live in the senses alone, for pleasure alone, we have no fixed nor well defined purpose in life, and are at the mercies of every ill-wind that blows, and encounter failure after failure, much disease, much worry, much sorrow, and usually kill the body at an early age.

What is grander than that mind daring to think, unawed by public opinion and old traditions?

That man who knows of never-ending life, that he is an eternal spirit, needs no lessons on temperance, purity and peace. If all our reformers would concentrate all their forces on one simple truth, the power of the God within man to redeem him, and would sing only glad songs of Love and Progress and Evolution, and no gloomy dirges of degeneration, what a blessed heaven this world would be!—*Frank Harrison.*

Attack an "evil" and try to suppress it and legislate it out of existence, if you would see it continue for a long time and even prosper under the fires of attack.

Let us all try to kindle new fires of aspiration in our natures; let us be all aflame and aglow with love for the truth and progress.

In attachment to this or that thing or person is misery; in non-attachment and universal love for the ALL is supreme and eternal bliss. As a matter of truth, the non-attached soul is kinder, gentler, more loving and more just to each and all than he or she who is much attached to this or that place, thing or person.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

He who opens up waste countries to agriculture, opens mines, builds railroads, operates great steamship lines, and is a giant in commerce, is a great soul and a blessing to the Whole, notwithstanding sentimental pessimism to the contrary.—*A Universal Lover.*

Ruysbroeck truly describes the soul as a mirror receiving the rays of eternal splendor of the Deity, without modes or phases, and independent of any operation of reason.—*Occult Truths.*

One of the signs of our spiritual growth is our loss of appetite for flesh-meats, stimulants and narcotics. With spiritual unfoldment, these abnormal appetites *naturally* and *safely* and *permanently* cease without any effort. The great adepts—not alleged adepts—say never suppress any appetite or desire by will power or auto-hypnosis. It is wise for a teacher or writer to point out in a calm, sane and holy way *causes* and *effects*, but a great soul has nothing to do with "don't" or "thou shalt not." Love for God—real, fervent love—adjusts everything; it eventually cures all our ills and solves all our problems.

Look Within

TEMPORARY aid alone can come from without. Anything of a permanent character must be sought by getting into a closer relationship with the forces of the inner. This is especially true with regard to the restoration of health and strength to body and mind. The more a person expects aid from another the longer will he remain a weakling. The only true aid which another can give me is this: he can so inspire and bring new hope that will urge me forward to do the needed work for myself.

So beware of miraculous healing and everything thereto, except the subject is so far developed as to be able to keep the divine forces which have suddenly been given back to him. But with the procession of this divine will-power sufficient to hold the life when it is again restored, I question if such a person would ever be in need of aid from another, but would independently get back to the state of a sound mind and body.

There are few people who are able to see the great importance of healthy development of inner will-power, and even those who do realize the importance of it fail to go wisely about the plan for the attainment thereof. Many occult students have an idea that sacrifices, discipline, fasting, in fact living under the ban of sack-cloth and ashes, as it were, is all potent in the warfare against the flesh and its temptations; but this is far from the true method, as those who have tried the plan may attest. The true growth comes from patience under the mean little daily trials and the correct acceptance and application of these to the end of raising the body and mind into communication with the soul.—*C. H. Mackay.*

Reforms

It is good and wise to urge and plead with men, in love, *universal love*, to live in the Spirit; and unwise, very unwise, to try to threaten or force them into the new and higher way of living. Each man has his own way of reaching God, and our way may not be his way. It does no harm, and often much good, to mildly, gently, and in a sane and dignified way, tell him of the joy and bliss we have experienced in the realization of oneness. A great soul is kind, loving, gentle and brotherly, and in no way coercive, and is never in undue haste to reform any one or any thing. The great God has a perfect plan, called by men evolution, that is forming, reforming, changing, arranging and rearranging everything. The good and wise man is a *knowing* man, and a knowing man is cool, calm, serene and deliberate, and neither rips nor roars at the perfect order of things and events.

Blessedness

BLESSED is he that expects much, hopes much, aspires much, and has an insatiable hunger and thirst for knowledge.

Blessed is he that knows that the so-called "incomprehensible" is comprehensible.

Blessed is he that thinks and reasons for himself—from within his *self*—and will have none of blind and vague beliefs, illusions and "dreams in the air."

Blessed is he who has an open mind, a broad mind and a deep mind, and is filled with love, tolerance and charity.

Blessed is he who knows that the law of eternal life is service—willing and cheerful service.

Blessed is he who knows that he punishes himself and that God is above all such petty and puerile acts as punishing or rewarding His children; that the All-Father has established an eternal, changeless, beneficent law for *all*, and as we know and live in and under the law we are blessed; that all in the evolutionary process come in a while to live with the law.

The freed soul stands out in glorious splendor, untrammled by either good or bad, and that soul is omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient. All illusions and delusions have forever vanished, and "the free soul will command—not pray or beg, but command—then whatever It desires will be immediately fulfilled; whatever It *wants* It will be able to do." It will only desire to help *all* other souls, so great and mighty is its love. And how does It help ALL? By thundering with tremendous power the one eternal truth *all is one*; that *all* souls reach one eternal Father—sooner or later awake to find they were never apart from God. A freed soul is the greatest power in the whole world for awakening and uplifting other souls—opening the minds of other souls. Many such freed souls are now silently working all over this planet, hence the new and brighter day.

What does a great soul care about men's labels?—whether they are Christians, Jews, Brahmins, Mohammedans, Pagans, Infidels, Atheists, or Agnostics; it is enough for him to know they are his brothers and eternal spirits, all children of the All-Father-Mother, *all* on the one eternal Path that leads to one goal, infinite perfection, eternal peace and bliss, and eternal glory.

Shelley, 1792-1822

SHELLEY, the prophet-poet, was in sympathetic relation with the lower animals, and was a rational and eloquent advocate of non-flesh-eating habits.

In Hogg's life of Shelley we read: "As his love of intellectual pursuits was vehement, and the vigor of his genius almost celestial, so were the purity and sanctity of his life most conspicuous. I have had the happiness to associate with some of the best specimens of gentleness, but (my candor and preference be pardoned) I can affirm that Shelley was almost the only example I have yet found that was never wanting, even in the most minute particular, of the infinite and various observances of pure, entire and perfect gentility."

His cosmopolitan breadth of view is particularly evidenced in his "Address to the Irish People":

"Do not inquire if a man be a heretic, if he be a Quaker, a Jew or a heathen, but if he be a virtuous man, if he love liberty and truth, if he wish the happiness and peace of humankind. If a man be ever so much a believer, and love not these things, he is a heartless hypocrite and knave. It is not a merit to tolerate, but it is a crime to be intolerant. Be calm, mild, deliberate, patient. Think and talk and discuss. Be free and be happy, but first be wise and good. Habits of sobriety, regularity and thought must be entered into and be firmly resolved upon."

At the early age of thirty, before he had reached the high meridian toward which his splendid genius pointed, his career was suddenly terminated by drowning. While engaged in his most coveted recreation of boating his small craft was overtaken by a squall in the bay of Spezia, to the northwest of Naples. He was surely climbing toward the high altitude occupied by Shakespeare in English verse.

This prophet-poet writes his vision of the "New Earth":

"O happy Earth! reality of Heaven.
To which those restless souls that ceaselessly
Throng through the universe, aspire:
Of purest spirits, thou pure dwelling-place,
Where care and sorrow, impotence and crime,
Languor and disease and ignorance dare not come.
O happy Earth! reality of Heaven,
Genius has seen thee in her passionate dreams;
And dim forebodings of thy loveliness,
Haunting the human heart, have there entwined
Those rooted hopes of some sweet place of bliss
That, by the paths of an aspiring change,
Have reached thy heaven of perpetual peace,
There rest from the eternity of toil
That framed the fabric of thy perfectness."

In speaking of living less like animals and brutes, he says: "By all that is sacred in our hopes for the human race, I conjure those who love happiness and truth to give a fair trial to the vegetable system."

Shelley also deals with the economic side of the problem:

"The monopolizing eater of flesh no longer destroys his constitution by devouring an acre at a meal; and many loaves of bread would cease to contribute to gout, madness and apoplexy, in the shape of a pint of porter or a dram of gin, thus appeasing the long-protracted famine of the hard-working peasant's hungry babes. The quantity of nutritious vegetable matter consumed in the fattening of the carcass of an ox would afford ten times the sustenance, undepraved, indeed, and incapable of generating disease, if gathered immediately from the bosom of the earth. . . . How much longer will man continue to pimp for the gluttony of death—his most insidious, implacable, and eternal foe?"

Some day we will all know better, and all do better, and then there will be peace, harmony and melody here and now.

Man needs little, but wants much. Many of our worries, griefs and diseases come through our inordinate desires.

Spiritual gifts have never ceased to gladden world-weary hearts, and never will. They are God's present witnesses of immortality. What happened once in spiritual phenomena will always happen as long as there is a mortal on earth.

The spiritual man acts—does things. What is there in thinking, dreaming and believing? This is an age of action. Let us all be up and doing. Action is the highest prayer. The Spirit never sleeps. Prayer without works can carry the soul to no great heights. All of us can do some work. The world demands a heaven *now* and *here*, and to get it we cannot idly dream and speculate. We must act! The call is for men *aflame* with the genius of action—men of progress *aflame* with optimism. The eternal law of Evolution demands action and beneficently imposes painful penalties upon those who will not act their part.

Peace, wisdom, and inspiration come to him who relates himself with *all* Life—with him who lives in oneness with the blessed One.

"Unwritten Sayings" of Christ

THE Gospels of the New Testament present but a scant account of the life of Jesus, and the Evangelists themselves recognize this fact. says The Literary Digest. Luke begins the third Gospel with the statement that "many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us"; and John's closing words declare that if an attempt were made to chronicle all the doings of Christ, "even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." Writing on this subject in The Independent, Prof. George H. Schodde says:

"The accounts of what Jesus did and said were first orally and traditionally spread among the early Christians. Our written Gospels are comparatively late portions of the New-Testament literature, and on the whole are antedated by the Epistles, or many of them. It is for this reason that the New-Testament letters, although a commentary and interpretation of the facts not contained in the canonical Gospels, practically contain no direct quotations from the permanent form which has been given to these facts by the Evangelists.

"It is only natural to believe that of the many sayings of Christ that were current in the early church, and were not used by the four Evangelists, not a few should have found their way into the writings of the church fathers. Indeed, it would be surprising if such remnants of the living traditions of the church could not be discovered in patristic literature. The existence of such non-canonical sayings of the Lord is all the more certain because one of them at least is found in the Scriptures themselves—namely, in Acts, xx, 35, where these words are expressly ascribed to Christ, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,' and yet these are nowhere found in the written Gospel records. It is supposed by many scholars that there are quite a number of such 'agrapha', or unwritten sayings of the Lord, scattered throughout the Acts and the Epistles, as these writers would naturally, if possible, give Christ's teachings in Christ's own words, only that the fact that these are direct quotations is not given, and these sayings cannot accordingly be recognized.

"There are found, however, scattered throughout the earliest literature of the church, a goodly number of sayings expressly attributed to Christ, but not recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John, and modern scholars, notably Hilgenfeld, Zahn, Netes and Resch, have devoted close researches to their investigations."

From the work of the latest specialist in this line, Dr. Edwin Preuss, the following "sayings" are selected, as being among those which are most likely to be authentic:

1. "Therefore says the Lord: 'Whosoever is near to me is near to fire; whosoever is far from me is far from the Kingdom of God.'" (Found in Greek in Didymus on Ps., lxxxviii, 8, and in a Latin translation in Origen, Homily on Jer., xx, 3.)

2. "On the same day he saw a man working on the Sabbath day, and he said to him: 'O man! if thou knowest what thou art doing, thou art blessed. But if thou dost not know this, thou art accursed and a transgressor of the law.'" (Codex Bezae to Luke, vi, 4.)

3. "Listen unto the Lord, who says: 'Be concerned for faith and hope, by which that love is born which is well disposed toward God and man, and which gives eternal life.'" (Marcarius, Hom., xxxvii, 1.)

4. "He mentions as an example: 'Ask for that which is great, for then that which is small will be given unto you, and ask for heavenly things, and you will receive also the earthly.'" (Origen, "De Orat.," ii, 2; xiv, 1. Cf. Clemens Alex. "Stromata," i, 24, 158, and often.)

5. "Quite correctly the Scriptures desire us to use dialectics in this way, and therefore they demand this of us: 'Become experienced money changers, who are able to reject the false coins and keep only the genuine.'" (Clemens Alex. "Stromata," i, 28, 177. Cf. I Thess., iv, 21; Origen on Matt., xvii, 31, and frequently.) This is probably the most popular of the "agrapha."

6. "Jesus therefore said: 'For the sake of the weak I became weak, and for the sake of the hungry I suffered hunger, and for the sake of the thirsty I experienced thirst.'" (Origen on Matt., xiii, 2.)

7. "If thou hast seen thy brother," he said, 'thou hast seen thy God.'" (Clemens Alex. "Stromata," i, 19, 94, and ii, 15, 70.)

8. "Again says the Lord: 'He who is wedded should not cast off his wife, and he who is not wedded should not marry.'" (Clemens Alex. "Stromata," iii, 15, 19.)

9. "But our Lord replied to the Apostles, when they asked Him what was to be thought of the Jewish prophets, who had formerly made predic-

tions concerning Him, and now were thought still to believe in His coming: 'Ye have rejected the living reality, who was before you, and now you speak fables concerning the dead.'" (Cf. Augustine, "Contra Adversarium," Ac., ii, 4, 14.)

Among the best known of the "Logia" of Jesus are the following, found in the Oxyrhynchus Papyri by Grenfell and Hunt:

1. "And see carefully that thou remove the mote that is in thy brother's eye."

2. "Jesus said: 'If ye do not fast in reference to the world, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of God; and if ye do not rest on the Sabbath day ye shall not see the Father.'

3. "Jesus said: 'I stood in the midst of the world, and appeared to them in the flesh and found them all drunken, and found none among them who were thirsty. And my soul is perplexed concerning the children of men, because they are blind in their hearts, and (do not look at their poverty).'

4. "Jesus said: 'Wherever there are people, . . . there I am with him. Lift up the stone, you will find Me there; split the wood, and I am there.'

5. "Jesus said: 'No prophet is welcome in his own country, and no physician tries to effect cures among his own acquaintances.'

6. "Jesus said: 'A city that is built on a high hill and is fortified can neither fall nor be hidden.'"

In view of the many literary finds that are being made in Egypt from the New Testament and the Apostolic era, concludes Professor Schodde, it is not at all impossible that additional "agrapha" may yet be discovered in goodly numbers.

Healthy Sleep and How to Get It

ANY person who cannot sleep is ill. A person who is always sleepy is also not well. A healthy person sleeps only during the time allotted for rest, and his sleep will be at an average of the same duration.

Now comes the question: How long shall we sleep? Of course what is suitable for one does not necessarily apply to all. Children, because they are continually growing, need plenty of sleep. Old people need only little sleep.

For a grown-up person a sleep of from seven to eight hours' duration should be quite sufficient. "Septem horas dormire sat," a seven hours' sleep suffices, was an old Roman proverb.

How do we obtain a healthy sleep? One of the foremost necessary conditions is the thorough ventilation of the sleeping apartment. Without the right amount of fresh air a healthy sleep is not possible.

If you want to sleep well you should not partake of any late supper. If the stomach has to attend to its duties of digestion while we sleep, it cannot rest. And with the stomach there are also other organs affected. For the same reason you should also abstain from partaking of any hard-digestible dishes at your evening meal. There is one point which should not be overlooked; that is, to have some rest before going to bed.

He who overworks himself steadily, be it either bodily or mentally, as also he who excites himself or broods over his sorrow, will not be able to enjoy a healthy sleep.

The right time for sleep is undoubtedly the time before midnight, because the sleep before that time is the most beneficent, as is well known and proven by scientific research, and counts double.

Nine o'clock or a little later is the right time to go to bed, and if possible do not go to bed later than 10 o'clock. The above may be taken as a general rule, but, of course, there are some exceptions to every rule.—*Kneipp Magazine.*

God always gives us Light and Direction in our doubts when our only motive is to please Him.

The present Higher Thought is a great and lasting blessing to the whole world, in that it is a strengthening, progressive and restorative Psychical force that is uplifting the Whole to a higher state of consciousness. A great and wonderful transition in all men is now taking place. We live in the midst of a great and wonderful Psychical Realm that is changing, arranging and rearranging all things. It is a grand and blessed evolutionary change that sages, seers, and poets have always chanted about in their moments of inspired ecstasy. In nowise can the Holy Seer see anything but great, orderly change at every hand. The animal man is passing and the angelic man coming in, and the millennial era has begun. Glory be to God! we have entered the real Golden Age! All life now is progressing at a most rapid yet orderly rate—that is, manifesting in its highest yet orderly rate—now and here. A new set of advanced souls—masters—walk the earth. "To stand still in the midst of the universal onward drift is to fight against God and His orderly law."

Dreams and Visions

Margaret E. Sangster, in The Christian Herald

Old, God often appeared to His people in dreams and visions of the night. The whole Bible testifies to His intimate relations with His dear children and to His frequent revelations of Himself for their guidance and consolation.

We are accustomed in this later time to say that as we have the written Word and as our Saviour has appeared in the flesh, we are no longer in need of the earlier manifestations, and we fancy that in this view we are near the truth. But are we? Does not the Divine Father still bend lovingly down over every individual child of His and may He not still reveal His love to them sometimes in a dream? It is my belief, never yet shaken, that the angels are often with us, sent as messengers from the King, and I love to think that they do not come in a haphazard way, but are directly commissioned in their beautiful errands.

The suggestion of this subject comes to-day through reading a very touching letter sent to the editor of The Christian Herald by an esteemed friend, who last September was called upon to part with a lovely daughter, aged nineteen. She had been an invalid, suffering greatly for two years, always patient and brave, and of an exquisite fortitude. But, one day, when the torture was fearful, she exclaimed: "O God! why do I have to suffer so?" This was in May, some months before she was released from earthly pain and taken to Heaven. She fell asleep and "dreamed that she was in an open field and saw three large, white columns or posts standing in a row. On the first post was painted in large letters these words: 'You suffer for your own sins.' On the second post was painted: 'You suffer for the sins of others.' On the third post was painted: 'You suffer to bring you nearer to Christ.' There were paint and a brush nearby, and she took the brush and dipped it into the paint and drew it over the letters on the first post and they disappeared, leaving the post perfectly white. She went to the second post and painted it in like manner and the letters and words disappeared and left the post perfectly white. She went to the third post and painted it as she had the other two, but the words remained. She drew the brush over the words again and again until she was exhausted, but the words remained as distinct as they did before, and while she was still at work with the brush, she looked up and saw a vision of Christ standing by her side. While she was contemplating this scene she awoke. It made a deep impression upon her mind and she related it to her mother just as I have related it to you. I love to think that this dream was a direct answer from God to her question, and a very beautiful one."

The quotation is from the father's letter. With him I feel that the dear girl was uplifted in an hour of extremity by a hand stronger than any one among her loved ones here could extend to her in the crisis of her bodily weakness and torment.

They who watch for Providential happenings are more likely to see them than they who go through the world blindly and stupidly, depending only on themselves. No earthly parent is indifferent to the cry of a little child's want; why should we limit the Almighty, or measure the infinite power and grace of Jehovah in our tiny scales?

A biologist studying Nature under the microscope finds the same minute and amazing finish in the humblest forms of life as in the highest. The God who cares for us, cares for the least things as for the greatest, and no soul in its agony need ever doubt that the Creator and Father cannot help it in the hour of want and to the uttermost give it peace and rest.

[It is pleasing to see the Christian journals recognizing the grand truth that God and His Angels do reach us mortals through dreams and visions. A step further on the ladder of spiritual progress and evolution and the church and its organs will recognize that the Mighty One, with Angels as messengers, reaches us through spiritual "mediums" and clairvoyance. What is ignored and ridiculed by the thoughtless and bigoted in one age is revered and worshiped in a later age. This is the Soul or Psychic Age when we mortals are nearer and closer to the Blessed One than ever before in the history of this planet.—EDITOR.]

An evil temper embitters life.

The great and disturbing mistake well-meaning yet ignorant men make in this world is to think their way is the only way. It is in our diverse ways that the eternal law of evolution works, and when all men recognize and realize that God manifests Himself to His countless children in countless ways, then we will respect each man's religion, no matter how different it may be from our own; then will the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man be brought about; then will we become one beautiful, harmonious whole, and the whole world will be filled with love, peace, harmony and melody.—*Frank Harrison.*

In the freedom of the soul there is tremendous power, omnipotent power. A freed soul is the greatest worker in the universe.

REACHING OUT GODWARD

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.—*Psalms*, li, 10.

There is a pathos in these words which touches every heart. For they are eloquent of sorrow and sin, and tell of the penitence of a stained soul reaching out Godward.

Sorrow and sin! They spell the same human story of yesterday, of to-day and to-morrow. Penitence, reaching out Godward! They are attributes of our divine sonship; they are powers of the soul which give us strength to endure, courage to attempt and hope for a future.

All sorrow can help to create in us a clean heart and to renew a right spirit within us. Sorrow born of adversity may cleanse the heart from much that mars character, and through it a right spirit of sympathy, love and charity may be reborn within us.

The sorrow that tears the heart when loved ones depart oft cleanses the heart from worldliness. Our thoughts follow them Godward, and thus within us is reborn a right spirit of faith in Him who is with us when we pass through the valley of the shadow of death.

But sorrow for sin committed opens to us yet wider thoughts.

We are responsible beings, endowed with free will. "See, I set before thee this day the life and the good, the death and the evil. . . . Life and death, blessing and blighting, but choose thou the life, that thou mayst live." Therefore, God "gives to every man according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds." Further, we are taught of God that "His work is perfect, all His ways are judgment, a God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He. . . . Is he not thy Father who hath acquired thee? He hath made thee, He hath established thee."

If we are the work of His hands and His work is perfect, must we not believe that we will become perfect? If all His ways are judgment and He is a God of faithfulness, without iniquity, just and upright, will He not in faithfulness, justice and righteousness make us somehow, somewhere, and somehow worthy children of Him, our loving Father, worthy possessions of Him to whom we belong, worthy creations of Him in whose spiritual likeness we are made, worthy of being established by Him who is "the God of the spirits of all flesh" and "in whose hand is the soul of every living creature"?

When Moses asked of God, "Oh, show me, I pray Thee, Thy ways, that I may find grace in Thy sight! Show me, I pray Thee, Thy glory," the answer came, "I will make all my goodness pass before thee; I will proclaim the nature of the Lord before thee; I will make all my goodness pass before thee. . . . No mortal can see me and live. . . . But thou shalt see my aftermath."

Prostrate in reverence, the prophet then heard the nature of the Lord proclaimed as the Eternal, Almighty Power, compassionate and gracious, long forbearing, abundant in loving kindness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but by no means clearing the guilty. This much was Moses allowed to see of the ways of God with man, of the glory and goodness of God. Thus was he made to learn that the poison growths of sin are followed by the aftermath of God, the manifestation of divine mercy and pardon, crowned with love but throned on justice.

It is God's way to be merciful; it is His glory to forgive; His goodness makes Him love us, but it is His nature to be just. True, we know not where His mercy ends and His justice begins. We cannot know everything. No cult, no sect can say it knows God's mysteries. "The hidden things belong unto the Lord our God." We know not how this spiritual evolution shall be any more than we know how out of the foul mud springs the pure lily, how out of the rotting seed grows the fragrant blossom glowing with glorious beauty. Nor know we how long this spiritual change shall take. The darkness of sin may change to spiritual light as swiftly as dawn melts the blackest night into radiant day, or it may take an age. But it will not take eternity. God's mercy and forgiveness, His power and His glory will bring to pass this renewing, this re-birth of a right spirit within us, somehow, somewhere and somehow. "For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always wroth; for the spirit would fail before me and the souls which I have made," declares God. Yea, "He retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy."

Our own experience teaches us that if a child is faulty, a good father, impelled by his very love and in justice to himself and his offspring, fashions out of the faulty child a strong and moral man, builds up his character by strengthening it where it is weak, straightening it where it is crooked, making it sound where it is rotten. Shall not our Heavenly Father do as much? "As one correcteth his son, so the Lord thy God correcteth thee." Thus God's justice completes His love. Therefore all men and women—the sons and daughters of God—may each

exclaim: "I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against Him, until he plead my cause and execute judgment for me. He will bring me forth to the light and I shall behold His righteousness."

From such thoughts will be born a mighty desire to become worthy of beholding this aftermath of God, which shall conquer the tangled growths of sin, and our daily life will be a strong and ceaseless effort to make and keep our hearts clean. Thus will there be a re-birth of the right spirit within us. This mighty desire, this strong and ceaseless effort, is reaching out Godward.

And this is religion.

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WHY DO WE MOURN?

Angie F. Newman, in *Weltmer's*

I

THE world is so full of roses,
Why do we search for thorns?
The fields are so full of beauty,
Why tread the wasting corns?

II

The world is so full of sunshine,
The world is so full of song,
Why linger amid the shadows?
Why listen to notes of wrong?

III

Yes, human hearts are heavy,
Love sits by her speechless dead.
The rose on the heart is scentless
And the prayer of the soul is said.

IV

Stirs the wing of an angel
The dead and silent air,
Swings wide the gate of the Morning—
Revealed, is the answered prayer.

V

A sudden dash of raindrops,
And the chaff amid the wheat
Protects the half-ripe kernel
From the midday's blighting heat.

VI

The chaff is easily winnowed
And the rain clouds pass away;
Out of the night—the morning,
Out of the night—the day.

VII

Sweeter the song with a minor,
And dearer to you and me,
The tattered flag of the heroes
Who come from over the sea.

VIII

Thrice blessed are they who sorrow
For kinship with sacred things,
And they who can wait the morrow
Shall know the hidden things.

"Here and Now"

HERE in the heart of the world
Here in the noise and the din,
Here where our spirits are hurled
To battle with sorrow and sin;
This is the place and the spot
For knowledge of infinite things;
This is the kingdom where thought
Can conquer the prowess of kings.

Earth is one chamber of heaven;
Death is no grander than birth;
Joy was the life that was given,
Strive for perfection on earth.
Here in the tumult and roar,
Show what it is to be calm;
Show how the spirit can soar
And bring back its healing and balm.

Stand not aloft nor apart;
Plunge in the thick of the fight.
There in the street and the mart,
That is the place to do right;
Not in some cloister or cave,
Not in some kingdom above;
Here on this side of the grave,
Here we should labor and love.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Absence extinguishes small passions and increases great ones, as the wind will blow out a candle and blow in a fire.—*La Rochefoucauld*.

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HEART TALKS

By Helen Van-Anderson

WHAT inspiring glimpses I have had of late of the soul life of people generally considered too busy or indifferent to the higher things!

A little woman who is a professional singer, I found living the heroic life most grandly. With two rooms and a salary that ought to be twice as large, she yet manages to do many, many things for other people, besides helping very materially a daughter who has recently gone upon the stage. Many a sacrifice is made, many a hard piece of work done in order to do more for the girl who, as yet, may not realize what her noble mother is doing; yet, withal, this woman goes about cheerily, with the most angelic patience, doing the things other people dislike to do, meeting all sorts of difficulties and radiating at the same time the real sunshine of an illumined soul. I cannot wonder that her glorious voice is prized and sought for, and that it rings out in waves of melody that make one think of heaven.

There is a quality in her song that is of the finely woven essence of her gracious, unselfish life, and yet doubtless she would wonder what I meant were I to say this to her, so utterly unconscious does she seem of anything but the commonplace in her life.

Then among this group of people from whom I have gained so much, are several young men and women, not one of them professing any knowledge or special interest in spiritual philosophy, yet very much awake, nevertheless, to the spiritual life.

One, a popular musician and teacher of the violin, gave a most inspiring glimpse of his inner life when he told me how many great thoughts came to him when he played. "Why, often," he said, "I feel as though my very soul were floating on the harmonies and I seem to have a power to make my hearers feel as I do, the inexpressible. Sometimes, too, when I see the sunset or a beautiful landscape, something within me almost weeps with eagerness to be expressed. I notice all these feelings more when I fast for two or three days."

Much more he said, but this was enough. He is under the tutelage of the Divine whether he knows or not. His friend, too, I saw much of, and a reader, more generous nature one would rarely find. Knowing my deep interest in certain historical subjects, he brought for my use his choicest books, and the dear accumulations of years, newspaper clippings, special articles, etc. You may say, "But it was his pleasure to do so." Yes, of course it was his pleasure, for no one can give and not receive; but what is that which pushes to the giving?

Late one evening, after I had retired and was on the verge of dreamland, one of the young ladies came to me, saying: "Do you talk to me, I've literally run away from Mr. — and Mr. —, so I could ask you something about the soul, for somehow I feel you can help me."

And then, what an outpouring! "Most people think I'm utterly given to the whirl and gayety of social life, but deep down I'm not. I am hungry for something better, and all in my own way I've thought out things about the mystery of life and the development of the soul and what is the best way to find and fulfil one's destiny; but I want to hear what someone else thinks."

Could I refuse such a plea? Nay, and with what joy my heart leaped at the privilege! We talked until the wee small hours, both greatly enriched by the exchange.

Another was a bright, lovely young teacher, who found time and wherewithal in her busiest days to let her heart speak with the eloquence of unselfish

giving. A tall red rose, from its crystal pulpit on my table, brought me one of the sweetest of sweet messages one dark day when its beauty was doubly beautiful. Like magic it opened to my view a warm young heart thrilled with yearnings to be and become according to the glowing ideal within. She does not dream that such little things as giving a rose, stringing beads for someone with less time than herself, and striving bravely to keep calm and steady in each day's stream of doing, is the very pathway into the light she longs for.

And of one more of these buds of noble womanhood I may speak, for my inspiration comes from all. This one, too, is pressed for time, for strength and often money yet her motto seems to be to make each life about her brighter for her living. Into every day she crowds some little service that will bring cheer into struggling lives. One day it may be the sending of a bunch to a lonely, one-armed man who needs some special dainty when convalescing from an illness, or an hour's reading to homesick young people who are longing for a friendly comrade in the strange city. The writing of cheery notes the sitting up of nights to finish some kindly work undertaken for somebody who is unable to do it, and many things of kindred nature seemed to me, as I inwardly pondered over the joy of knowing the significance of it all, to be the grand sweet song of a glorious humanity, in which each member is adding his chord of harmony. And I felt as though I had heard something of the exquisite melody of the chorus which is resounding through the stately spaces of our daily lives, lifting them more and more surely to the plane where there is "malice toward none, charity to all" and the transcendent love that is some day to make visible and real a new heaven and a new earth.

Does it not help you to think that as we are all breathing the same air and enjoying the same sunshine, we are all moved by the same Love which is informing, moving, inspiring and guiding us to do the things that shall feed and culture the new man?

We are each burdened in some fashion, each striving to reach some goal and each groaning for the freedom of which our spirits testify, to the attainment of which all poets, prophets and priests have given assurance; yet we, as individuals and as humanity, still need the bread of loving service and the wine of universal fellowship. We need at all times to know and remember that each is desiring the better life, and each is doing according to his light, and that in reality there is no separateness.

Is not the noble soul who spends her spare moments and her spare strength ministering to the colored people in the almshouse or the jail, giving the very water of which the Master spoke when he said, "When ye drink of the water that I shall give, ye shall never thirst again"? Is she not giving of the bread of the spirit which is life itself? And are not all methods, manners and kinds of service but different workings of the same spirit?

Let us recognize and establish unity. Let us put away "the sounding brass and tinkling cymbals" of letter living and giving, and get down to that of the Spirit. This will work the miracle of loosing our yokes of bondage, of melting our prides and prejudices, of filling us with that love which "beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

Dear hearts, I have not meant to preach, but just to open my heart and tell you what it has learned, is learning, all these beautiful days when the ministry of association has given me new glimpses of the grandeur of God's human world.

How true it is that real life is a "radiation of light and generous enthusiasm!"

Man only blames himself in order that he may be praised.—*La Roche-Joucauld.*

The tallest trees are most in the power of the winds, and ambitious men of the blasts of fortune.—*Penn.*

Sympathy

I know what the caged bird feels, alas!
When the sun is bright on the upland slopes;
When the wind stirs soft through the springing grass
And the river flows like a stream of glass—
When the first bird sings and the first bud opes,
And the faint perfume from its chalice steals—
I know what the caged bird feels!

I know why the caged bird beats its wing
Till its blood is red on the cruel bars;
For he must fly back to his perch and cling,
When he fain would be on the bough a-swing;
And a pain still throbs in the old, old scars
And they pulse again with a keener sting—
I know why he beats his wing!

I know why the caged bird sings, ah me!
When his wing is bruised and his bosom sore—
When he beats his bars and would be free;
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But a plea, that upward to heaven he flings—
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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 into his temple.—Ps., xxvii, 4.

SOFTLY, my Child, softly. Let not thy voice grow strident with complaint. Is not the morning bright, the beauty and the fruitfulness of earth fair to see? Why yieldest thou to this unlovely discord of thy thoughts? What sayest thou? Discouraged with thyself, because thou hast so sadly failed to live thy high ideals?

Beloved, 'tis not for thee to judge thyself. 'Tis not within thy province to judge, or e'en condemn thyself or any mortal for see, what state of thinking can that be which hath such harshness in it? Like a piercing blast of icy wind it doth blight and shrivel whom it toucheth. What wonder thy heart fainteth and thy courage faileth, when this hath happened thee?

Yea, I know thou art perplexed and filled with dark annoyance, because thou fancied thou hadst passed beyond all petty waves of feeling. Thou wert upborne, as 'twere, on wings, and soared in the vast, wild realms of boundless life, rejoicing in the very joy of living. But that *sore trial* came, which caused thine eyes to look upon the things that seem. Thou didst not turn away, but looked and felt and suffered.

Then it was the light grew dim and thy wings fell. Thou wert again a creature made to lean, not lift; to suffer, not inspire.

Child of my heart, knoweth not the secret yet, oft as I have told thee? Rememberest not my Temple words—"Look unto Me, and live"?

But nay, thou looked not to Spirit. Thine eyes, and then thine heart and will, were held in the sphere of earth conditions and their outpictured shadows. Thou didst spend the energy of thy speech in idle words, and hence became depleted of thy radiant spiritual forces. Canst wonder why thy light-winged joy so quickly fled, why the clearness of thy vision faded into dimness?

Why couldst thou not be free, when thou hadst so surely chosen the Light rather than the darkness?

Ah, my Child, couldst know thy strength without proving it? What and if thou couldst live ever in the dream-presence of thy fair ideal, and ne'er had need to see the darkness? 'Tis what use thou makest of what thou knowest that maketh thee my messenger and my faithful agent. Art thou better than thy fellows? Shouldst thou not find the beautiful bridge between the ideal and the actual?

Then take each day's opportunities for thy proving tests. Bring thy heavenly vision into earthly form by seeing the heavenly in the earthly, for so long as thou art of the earth thou wilt see the earthly shadows. Thy privilege is to turn the light upon them. And this, dear Child, the lesson thou shouldst learn, that only as thou *proveneth* through experience canst thou grow proficient; only as thou passeth *step by step* over the path of initiation, wilt thou outgrow the crudeness and the weakness of thy human nature.

What, then, if thou fall at times into the weaknesses thou thoughtst outgrown, as but even now thy heart murmureth over this failure to maintain thyself upon the heights?

Again I say, forbear to judge or criticise. Be lenient to thyself, and tender, too, as with a child, knowing 'tis but thy human weakness causeth failure. And then thy mind will not be rent with discord or despair. Thou wilt find a fellowship and sympathy for others on the path which shall evoke the rare atmosphere of love's sweet charity to radiate from out thy inmost centre and fill full thy thoughts and deeds. Then, too, wilt thou be touched with true humility, and this, Beloved, thou must ever have within thy heart. Without it, would thy intellect rule thy consciousness and make thee proud and arrogant and ungracious, to the little ones about thee. Canst see in this a reason why thy disappointments are blessings in disguise?

Know this, O Child of mine, *whate'er* will serve to keep thee *consciously* akin to all thy fellows is a

necessity, and for thy growth and welfare it must be. When the time hath come for newer fields of effort, or for other lessons, these will be exchanged for others. Each experience is a lesson. Each is a necessity, else it would not be. Each doth mark a stage in thy soul's illumination. Think not thou didst not need this disappointment. If thou hadst grown as thou *didst think* to where thou wert no longer moved by darkness or defeat, thou wouldst have been *unmoved*. Thy calmness would have held thee in the perfect balance of unmeasured faith, thy joy would still have held entranced thy mind and heart.

Ah, now, my Heart's Dearest, I see the light once more in thine eyes. Thou seest how experience rounds thee out in every line and maketh knowing possible through proving. Thou seest why that sure steadiness of thought and feeling must be gained to make the soul full poised. So now thou canst with better grace attune thy mind to every storm or shadow, knowing the unchanging Light cannot be dimmed or lost. Thou wilt see with greater clearness why thou mayst remain serene and shining, even when thy dear ones whom thou lovest e'en most tenderly, misunderstand or mayhap scorn thy efforts to unveil the light to them.

For thou, O Child, as one *already born* to newer life, hast but to *live and love*. This thy part. The sun of righteousness within thee will heal thy hurts by shining; yea, will turn all darkness into light, and make thee glad and strong and gracious with the health and strength of spirit. *Be thou unmoved*. Dwell in thy inner tabernacle where thy thoughts are kept in radiant security, until thou'rt strong to hold or send them out, as thou wilt. *This heed*.

For 'tis when the sacred shrine within becometh like a highway invaded by strange, unwelcome thoughts and forces that thy mind doth waver in the will to stand by what are sent from the Most High. As the embryo must be kept within the dark and silent walls of material substance until the egg becometh the chick, the acorn the tree, the fetus the miniature man, that the *individual* existence begin, so must each heavenly seed (or idea) that is planted in thy mind remain in the silent chamber within, until it hath grown strong enough to come forth and live of itself, an *individual, distinct and apart*, able to radiate light because its substance is of the Light. And thy consecrated, pure and God-like consciousness thus becometh the matrix wherein these heavenly children shall be conceived, nurtured and brought forth, that they may fill the world with light and joy and beauty.

'Tis thus that miracle of making heaven on earth is wrought—by the mysterious interpenetration of the heavenly with the earthly, the mingling of the light with darkness until but the light remaineth.

*"Star to star vibrates light; can soul to soul
Flash through a finer element than its own?"*

Heed thou, Beloved, how in every process of the Law the natural shadoweth forth the spiritual. Even as thine eyes behold in an instant that which is afar, whilst thy feet are miles behind, yet in their patient plodding the moment cometh when they, too, reach the goal; so thy inner vision seeth the fair ideal, while thy intellect must still plod on and strive to be according to the vision's prophecy, and then at last thou hast attained the height that glistened in the sunlight of Perfection.

And is this all thou'lt ever see, or ever attain?

Nay, nay, my Child! Canst think for one brief moment thy measure of the Perfect will ever be the same? As peak stretcheth beyond peak in majestic mountain chains, so stretcheth the higher and still higher peaks of my everlasting mounts of Zion, the heavenly heights of Infinite perfection.

Hear still further this instruction in the Temple. In thy daily living of the Spirits' life, turn thy *sense of labor* into sense of blessing. Let *Me* work within thee. To this end turn thy heart with *all its loves, its joys, its hopes and blissful aspirations* unto Me alone. Then will thy will follow and the two be wedded to one end, one purpose and one effort. Then remorse cannot bind thee, failure cannot affront thee, nor weakness strike thee into nothingness; then can they have no place or power. Nay,

dear one of my Heart, for I, the Sun, shall melt them into nothingness; yea, destroy them utterly.

Arise and spread thy wings. *Thou art free!* Thy going forth from the Temple this day shall mark the putting on of the robes of victory. See that thou mayest ever wear them worthily. My Heart loveth thee, Child, evermore and always.

HELEN VAN-ANDERSON,

Remember

REMEMBER that 'tis cheering words
Of which the world e'er stands in need;
That thou bid your frowns avault
And to each cause for smiles give heed.

That God will help the busy hands,
And lighten burdens borne for Him;
Will fill deaf ears with gladsome songs,
And guide by faith the eye grown dim.

Remember every look or word
Or deed for you in kindness done,
And praise the Lord for all these gifts,
And for each victory you have won.

Remember that the gentlest tones
To children are the best by far;
Their soft young lives, like potter's clay,
May be in your hands to make or mar.

Remember that you should not add
A single care to tottering age;
But hold them up and make them smile,
And you will angels' aid engage.

Remember life is short at best,
And that you should your powers improve;
That what you merit you'll receive,
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Because he slept at night,
Because God gave him sight
To gaze upon his child;
Because his little one
Could leap and laugh and run,
Because the distant sun
Smiled on the earth, he smiled.

He smiled because the sky
Was high above his head,
Because the rose was red,
Because the past was dead!
He never wondered why
The Lord had blundered so
That all things have to go
The wrong way here below
The overarching sky.

He toiled, and still was glad
Because the air was free,
Because he loved, and she
That claimed his love and he
Shared all the joys they had!
Because the grasses grew,
Because the sweet winds blew,
Because that he could hew
And hammer, he was glad.

Because he lived he smiled,
And did not look ahead
With bitterness or dread
But nightly sought his bed
As calmly as a child.
And people called him mad
For being always glad
With such things as he had,
And shook their heads and smiled.

Growth



As we look back over a period of life's history, with all its barbarity, crimes and cruelty, we realize that we are but in the dawn-time of our civilization; and not until we have learned to look within for all truth, all knowledge and all power will our civilization have reached the full day, says Lillian Rockwell.

The fetter that binds and hinders humanity is ignorance. The power that delivers lies with the human soul.

We are creatures of perpetual unfoldment, but this unfoldment awaits upon the recognition of our true nature and being. Intelligence—the creative power that leads away from the enemy of liberty (ignorance), joy and progress—is the one bright star in "Nature's night"—the star that is always pointing the way to the soul's higher consciousness of being.

No one really desires to be ignorant, and if those who have the light and wish to spread it abroad, will approach humanity in a manner to touch the individual mind or intelligence, they will find it then becomes an easy task to lead them still farther to the Great Fountain of all life from which they will find their source.

Love, hope and courage are the elemental principles upon which all growth is based. By surrounding ourselves with these virtues we are able to reach others and draw them within the radius of our influence which will give them new light, new strength and new desire to attain to something nobler than the narrow limits of self in which they may have, consciously or unconsciously, been living.

Love is the one great law of life upon which all divine laws are based. The lack of our day and of all time, is, and has been, a lack of this lone force and good-will thought which should rule our actions; leaving no room for selfish, disturbing thought. When we fail to use this potent factor in our actions and dealings with our fellow-men we cut the connecting link between ourselves and the one great fountain of life and light and truth.

We are continually being nurtured by the lavish expressions of Nature's love—manifested in the air we breathe and in the sunshine and showers. How expressive of this great love are the beautiful flowers, the majestic forests with their great promise of utility for the good of mankind! The waving fields of ripened grain—Nature's bountiful love expression to man.

Love is the moving principle of all life and growth. It is ever with us awaiting our recognition of its presence for greater unfoldment. Every advanced step in the progress of the world has been through this moving principle in mankind, pointing us in the direction of joy, peace and happiness.

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What is Freedom?

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FREEDOM is one of the great watchwords in all sects and in all departments of thinking. But it is apt to become a sort of idol as soulless as a man of straw. There are plenty of enslaved people who exult over their freedom, while oftentimes religious devotees are so "free" that there is nothing left in their creed but "pale negations." As matter of fact, freedom easily passes either into its opposite or into license. It demands much thought to discover what true freedom really is, and even then it proves to be a decidedly relative term. It is doubtful if anyone ever attains freedom by making a specialty of it, so elusive is this subtle something which people talk so glibly about. For usually when people make a specialty of freedom they devote themselves to changing their physical conditions. But first of all it is an affair of the inner life. It is not to be bought by giving away your material conditions, nor by deserting your friends or your wife. Travel abroad to get free from yourself, and lo and behold! that same self will pursue you like a fiend.

In the first place, then, freedom is progressively attained, and no devotee of it can outwit the laws of evolution. It begins with the awakening of the powers of the understanding, with illuminating self-conscious thought. There is first a halting recognition that I, too, am of some account, and then a more courageous expression of individuality. Conflict with the conventions of society soon follows, religious dogmas are thrown off, tradition is cast aside and idols begin to fall. A period follows when one looks with pity on those who are still creed-bound. But pride soon has its fall, and a new sphere of bondages is discovered. The social atmosphere which has been broken through proves to be thin indeed when compared with the darkness in which personal and family ties are obscured. Sometimes it is those who love or appear to love us most who hold us most tightly. It is not easy to keep the influential friend, yet overcome his undesirable influence. It is hard to cast oneself out of the family nest and try to fly with entire freedom. Oftentimes one must fly to extreme limits in order to return home and live normally. Then comes the contest with the two or three personalities which one has reared into "tin gods." At times love turns almost into hate while the freeing process is going on, for "the ties that bind" are often connected with that which is most undeveloped in the one who holds the power.

Then there are one's favorite teachers and books. Many people go through the whole of life casting about from authority to authority, not knowing that he alone is free who owns no authority save God, truth and the right, as made known to his own soul. To obtain a glimpse of this individual authority is to overestimate it, and hence to set oneself up as a law-breaker. But freedom does not mean rulership over others. The freest man is still obedient to the laws of his land, his life is full of petty and exacting adjustments. But he it is who knows how to be free in spirit though physically a member of a world with whose regulations he had nothing to do.

After a man begins to be free from particular environments and authoritative people he must still contend with varying mental atmospheres. We are one and all strongly tempted to be and think and act like our fellows. There is a subtle mental imitativeness that is almost past finding out. Some people never feel free before an audience. Those who are strong in some social environments capitulate in others. The ideal is to be everywhere and always the same person, to stand up valiantly and give one's message, whether the hearers be princes or paupers. Yet even this must be qualified. For a man must be free from his own creeds and habits, ready to follow wherever a freer spirit may lead. To dare to be inconsistent is therefore to be a candidate for freedom. Few are willing to go so far as this. Hence they know very little what freedom is.

But freedom is not for self alone. It is as hard to grant freedom as to obtain it. If we bind another we imprison ourselves. To set free is to be set free. When we really begin to be free we will no longer fear lest others trample on our freedom. It is a false sense of individuality which leads us continually to be on the defensive. When you once fully understand an imprisoning influence, and learn its point of contact in yourself, you are free for all time. It is only error that fights. Truth has nothing to fear.

The progressive mastering of our fears is then almost synonymous with our evolution into freedom. From youth to old age the majority of us are slaves to fear, and there are fears enough to last even if we conquer one a day. Some fears haunt the mind like spectres for years and years. How few can say in veriest truth: I have nothing to fear!

The basis of freedom is a constructive faith on which we can stand implicitly. He who knows what trust in God means is free. Hence freedom is in the profoundest sense adjustment to the divine order of things. Those who seek freedom for themselves by building up a nice little individualism create a new form of servitude from which they must some time become free. Freedom is not self-assertion. If we would really be free we must be free from self, too. Beneath all the diversity of doctrine this is the great truth underlying many theories of human life. Some theorists talk about "Karnea," some about sin, heaven and hell. But one and all agree that something pursues us wherever we go, in this world or the next. From this "something" that survives all external and all bodily change, only the soul that bears it can set us free. When all is narrowed down to the last analysis, the bondage of self is found to be the real bond.

Freedom is not, then, a matter of conditions; it is an affair of consciousness, depending upon self-knowledge. In so far as we know the self, we master it. Hence it is not to be fought or cast out. True wisdom turns slavery into liberty. The same condition enslaves or frees, according to the way we take it. In the same way the self makes for bondage or freedom according as we use it. Freedom comes to us as rapidly as we wisely transmute the lower nature into the higher. It is thus the silent forces of the spirit which set us free. Free in spirit, it makes less and less difference to us how we are materially conditioned. We are ready to receive the developments of life as they come. We meet each event with freedom if we understand its law and its significance.

Yet while we become freer in spirit we no longer care to break off personal and natural relations. In deepest truth we are ready for the first time to be truly a friend, a husband or a wife when we are spiritually free. For we are no longer trying to manage our friends, nor are we subject to their management. To be free is not to be "impersonal," but to be a true person, one who is strong in individuality, yet equally strong as a friend to all humanity. One loves people all the more, but as equal souls, among whom one counts for one only. It is a mark of true greatness when another meets us as an equal, when there is free "give and take," although the other is far wiser than we. Thus true freedom pertains to the highest spiritual life. It is akin to gentleness, peace and love. It comes in fullest measure to those who have felt the touch of the divine presence, who have been "born from above." The truth which "makes free" is in the last analysis the most profoundly spiritual truth. Thus the many stages of progressively attained freedom finally culminate in the freedom of the soul through knowledge of its true nature as a son of God. This freedom comes not when we are consciously seeking it as an individual possession. It is the spontaneous accompaniment or result of the highest life of service for our fellow-men.

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Wisdom

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It is very helpful to spiritual growth to often meditate upon the greatness, immensity and grandeur of the universe. Who can look out upon the heavens at night and view the countless heavenly bodies and not be impressed with their beauty, and adore and worship the Supreme One Principle that orders and sustains the universe? When we thoughtfully and reverently contemplate the great and mighty works of God, we rouse our spiritual natures and also glorify the All-Father.

The God-loving man derides no man, no thing. Contempt, ridicule and scorn is no part of a spiritualized mind. As the mortal mind broadens and merges into the Divine Mind it sees order and perfection throughout the universe; it sees ultimate perfection in the temporal and transitory effects caused by God's grand Evolutionary Plan.

Material possessions are great blessings to the spiritualized man or woman, but often a curse to the unawakened or unrighteous. Man's first great need in this world is sanity, dignity, justice, exact right action to all men, all things, all events. Herein lies the secret of every permanent blessing—righteousness. The test of whether a thing is a blessing or not is whether it does good to all. For instance, will the possession of a fortune make you act foolish, or will it make you more considerate, more just, more helpful and more forceful for the good of the ALL? God's withholding power is as wise as His giving power.

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No azure speck was left to view,
And day had turned to night.
"Ah, me!" I cried, "how poor we are,
How friendless and alone!
Our fondest joys a cloud can mar,
And nothing is our own.

"Our precious ones are snatched away,
When they are grown most dear,
And not an hour of any day
But holds some grief or fear;
For if there nestles in our heart
Some warm and tender thing,
We tremble lest the joy depart,
So swift is sorrow's wing."

"Poor, faithless one," a voice replied,
A tender voice and true,
"The darkest clouds can only hide
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The Law of Non-Resistance

By WILLIAM E. TOWNE

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HE command, "Resist not evil," is one of the most important ever given us to follow.

To resist an evil is to endow it with virtue and power which it does not possess.

What is to you an evil may be another's good. Good and evil are but relative terms, and what is good to us at one stage of growth seems evil at another stage.

The great Mystics teach that in the last analysis there is only God in the universe, and He is altogether good. What we are wont to call evil is in reality a manifestation of the One Mighty Power of the universe, and all manifestations of this power are for the accomplishment of some purpose, whether we are able to see that purpose or not.

The evil that we seem to see about us is designed to teach us needed lessons. When we assume the right attitude toward the whole, when we see ourselves as a part of the One Life and not as separate individuals, then that which we have heretofore regarded as evil will begin to vanish.

When we have had our eyes opened to the great and mighty truth that ALL IS GOD AND GOD IS GOOD, then we are able to see clearly the significance of the command, "Resist not evil."

There is only One Power in the universe, one Life, and that Life and Power is God.

Evil is only a negative thing brought into being on account of our limited and finite point of view. "Resist not evil," and you will soon see it transformed and transmuted into good.

When you see an apparent evil about to come upon you, instead of fighting it endeavor to see the lesson which it is designed to teach you. Remember that this seeming evil is a part of the Great Plan, even as you are a part of it, and the parts of God should not war against each other.

Nine-tenths of all the evils that we fear never touch us, and the other tenth would prove absolutely harmless if we were firmly grounded in the law of non-resistance.

You know that it takes two people to make a quarrel. If one of them assents to all the propositions which the other one advances, their anger would quickly die away. So it is with that which you consider evil. If you resist it, fight against it, fear it, the evil thing will seem to fight back.

Evil is one of the externals of life. It belongs to the material world. He who is calmly poised in a consciousness of spirit sees no evil. He is undisturbed by outward storms. He rests serene in a consciousness that all things result from the One Great Cause, and that this Cause is Eternal Good. He sees that it is man's resistance to the impulses of the Spirit which causes friction, discord and the semblance of evil.

Faith and Love dispel evil. Who can measure the mighty power of love and faith? Verily, there is no evil which can stand before them.

Once the altar fire of Divine Love is lighted within your breast, all that was previously dark, obscure and evil will become clarified by the light of Eternal Truth. You will see that from everlasting to everlasting ALL IS ONE and all is Good.

All are a part of the Eternal One. How, then, can evil exist or have life apart from this One? Evil only seems to exist. It is not an entity. It has no life in itself. It is a figment of our imaginations. It seems real to us, so long as it lasts, unless we are firmly based upon the rock of Eternal Truth. If we know and realize that our real selves are not our bodies, if we see ourselves as Eternal Souls at one with the Great Source of all life and power, then a belief in evil can no longer sway us. We see that both negative and positive conditions are good and necessary. We see that both good and evil have a single source, and that both merge into each other.

Peace, happiness and joy await thee when thou hast arrived at that point in thy eternal journey where thou canst see no evil. Good health, success, friendship, love will bless thee as soon as thou shalt cease to resist that which seemeth evil to thee.

The God within yourself will transmute that which seems evil to you if you keep calm and serene and resist not.

There is a deep, serene harmony at the base of all life. Amid all the seeming discord and jangle of the material world there is ever a sweet, quiet background, a divine Law, seeking to make itself manifest. And in proportion as we give ourselves up to the action of this Law, we shall find our eyes being opened to the beauties of life instead of seeing only the dark and repulsive things which our own imaginations have created. We shall begin to perceive the clear white light of Eternal Truth, and everything will assume new relations to us.

There is no limit to the marvelous transforming power of Divine Truth. Seek the guidance of your Divine Self, listen to the "still, small voice" of your own soul, and you will be guided into the way of

wisdom, peace and power. Refuse to listen to this voice, resist what seems evil to you, and you will become ensnared in carnal mind and thought until such time as you are ready to let go of all material things and turn to the soul within for light and guidance.

Beloved, seek the Light and "resist not evil." This is the way to attain life, health, wisdom and power, as the Holy Mystics and Seers of all ages will tell you.

Within yourself there exists a spark of the One Life which will grow and expand and guide you in the way of all truth if you will only listen to its voice and trust it.

This voice of the Spirit will guide you amid all the turmoil of objective life. It will keep you in harmony amid all storms. It will give you strength and courage to meet all emergencies.

This voice of the Spirit can only guide you when you have ceased to resist and are willing to give up your personal will completely and become at-one with the Divine Will.

May peace and wisdom be and abide with you one and all.

When man does not live fully in the blessed Now he is more or less of a procrastinator, and neglects present duties. One who lives in the Now is always a busy person, and has neither time nor inclination to fret, fume or worry over anything or any event. Pessimism and dreamy indolence have no part in the nature of him who lives in the Eternal Now. Living in the New and the Now is living with the eternal God of the universe—it is the Divine Way.—An Elder Brother.

Our passionate and insane desires are never stilled until we are filled with the Holy Spirit.—A. Z.

Self-control, self-reliance, fearlessness, courage, force, power and independence of thought come from Spiritual culture—by loving, praying to God within, listening and obeying.—A Mystic.

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GENIUS: INSPIRATION OR ACQUISITION ? ?

By
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BELWER declares that it is not talent that men lack, but the will to labor: "It is purpose, not the power to produce." According to his ideas, power is acquired through work, and genius is the product of that power—acquired by mental effort along the lines of persistent application.

"Talent is often mistaken for genius, and tact for talent." In considering genius as inspiration, those temporal conditions whose influences are always and everywhere assertive, actively or passively, to the advantage or disadvantage of the natural issues of the superior intellect—considered relatively to materialistic achievement—must always be regarded. It is an admitted fact that subordination to these influences is a law of whose impenetrability there can be no question.

A man possessing genius does what he must, according to the dictates of the superior intellect (which any state indicative of genius always presupposes). He does not study the requirements of individuals; neither is his standard placed within the limits of general comprehension and criticism. He writes, for instance, consulting neither the prerequisites of fame nor the mandates of popular taste. He may or may not be appreciated by a few of his readers—he certainly will not be understood by the multitude. He is guided by motives higher than those underlying popular platitudes. His environment, as already intimated, is not calculated to predispose him toward warped opinions. Stress of poverty does not lay upon him the heavy hand of oppression to distort his fancy. Even were all influences unfavorable to the working of his mind, the result would be the same; the only difference would be one of degree, the quality being tinged, perhaps, by the pessimism latent in most natures. He labors not for fame nor fortune; his is a purpose, and he recognizes that the future shall decide its merits and his own worth. This man has genius, but he will not be successful from a financial point of view; hence he will not be popular, for success means popularity.

Another writer looks over the field, discussing within himself its possibilities and the probabilities of its returns. He understands the spirit of the times, and is cognizant of the requirements of his readers. He knows what his critics will say, but that is an ulterior matter. The times oppress him, his creditors stand knocking at the door, his necessities are imperative—he also writes because he must, but it is not the impertinencies of genius. Perhaps, later on, fortune having favored, his circumstances become easy; but his work is no better, his standards no higher, his purposes no more meritorious. This man has written, not that futurity may write his name in golden letters upon the tablets of fame, but simply because he wanted the dollar. He has sought opportunity, which, not elusive to his advances, has met him half-way with his rewards. He writes for the great public, which (being pleased because it understands) applauds his efforts. Applause begets approbation, approbation brings success, and success wins the dollars, and people cry: "Behold a genius!"

Criticism yields to popular opinion, and observe the natural result: People, like sheep in a pasture, follow their leader. This is not a manifestation of genius; although it involves a certain kind of talent, yet tact is its proper name.

Tact is that intuitive perception that foresees opportunity and makes the most of it. Tact is not backward in the manifestation of its purpose; it has no ambition beyond mere materialistic advancement. Talent is not without its ambitions, but, being limited within the sphere of mentality, they are held to the grade of its purposes. Genius is committed to the out-working of the purpose of its existence, which is beyond the divination of even its own possessor—a secret hidden within the mystery of the great Whence and Whither of the immortal spirit, which rests with Omniscience. To make the most and the best of the responsibility of this endowment is all that is required of man—that responsibility which forces its potentiality upon its inheritor, making him the master of almost limitless possibilities, and at the same time the slave of his inheritance.

Much tribute has been paid to the "good goddess, Poverty." Poverty assumes that whatever concession genius has made to her has been a voluntary tribute; but the truth is that genius, the supreme fruition of human intellect, though hedged in by circumstance and crushed by oppression, rises superior to all material conditions. Mind over matter is ever dominant, although not in the perfection of its power when contesting resistant forces on its own plane. He who has done well while manacled by poverty would have wrought more gloriously had fortune lent wings to fancy and fanned the immortal fires with the winds of want's immunity. The writer of genius is not successful because the taste of the average reader is not inclined toward profound thought. He prefers that which he can comprehend without effort.

Every age is more or less an epoch of realism.

Although the opportunities for intellectual cultivation are to-day almost limitless, and the avenues thereto accessible to even the most impecunious, yet poverty keeps pace with progress, and the incessant demands upon those who pursue their vocations merely to gain a livelihood, and who would be appreciative readers were opportunity theirs, preclude the devotion of much time to thought or research. The tendency, therefore, is to lower the standard of intellectual requirements, and the portrayal of actualities seems to come into closer touch with the sympathies of the masses than does literature based upon higher planes of thought. To minister to the mental needs of such readers does not require the spark of genius.

Talent is the power of correct portrayal. He who writes for the amusement of the masses—not only the middle classes (whose inclination, if not thwarted and warped by unfavorable surroundings, would render them omnivorous and appreciative readers), but also the wealthy, whose design in life is to court entertainment that does not involve mental effort—requires only to have an eye for color. He need not be methodical, consistent, historically or realistically correct, nor psychological. He is even under no obligation to be logical, but must understand the influence of pessimism to tinge romance to the satisfaction of readers whose sphere encourages a natural gravitation in that direction—as human nature is prone to regard the portrayal of human weakness, if not actual depravity, as being nearest the realism of human life. Moreover, its tendency is to make them better satisfied with their own state than would a morally higher or more hopeful representation.

Genius is creative; yet it cannot create opportunities for its own aggrandizement—seldom for its own merited recognition, and never for its own advancement. It is neither aggressive nor assertive. Observe, then, the impossibility of its close kinship with talent.

Genius is not self-appreciative, save in the conception of and conscientious adherence to its lofty purposes. Genius is its own excuse for being, but it does not ostentatiously voice its mission. Only unto him that hath ears to hear—that hath sight for the divination of that which is alone understandable to those who diligently seek, and seeking find, and finding comprehend, through the effulgence of the divine Light that directs genius—does it manifest itself. Genius is without combativeness. It does not thrust itself into the market-places of the world, to offer itself at a price. It does not adapt itself to the truisms of method. Genius is ever conscious and appreciative of the divinity of its birthright.

Talent, on the other hand, achieves according to the influences of its varied inspirations. Genius is inspiration. Talent is swayed by purpose; it arrays itself in the marts of popular requirement; it adapts itself to circumstances; it sets its own price upon the application and effort that effect the possibility of competition with genius.

Genius does not scorn labor; on the contrary, it has a close affiliation therewith. Labor is the mandate of Nature, whose law is Progression. Through labor only, however unquestionable the possession of genius, is attainment possible. Nothing in this world ever attains a degree of perfection beyond improvement. Evolution is the law of progression—progress here, perfection beyond. "Labor here, fruition hereafter" is the text of the immortal soul.

Yet, "though the spirit is willing, the flesh is weak;" and, although mind rises triumphant over matter and the spiritual enthrones itself above the material, it is only because of the mutually interchangeable influences of hope. How, then, can true genius have any kinship with infidelity—without, Judas-like, betraying the divinity of its birth and repudiating its heritage? He hopes who labors, and hope presupposes reward. Then what shall be the reward of hope (itself indisputable proof of the divinity of the human intellect), save that inheritance of immortality which is the object of its attainment? And what of the reward of futile, though conscientious, labor?

All these things are written in the Book which bears the record of disappointments and failures, of new resolutions taking their places, and of new beginnings that make up human life. In this Book is found a balm against the bitterness of human endeavor. That is the significance of human life for those who have achieved without the turbulence of toil, having had the inspiration of the higher purpose; for those whose toil has been born of trouble and barren of the temporal rewards of achievement; and for those of whom it has been said: "They also serve who only stand and wait."

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consulted, and to the people over whom he was placed as ruler. One biographer has said of him: "He never committed any act which had not its basis in an honest wish to do what he thought right."

He was in very truth a true Brother. His sympathy and kindness for animals led him to abolish many cruel customs practiced by the people and to institute laws for their protection.

When Alexandria was being bombarded and the rebel soldiers were intent upon killing him, Tewfik hastened to Cairo, where the cholera was raging, and, going into the hospitals, cheered the suffering patients with his sympathetic presence and kindly words. When asked to dedicate the Luxor Hospital to the poor people of Upper Egypt, he said: "If the imposing remains of Luxor and Karnak testify to the might and power of those who erected these majestic temples, the humble edifices you have raised to charity shall make people think of the goodness of your heart, and the gratitude of those who shall be healed of their diseases and maladies will bear witness to it before the Lord of heaven and earth. Let His mercy be spread over all of us. According to your desire, I declare this hospital open to the poor of this district."

Is it any wonder that a man of such character, such traits of a true Brother of mankind, should be given a tomb rich with every tribute wealth could furnish or art devise? Soft Turkish carpets of luxurious thickness and velvet smoothness caressed

threatens, and the goats calmly lie down or browse in the midst of the sidewalk (when there is any); so everyone has his freedom and goes his happy way in this quaint, Old World city, whose motto, in these respects at least, seems to be, "Live and let live."

We passed many interesting shops where wares of all kinds and descriptions were temptingly displayed. Here you see the provision shop, which is filled with many dainty supplies for the Eastern palate. The taste for sweetmeats and rich cooking is proverbial among these children of the senses, and, according to an ancient chronicle of Cairo, we are told: "There be as many as fifteen thousand kitchens wherein, every day and all day, they cook victuals and dainties, both roast and boiled, for the natives cook but little in their houses; but many cooks go round about the city with fire prepared on a hearth which they carry on their heads, and they will boil or roast meat therewith; and if any man have need, they take down the oven from their head and give to the hungry according to his desire for a reasonable sum of money."

Fruit sellers, either in shops or with laden baskets, abound on every hand, and one of the most marked exhibitions of brotherly trust was given in the frequent sight of the fruit merchant asleep by the side of his fruit. Whoever chose might take without hindrance or protest, yet not once did we see a covetous hand stretched out.



THE HISTORIC NILE NEAR CAIRO.

and embraced our feet at every step as we silently entered the carved and lofty chamber, whose dome seemed a perfect poem of rich and softly colored mosaics of inlaid ivory, ebony, cedar and cherry wood. The marble sarcophagus is richly sculptured and ornamented with elaborate and chiseled columns. Elegantly embroidered scarfs and coverlets are thrown over the prayer seats, and the beautiful printed copy of the Koran, on its special stand near the tomb, reminded us that here, as in all religions, the most precious possessions are offered at the shrine of that which is held most sacred. We felt, as we stood there, the hush upon the spirit that marks a heart throb of the universal kinship which in deed and in truth makes all men Brothers.

Returning again to the carriage, we were driven slowly back through the busy street throngs, noting the almost infinite variety of scenes that met our gaze at every turn. The streets, by the way, seem to belong equally to any living creature that can take care of itself. In the Arabian quarters goats, chickens, dogs and children are privileged to roam at their own sweet will, providing only they scamper out of danger at the warning cry of "Yallah!" which is uttered by the donkey boys or pedestrians who fill and overflow the always overflowing streets. But nothing seems to happen. The children skip nimbly out of the way, the chickens dodge into some convenient place when danger

Evidently this, too, is a part of the unwritten law of this city.

And is it not one that belongs to every code of Brotherhood?

As we turned into a wider and more modern street, we saw a coach with prancing black horses drawn up before the door of a fashionable shop. Presently out came a beautiful lady in European costume, and, while she was being assisted into the carriage, the gayly dressed criers, such as you see in the picture, seized their wand-like staffs, and, waving them right and left, ran at full speed down the street, crying at the top of their voices to make way for the carriage. My lady rolled past with her shining black steeds bearing her proudly on her triumphant way, the poor pedestrians, donkeys, camels, peddlers, women and children scattering on either side like chaff before the wind.

Sometimes it is the carriage of the royal family, sometimes native ladies dressed in white, with white gauze veils instead of the usual black, but it is always some person of wealth or quality or both who is thus honored.

Here, as elsewhere, there is need of the ushering in of that fair day when all men shall be free and equal, and for which "Our Magazine" is so earnestly working.

Yours in Holy Love,
BROTHERS NOS. 1 AND 7.

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And now he begs no more.

BELIEVE not that without thee lies salvation;

It is *within* thee every good abides,
And 'tis *within* thee also there resides
The tendency to fall—we term temptation.

If thou art human, yet thou art divine:

Though time and space may limit brain and limb—

Still dost thou live and move alone in Him—
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It is thus the Temple of Righteousness is built, and the Blessed State of Life is reached—even here and now.

James Allen in his great work, "All These Things Added," says:

"The Temple of Righteousness is built, and its four walls are the four Principles—Purity, Wisdom, Compassion, Love. Peace is its roof, its floor is Steadfastness, its entrance door is Selfless Duty, its atmosphere is Inspiration and its music is the Joy of the perfect. It cannot be shaken, and, being eternal and indestructible, there is no more need to seek protection in taking thought for the things of the morrow."

He only has to strenuously think and plan and struggle and suffer who does not know—who is not at-one with the Blessed One of omniscience and omnipotence.

The more perfect the Temple (soul, mind and body) the more perfect are we in receptivity; we are open to all Light, all Love, all Life and all Knowledge and Wisdom as we are one with the All-Knowing One.

By oneness with God we establish the Kingdom of Heaven within our souls, our hearts and our minds.

"And the Kingdom of Heaven being established in the heart, the obtaining of the material necessities of life is no more considered, for, having found the Highest (Truth), all these things are added as effect to cause; the struggle for existence has ceased, and the spiritual, mental and material needs are daily supplied from the universal abundance:

"Long I sought thee, Spirit holy,
Master Spirit, meek and lowly;
Sought thee with a silent sorrow, brooding o'er the woes of men;
Vainly sought thy yoke of meekness
'Neath the weight of woe and weakness;
Finding not, yet in my failing, seeking o'er and o'er again.

"In unrest and doubt and sadness
Dwelt I, yet I knew thy gladness
Waited somewhere; somewhere greeted torn and sorrowing hearts like mine;
Knew that somehow I should find thee,
Leaving sin and woe behind me,
And at last thy Love would bid me enter into Rest divine.

"Hatred, mockery and reviling
Scorched my seeking soul, defiling
That which should have been thy Temple, wherein thou should'st move and dwell;
Praying, striving, hoping, calling;
Suffering, sorrowing in my falling,
Still I sought thee, groping blindly in the gloomy depths of Hell.

"And I sought thee till I found thee;
And the dark Powers all around me
Fled, and left me silent, peaceful, brooding o'er thy holy themes;
From within me and without me
Fled they when I ceased to doubt thee;
And I found thee in thy Glory, mighty Master of my dreams!

"Yea, I found thee, Spirit holy,
Beautiful and pure and lowly;
Found thy Joy and Peace and gladness; found thee in thy House of Rest;
Found thy strength in Love and Meekness,
And my pain and woe and weakness
Left me, and I walked the Pathway trodden only by the blest."

Complex life is filled with tragedies, disappointments, woe and misery because it is not of the Spirit; spirituality leads man from the complex and involved to the simple and true.

Come, let us all strive to recognize and realize the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, that there should be a loving fellowship between each and all, as we are all children of our Father. "The comprehensive love which unifies divinity and humanity is the great law which includes all other laws."

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DEEM no life ill spent,
Or lived in vain,
That ever by a word or look
Has eased some heart of pain!
As drop by drop the brooklet flows
Into the boundless sea,
So grows and goes a loving word
Into Eternity:
Lingering there a beckoning star
Of dazzling radiance fair,
Till placed upon an angel's brow—
To gleam forever there.

—Francis B. Wisecarver, in *Mind*.

The Trust of Truth

BETTER trust all and be deceived,
And weep that trust and that deceiving,
Than doubt one heart, that, if believed,
Had blessed one's life with true believing.

Oh, in this mocking world, too fast
The doubting fiend o'ertakes our youth;
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The Living Power of the Living Love

By J. P. Cooke

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THE insight furnished by the organ of Human Nature is one of the most important faculties of a man's mind. It gives us sagacity into things in general and penetration into various kinds of work, together with intuitive perception of character and motives from first impressions. It is a prominent branch of the tree of mental life in man. It is one out of about forty faculties with which the creative Love of the Universe blesses His creatures, or such of them as choose to be blessed.

The power of this mental faculty is well illustrated by a little episode in the life of a poor, broken-down actor, who, in the early "sixties," was called up in the police court in Carson City to answer to a charge of drunkenness. When the judge asked him if he had anything to say, he arose, in a loose, disjointed way, and called for a jury trial. It was granted. When the time came he addressed the jury in his own behalf in this fashion, saying: "Gentlemen of the jury, I stand here to-day less a defender of my own personal debasement than a startling example of human depravity, which, like a burning beacon light on some headland on the coast, which should warn you, one and all, from the ragged rocks of Intemperance. Look at me! I am like a rude sign-post that I saw in Nevada pointing up a country road, where the green grass was beginning to wave. On the sign were the words, 'Small-Pox,' with the finger pointing to the West. If you saw that sign, you would pause as on the brink of a deadly danger!

"In me you see such a sign; and if, by looking at me—the wreck that I am—any one of you can be turned back from the living Hell that I know, I shall think that God, in His mercy, has permitted me to perform an act of usefulness which may assist me to bear with fortitude the reproach that is hourly hurled upon me by the living fire of my conscience, that I have lived in vain! That I have needlessly broken into shining shards the Golden Bowl of Life!

"Gentlemen of the jury, read the old poets. You will see how they deify the wine cup. They wreath it with the flowers of fancy. They crown it with the halo of song; they people its bloody depths with the creatures of their own bright imaginations, until one might believe it to be the well-spring of human happiness. But bitter experience tells us in different language that it is the fountain-head of misery, the haunt of a demon that destroys our very lives. There is a something that rises in the fumes of the cup that fools call 'inspiration'; but it is, in truth, a cunning reptile, crawling up from the dregs of the grape; it enters the window of the brain like a thief in the night, stealing away with your God-given reason in his grasp. There is the burning Demon-hand, which may put its ugly grip upon your throat and strangle you as a giant might a babe! I have not long to stay here, for two mighty miners are working on this lode, Time and Death! They are at their posts, working side by side as one Eternal shift; they clear away the waste rock and push along the ledge! It will not be long before I shall be gathered into the vast Pandemonium of Death as a piece of diseased and useless clay, to be cast into the waste dumps of Hell!"

He then drew forth an old red handkerchief and began to sob. The rugged old miners were moved to tears. No wonder they recommended him to the mercy of the court, their eyes streaming the scalding tears as they thought of old "pardners" and human wrecks from the mines. How many, oh, God! how many?

But the poor human wreck knew something of Human Nature! He knew that inward pang that proved them human. His fine was paid.

As we look abroad over the living sea of Humanity—eying men and women of all grades of nobleness and of ignobleness—what shall we do? Can we really Help them? Shall we despise them? Shall we look on the way in which they have shamed their life—their all? Shall we turn away like the Pharisee and say, "Thank God I am not as other men!" Shall we do this, I say, or shall we read of the Mystic Success Club—in this Magazine—and see what they are doing? They are trying to win men and women back to something less unworthy of God's gifts, helping them to brighten the powers and faculties which God has planted in their minds, in their hearts and in their inner lives. They practice Benevolence, a sweet, human helpfulness. When their brothers have fallen into the gutter of evil ways and follies, they would bear the light for them and lift them up and encourage them to better things.

We can all call to mind the example of the Good Samaritan and the sweet lesson of the Prodigal Son. How we have wasted our substance in a for-

eign land—the earth life—in riotous living, in the worst of folly; while the Dear God would have us grow into manly and womanly strength, by doing good—by wisely using the superb powers and faculties of mind and heart which He has planted in us, that we might develop them and grow into all the strength and joy and goodness of the deeper, the higher, the Inner Life.

Is it best for us to ape the Pharisee, or shall we call our loving Human Nature to our aid, and bear with our fellow-men—lead them and love them into something better and nobler—woo them to something more worthy of Humanity?

If we are really human we cannot stand aloof, content with our proud Philosophy and thinking that ours is the only road to Beatitude. Remember if you empty yourself by giving love, you increase your capacity for receiving. Those who are emptied in the true service of Loving Kindness shall surely be filled. Yes, filled full to overflowing from the bursting fulness of the great Inner Life, the Love Light of the All, the Great, full-bosomed, overflowing Love, that Fountain of Light and Goodness!

Along the great stretch of the Atlantic coast we are all familiar with the daily inflow of the surging tides. Nothing can resist it! It is silent and yet lifts the mighty ships and the ocean steamers on its full bosom in the Majesty of its Silence. So when the heart of man is exhausted in good works to his fellows and the loving tides are out, and the muddy flats come to view, the great Ocean of Love comes surging along, filling all the bays and river mouths, all the inlets and rivulets of Being, into the responsive heart and the hungry souls! The helpful are filled full to overflowing. It is then that man feels he is a child of the Eternal Goodness. That "I and my Father are one!" Yes, ONE in the Identity of HIS GREAT LOVE!

"Love is God"—and God reigneth. So "let the earth rejoice!" If thousands are thrown out of employment it suggests that they were not well employed. Why don't we take the hint? If we would but return to the God who lives in first principles, cease from wild speculations, inflated values, incur no debts we cannot pay, and pay our debts in solid values that all good men and honest men recognize, then the Living God would need no invitation to make his blessings felt by high and low.

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Let us really open our hearts to Him and He is sure to walk in, without "Bell, Book or Candle," and prove to each mother's son and daughter that He is the LIVING LIGHT of the LIVING GOODNESS.

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By the evils which are ripe.
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Than knight-hood's noblest quest.

But only the souls who bravely
Meet the opposing foe,
Of an adverse fate can ever
The bliss of victory know.

Then go, in the strength of manhood,
Go, in the name of God,
Of Him who in Gethsemane,
The path of anguish trod.

Stand for your weaker brother,
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Open a way for freedom,
And sin's dark barriers break.

"Quit ye like men," be steadfast;
For in your hands ye hold
All which belongs to the future,
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—Florida Pine.

Cultivate Effort and Energy

By Margaret Stowe

NATURE arms each man with some faculty which enables him to do easily something impossible to any other.

Find out what your faculty is, then put your whole mind on it and you will succeed. Concentration on one thing will bring success, where divided attention will mean failure.

Benjamin Constant, one of the most gifted Frenchmen of his time, resolved upon doing so many things, which he never did or never finished, that he was spoken of as "Constant, the Inconstant."

He envied Voltaire his energy, which he would rather have had than his genius, and spoke of himself as a person with one foot in the air.

His life was an absolute failure, notwithstanding his great intellectual endowments, because he had no strength of purpose—nothing but wishes.

You meet people every day who are desirous of doing something—to succeed in life—but when it comes to any effort or if any difficulty arises, then they sing another tune.

Do you think you are going to accomplish an end if you sit still and merely desire to be or do?

It is not ease, but effort, not facility, but difficulty, that makes men.

No matter what position you may hold, you will have difficulties to overcome before you succeed. Learn, then, to look upon them as your best instructors, for it is through them that you gain wisdom.

A well-known opinion tells us that there is more to be hoped from a man who failed, and yet went on in spite of his failure, than from the buoyant career of the successful.

The same authority says: "It is all very well to tell me that a young man has distinguished himself by a brilliant first speech.

"He may go on, or he may be satisfied with his first triumph, but show me a young man who has not succeeded at first, and nevertheless has gone on, and I will back that young man to do better than most of those who succeeded at the first trial."

We can do much if we only try. You do not know what you can do until you have tried, and then few really try their best until they have been forced to do so.

Cultivate effort and strength of purpose and be thankful for all the difficulties that come to you, giving you the opportunity to prove your strength and force.

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AUTOMATIC THINKING and THOUGHT-HABIT

By HENRY WOOD

Written Especially for
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If one goes to market to buy the materials for a good dinner he will carefully choose things of a superior quality. We value our bodies and strive to supply them with food which is easily digestible and favorable to health.

While the right combination for a good dinner is desirable, the quality of the finer and more complex food for the mind is even of greater importance. Mental and moral indigestion is more serious and persistent than that of the stomach, and, in fact, it often brings the latter in its train. The mind can be stuffed, starved or poisoned.

Feed a boy on dime-novel thoughts, and if he does not provide himself with pistol and knife and seek adventures, he will at least have strong impulses in such a direction. If the seductive doses are continued he will grow into a bundle of living disorderly forces. If he devour tragedy he will become tragic inside and some of it will break through the crust of restraint upon small provocation. On account of bad mental feeding there is often a seething mass of uncivilized impulses which only are hidden by a thin civilized veneer.

Mental hunger is insistent, and will have food, be the same good, bad or indifferent. It is generally made up of negative and fugitive thoughts. Every thought is a force, and if our vision were keen enough we perhaps could see them thick in the mental atmosphere which surrounds us, and also distinguish their quality.

As thinking is the starting point of all action, it should not be turned loose to run at large. What a disorderly mob of thoughts smuggle themselves into the mind! Stand at the gateway of consciousness and see them enter. Could they be pictured upon a moving panorama or acted upon the stage, what a dramatic medley would appear! It is all because they think themselves. It is true that but a small part of them ever reach the climax of seen form, but they all tend that way, and are fluttering to get loose. Those which succeed will have the stripe and color of the average that is within.

The brain is like a menagerie. Its caged mental forms bear close resemblance, in their nature, to various beasts, birds and reptiles, tamed and untamed, gentle and savage. Perchance there may be a side-show of monstrosities, but we will not look in.

Mind is peopled with all this motley assembly because it has left the door swinging on its hinges and the windows wide open. The governor has abdicated and the doorkeeper is off duty. A mind floating in a chaotic sea of thoughts, without a ruling aim and positive ideal, is like a rudderless ship, at the mercy of winds, waves and breakers.

The automatic mind is subject not merely to habit, but to careless habit. Habit is a force, and it may be trained to valuable service. Every force is good, except when misdirected. We are all creatures of habit. A deep rut is worn by a meadow brook because it has run in the same channel for a long time. It is no less true of a thought channel. In either case it is not easy to turn it into a new course.

Habit is a natural and universal law. As applied to thought, if we understand and control its action, it will perform wonders for us. Like an intelligent and trained assistant, it multiplies our ability and builds our character. On the contrary, if we carelessly yield to its rule, it becomes tyrannical and we drop into servitude.

Thoughts of all shades and qualities come trooping along and knock at the door of mind. There are the high and the low, the good and the bad, the selfish and unselfish, the pure and impure, the sickly and healthful, the fearful and courageous, the God-like and devilish, thoughts of love and hate, of cheer and despondency. Which will we admit? Each one that we receive makes its distinctive mark upon us. Like a line of customers in a bank, each one leaves a deposit.

We may invite some favorite thoughts into our inner reception-room for a longer stay and make them at home. Avoid this unless they are such as you wish to become like. We sooner or later make manifest the effect of their company. As intimacy is continual, their habit is fastened upon us.

These inner companions influence us far more than our nearest personal friends because the latter are comparatively far away. The particular mental pictures whose intimacy we cultivate gradually give us their features, their accent and all their mannerisms.

Thoughts steal in that we have not consciously invited. They will not always depart by word of command, but they may be elbowed out by other and larger ones which we choose, but not easily, if they have become very intimate.

Thought-habit is character. You are just what previous thinking has made you.

"I'd habits gather by unseen degrees—
As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas."

Get out of unwholesome ruts. It matters not whether they are made by past dogmatism, by

heredity, by other people or by yourself. Their walls on either side are hardening. Be your real self and you will be original. Originality draws the world together in love and mutual appreciation. Each then finds outside just what he lacks in himself.

Truth follows no rut. It is better to search for it than to walk in the groove of some leader's estimate of it, and new thought exponents are no exception. You must have your own new thought, rather than that which belongs to someone else.

There is too much "I am of Paul," and "I am of Apollon." The genuine new thought which you need is impersonal until it becomes personal in you. Other opinions and standpoints are good as aids and suggestions, but final authority should be within.

Your own religious denomination, political party, class or union is yours because of concentrated and habitual thinking. You have entertained (how significant the word!) fifty favorable thoughts in the line of your association as often as one regarding that of your neighbor.

You have created your own horizon. You think that you think as you do because it is reasonable, true or wise. Perhaps it may be, but you have neighbors equally intelligent and conscientious who think the same of their respective systems. Each has taken on the color and quality of his own habitual thoughts. That is the cause of his present views, but you cannot make him believe it. The old saw is true—

"A man convinced against his will,
Is of the same opinion still."

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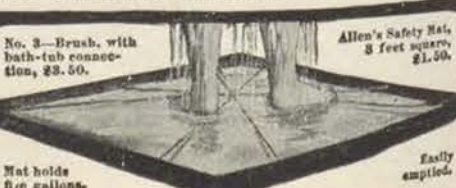
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A Strong Testimonial Letter From a Member of the Mystic Success Club

OUT of the thousands of voluntary testimonies or letters of praise we receive from earnest and enthusiastic members of The Mystic Success Club, we select the following one from Brother J. A. Whelan, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and print it in full. Read this letter with the Spirit and then turn to the hundreds of letters we are printing each month, and ask your inner self whether it would not help you, help humanity and help our work and this Magazine by becoming a life member and fellowshiping with us. Brother Whelan's letter is as follows:

1310 PORTAGE STREET, KALAMAZOO, MICH., Sept. 29, 1903 THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, 22 North William Street, New York City.

MY BELOVED BROTHERS—With this I send you blank to my Fourth Degree of The Mystic Success Club, properly filled out.

I found all the degrees very pleasant and easy to fill out, and soon learned to love the task. In fact I firmly believe any person who really wishes to gain the better ways of living and thinking, and will begin the degrees with a spirit of honesty and determination, will not only like the task, but will soon see, feel and realize all the joys you set forth in THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES every month relative to The Mystic Success Club.

But four months is a long time to some people during these hard hurry-up times, if they are sick and nervous and worn out with illness.

To such poor, unfortunate victims, I would love to speak. I'd say to each of them: Go and get into The Mystic Success Club, and follow closely the instructions of each degree.

For a while the time may drag. But, dear heart, come, listen; it takes time to win the good things of life. So lay aside all preconceived ideas of Doubt (if any) about The Mystic Success Club and join it. Live up to its requirements. They are easy. In fact, so easy that many will, no doubt, on seeing them, think they are too simple to be so productive of such grand results.

I have gained considerable flesh, besides being in perfect health of both body and mind. I could feel the strong vibrations every evening at 9 P.M. of Mystic No. 7, and I feel so grateful to him, also to Mystic No. 12, whose formula of "How to Pray" helped me so much. I would say to those in need of real help, Do not give up.

Brush away doubt, fear and worries. Lay aside all doubts. Don't let your religious ideas keep you away from this most divine organization. For there's nothing in any one of the four degrees antagonistic to any religious order.

Oh, if I only knew what to say to lead not only my friends but all sufferers to join, I'd not hesitate to say it with force. For the results in every way are so much more than I expected that I do not know how to express my gladness of soul to the dear founders and members of this Holy Club who permitted me to join their happy band.

Pardon me, beloved souls, for encroaching upon your time, but I feel as if I must speak my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for my whole-hearted happiness. The joys of contentment I never tasted until I became a member of this dear Club. I've seen much of the world and its ways, but truly I've seen more beautiful visions while sitting in the silence with eyes closed than I ever did in all my travels with my material orbs wide open. So, often, while awake in the still hours of night, with eyes closed, I'd see vast expanses of plains, forests, landscapes, sunsets and skies, all in various dainty colors, mostly blue and red.

But all seem to appear to me in the most delicate of colors. I have only to shut my eyes now to see them.

Oh, the beauties of a ramble in the "Thought World," as Henry Wood, of Boston, puts it. How sweet! How refreshing to the senses! Join this Club and learn to look within yourself for the soul-hungering joys of this life and quit looking so much outside of yourself for true happiness. Too long, dear brothers and sisters, we have looked outside of our own little temples (souls) for daily food and nourishment for the soul.

Let us return to our little deserted temples and search diligently for the many hidden possibilities which we have for ages overlooked.

Yes, if you want to find the key to all humane power, look within. Study the Within. Don't be so wrapped up in the Without. Once more let me say to those who are lost in the wilderness of materialism and doubt, not to centre your pleasures of life upon the Without.

If you do, your temples will perish, as did those of Rome. Join this Club and let the good leaders teach you the way, the truth and life, and how to find it within.

In Holy Love, J. A. WHELAN.

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Oh, is it there the Land of Promise lies?

With awe we on the wondrous vision gaze,
Too beautiful to stay;
And even while our souls awake to praise,
Already fading are the glowing rays
And paling into gray.
A sigh our feelings of regret betrays,
To see the wondrous glory pass away.

Night's splendor comes and floods the dusk that mars;
Would that the power were mine
To leap the narrow mind's confining bars,
And read the grand epistles of the stars,
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Thus long we ever for the great unknown—
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Joy, peace is there, we know by faith alone,
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When you feel the inspiration of that lofty desire to bless all whom you meet, silently, in thought, pronounce a benediction upon them. The field is open, and no conventionality will hinder. You meet them in thought as divine souls, free from the small considerations of artificial life. Let your kindest, most helpful thought go out to them as you will. If they need it, and are in a condition to be helped thereby, the deeper self will perceive and respond in like state. If not, your self-expression will have increased your realization.

Let it be merely a disinterested and unegotistic expression. Neither calculate upon return, nor entertain thought that the world is calling you to redeem it. It may sometimes be that the great desire to confer a benefit upon the world arises from your own need of it. Help, then, first yourself by realizing in increasing degrees this universal love. To help the world in this subtler manner, it will not then be necessary to go forth with avowed and specific effort. You will become a radiating centre of lofty influence which will reach all who are willing to receive it. Thus your very presence becomes a benediction; your life a constant inspiration to him who needs such.

"He that believeth not shall be damned," should also read, "He that loveth not shall be damned." He that loves much believes much. The hater is a doubter. He lives in his own shell. Freedom is gained through a realization of love; and this is all the "saving" there is about it.—William E. Toene.

In the course of evolution there is no more philosophical difficulty in man's acquiring immortal life than in his acquiring the erect posture, and articulate speech.—John Fiske.

Never since the world began has there been such a universal desire to know the truth; never has there been such a general shaking up of old lines of thought; and never has there been such an overturning of existing conditions as will be seen in the next few years. In many ways the world has been asleep for the past two thousand years, but it is getting wide awake.—A. Lovell Bain.

"The waters know their own and draw
The brook that springs from yonder height;
So flows the good with equal law
Unto the soul of pure delight."

Men fly from creed to creed, and find—unrest; they travel in many lands, and discover—disappointment; they build themselves beautiful mansions, and plant pleasant gardens, and reap—ennui and discomfort. Not until a man falls back upon the Truth within himself does he find rest and satisfaction; not until he builds the inward Mansion of Faultless Conduct does he find the endless and incorruptible Joy, and, having obtained that, he will infuse it into all his outward doings and possessions.—James Allen.

He who resolves that he will not rest satisfied with appearances, shadows, illusions, shall, by the piercing light of that resolve, disperse every fleeting phantasy, and shall enter into the substance and reality of life. He shall learn how to live, and he shall live. He shall be the slave of no passion, the servant of no opinion, the votary of no fond error. Finding the Divine Centre within his own heart, he will be pure and calm and strong and wise, and will ceaselessly radiate the Heavenly Life in which he lives—which is himself.—James Allen, in "All These Things Added."

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Come o'er the soul so drear;
That night is white in comparison,
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Yet who perceives the beauty
Of the lily and not the mire,
Knows 'tis only God that's calling
The Soul to come up higher.

After the joy of conflict,
After the battle is o'er,
All can rejoice and welcome
The heroes of holy war.

But what I am trying to tell you,
What I am trying to say,
When the clouds are dark about you,
Do you always see the day?

For the Sun is always shining
Somewhere around this globe.
Then let us not be repining,
But drop all our burden and load.

Let us welcome the fire and the process
That eliminates all of the dross—
That cleanses and heals us and blesses,
Altho' it may seem like a Cross.

"What seemeth now not joyous,
But grievous," sad and sore,
Is change by our Word to blessing;
We're a hero—evermore.

We're a Roman soldier fighting—
Fighting the battle of life.
'Tis a glorious field of battle,
Tho' alone we seem in the strife.

To him that overcometh,
The crown of life is given.
'Tis now we receive the blessing,
'Tis now we live in Heaven.

For the Kingdom of Heaven is within us—
A Kingdom free from pain;
When the Light shines forth in darkness,
The Lord begins to reign.

Let each new day be Christmas,
Let Truth be born each day;
Let His Star shine forth forever,
And drive all night away.

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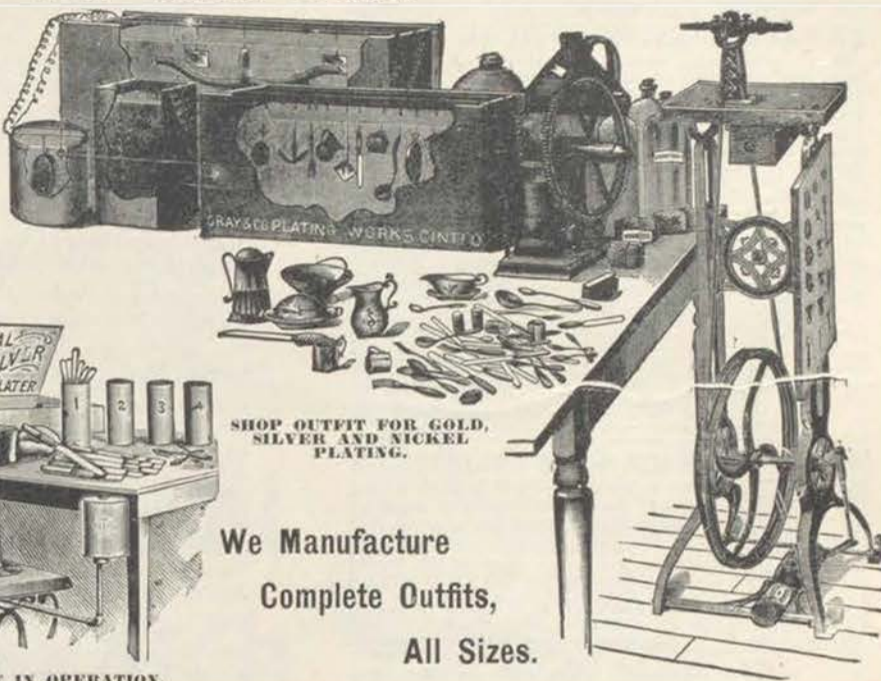


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But lo, one day a still, small voice
 Bade me, "Arise, go forth, rejoice."
 The Lord is with you every day
 To lead and help you on your way.

"No task is there for Him too small,
 No work too great; He guideth all.
 Within yourself doth ever dwell
 The Lord, Who doeth all things well."
 —Clara Henderson, in *Now*.

You and To-day
 With every rising of the sun,
 Think of your life as just begun.
 The past has shrived, and buried deep,
 All yesterdays; there let them sleep.

Nor seek to summon back one ghost
 Of that innumerable host.
 Concern yourself with but to-day,
 Woo it and teach it to obey.

Your will and wish. Since time began,
 To-day has been the friend of man!

But, in his blindness and his sorrow,
 He looks to yesterday and to-morrow.

You and to-day! A soul sublime
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 Go forth, I say, attain, attain!

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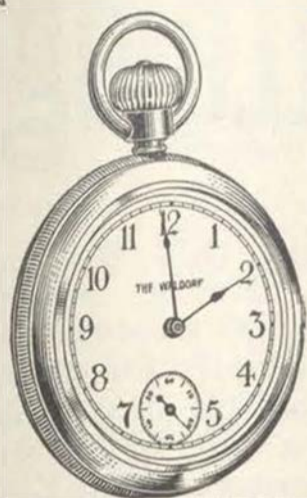
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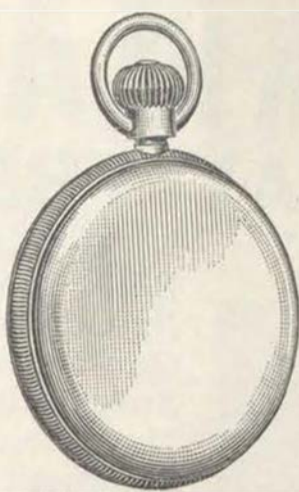
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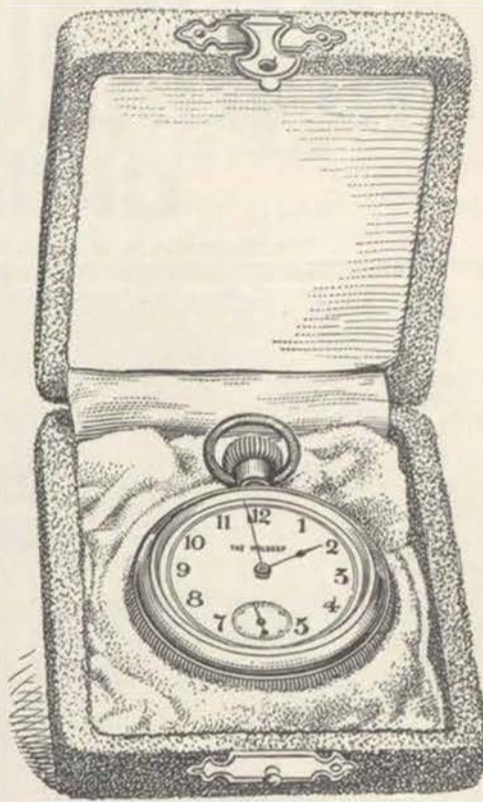
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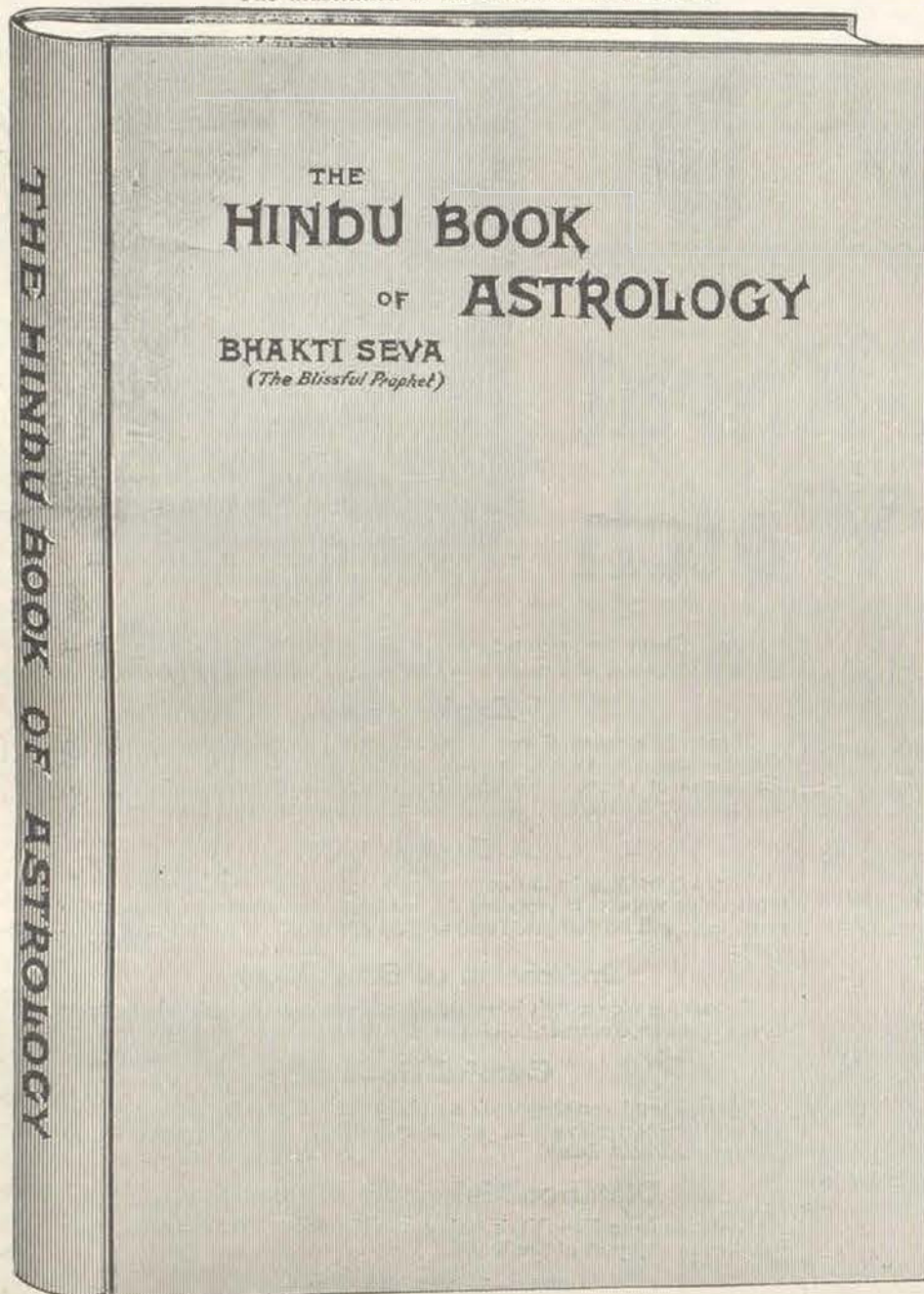
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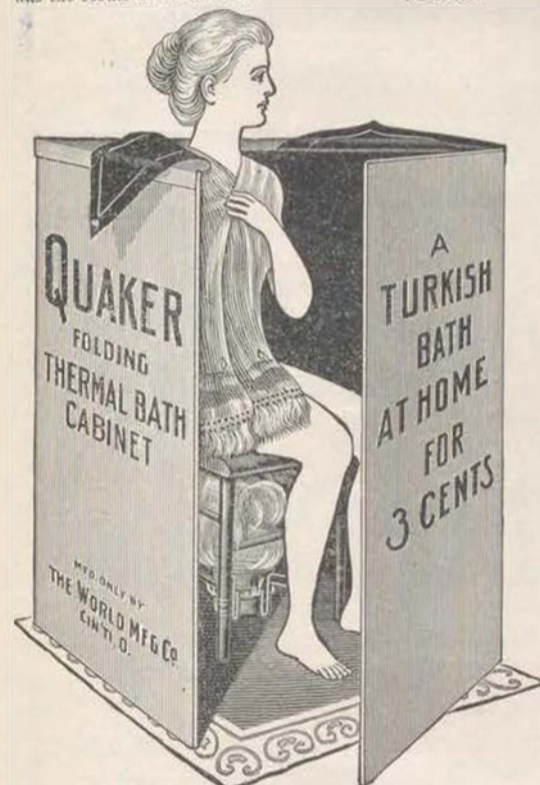
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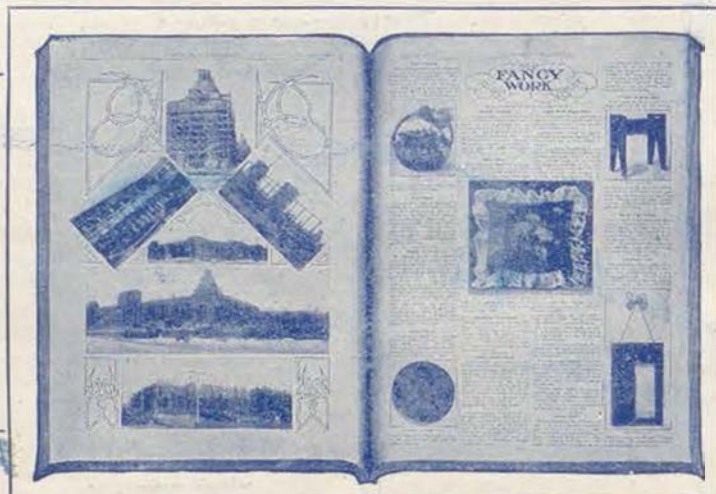
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