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**T**HREE years have passed since THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES was first sent forth with its grand message of HEALTH, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY; three *phenomenal* and *wonderful* years; *phenomenal* because of the thousands upon thousands of people all over the world who have been helped by the Magazine; wonderful because of the eager and spontaneous co-operation the first and every succeeding number of the Magazine elicited. Readers became subscribers, subscribers became enthusiastic helpers, gladly and untiringly working for the circulation and advancement of the Magazine that had brought joy, health and success to them and theirs.

We who had thought to send our message to the world were not only amazed at the ready welcome but at the stupendous response it received. Letters of praise, gratitude and yearning were poured in upon us from all quarters, from Alaska, South America, the islands of the sea, from Africa and the Philippines, from cities of Europe, from obscure little hamlets or farms on our American prairies, from the cultured cities between ocean and ocean, or from factory and field; and these letters—the outpourings of sacred and profound emotions, proofs of the precious confidences of these widely scattered unseen friends—have inspired us to still greater efforts to meet the need of their hearts and lives.

And so we have come to know you and love you, dear friends. You have written us many a letter in your times of joy or sorrow or perplexity. You have worked with zeal and sacrificing love for *Our Magazine* because, as you had been blessed you desired to bless, and for this motive and this effort you have been rewarded a hundredfold, for your very faith in our gospel and your untiring zeal for the cause have so strengthened our hands that we have pushed through many swamps of threatening difficulties and overcome many an obstacle.

The first year was one of ceaseless labor and a steady outpouring of money, in order to send copies throughout the civilized world; for, believing in our message, we meant the whole world to have it. One and all of the staff of workers and writers gave unstintingly of time, talent and labor, and the result was a magazine that went forth to a world-wide circle of readers, bearing a clear, simple, valuable message of Health, Happiness and Prosperity to whomsoever would receive. For nearly a whole year we steadily refused the most flattering offers for advertising space in our columns, and these offers coming from all parts of the United States, without any solicitation whatever, meant much from a business point of view, for the first year of the life of any periodical is the most critical of its existence. When, however, from our own subscribers and friends there came applications, we felt that we had no right to refuse, and while since we opened our columns to advertising some things were admitted that on future thought are perhaps unsuitable for *Our Magazine*, we had the honest intention to maintain *our principles* in our business as well as literary columns.

Our object is to help advance every good work, and to be disseminators *on every plane of human interest* of the Truth that will enlighten, encourage and help every human being.

The first year we organized our *Universal Brotherhood of Mystic Adepts*, with the desire of helping each student into a consciousness of the inner life of the Spirit (the true Mystic life), in order that they might become adepts in overcoming the ills and sorrows of the natural or flesh life. The earnest and heartfelt testimonials you who belong to the Brotherhood have so freely and spontaneously given prove our work in that direction to have yielded abundant harvest.

The second year our *MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB* was started, and the knowledge of the many benefits achieved, remarkable cures wrought and unfortunate lives changed through this spiritual centralization has brought us unbounded satisfaction.

The third year brings us to a fuller realization of the steady progress *Our Magazine* has made. Hundreds of letters a day continue to bring eloquent testimonials of help received, of unlimited good experienced, and from our large and increasing but ever-harmonious family we derive daily inspiration and sustaining strength. We are *more than ever* determined to make THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES a welcome and beloved messenger of *Health, Happiness and Prosperity* that shall belt the world. We want to render the greatest good to the greatest number, and we know you will join your desires and efforts with ours, to add to our list of readers and friends.

We now have a circulation of nearly two hundred thousand copies each month, which means about one million readers, but we will not rest till our seed is sown in the whole field—the world.

We shall continue to furnish such writings as will in every way uplift and benefit our readers. Our purpose is to spread a table upon which we shall find food that will nourish, satisfy and upbuild, and from which all shall go away refreshed and eager to work for the good cause—the cause of bringing light, joy, happiness and success into human lives.

It is the beginning of a new day. *Let us to work!* In peace, in joy, in purpose and courage, in unity and strength we are one. Success to *Our Magazine* and its friends!



## Our Whirlpools

By Lucetta J. Curtis, in *Light of Truth*

As we go down the stream of life we find whirlpools of different kinds, and are driven into them without a moment's warning. The forces which surround us drive us on and on, we being unable to know whither we go. If a whirlpool in a stream of water catches an unwary bark and the occupant is drowned, the whole community says: "Too bad, what a pity!" But if some child of the same God is caught in a whirlpool of sensation and goes down in social opinion, the same people will say: "She ought to have known better." One was driven by unknown and unseen forces, the other by seen and better understood conditions. This causes the difference in the feelings of those who look on and condemn or pity. The rushing waters show their force by their rapid movement and continual sound, but there was a little bend in the river which hid from the sight of those drifting in the bark the whirlpool just beyond until they were too near the death-dealing trap to save themselves and the bark they were sailing in. It is easy to reason and see that the forces which surrounded them and drove them on were too strong for them to control.

Not so with the young girl who was driven into the whirlpool of some man's passion and all aflame with that force which she could not control was swallowed up. The world cannot see the self-indulgence of her ancestors, which handed down to her the lack of self-will; nor the great heart hunger she inherited from her mother who bore children for the man whose very touch was enough to send chills over her body. Her reason did not tell her that she ought not to bear children, where there was not a perfect union of all parts of the nature, a perfect blending of the two into one. She had married him more than ten years before; he had earned money that she might live well, dress well and rear the children he gave to her in comfort and even elegance. There was no reason, apparently, that she should not bear more children, but oh! how she shrank from the touch which might give a bodily covering to another soul, but duty said it must be and it was, while every fibre of the body throbbed no. All the time there was a great vacuum in the heart and such a longing filled every moment for—she knew not what. The M.D.'s said she had nervous prostration, or that her blood was lacking in some quality which could be made all right, if just the right drug could be found, but it could not and she dragged her life along never for a moment thinking it was perfect freedom—freedom to act in accordance with the finer feelings of her inner nature that caused the weakness and lack of ease which is termed disease.

Her children while yet in the womb throbbed and vibrated with this unsatisfied condition, and after birth lived in the atmosphere of inharmony—if not open rebellion. They were filled with the desire for something which they could not describe, or even understand. In reaching for something to quiet them and give rest, some found the wine cup, which at last stung like an adder; and others the tobacco habit, which lulled this unrest to sleep and stopped the pain for a time, but at last it is sure to bring weakness, either mental or physical, to the devotee. Others came in touch with the opposite sex and in a blind moment, filled with the longing for perfect harmony, their virtue was lost. The whirlpool was just around the bend and hidden from sight, and no one to warn them of their danger, for no one knew the secret of this skeleton in the closet of the mother's heart, and no one even thought of the self-indulgence of past generations which had weakened the will of the children she bore.

If women only knew that the greatest evil of life is the building of these whirlpools of feelings which suck in their children and hold them down to the very depths of the burning hell, which has so filled the world with fear—the hell which burneth within and dries up the very essence of life—they would stand as one vast army and demand knowledge along the line of their own nature, stand firm and never waver nor flinch at what might come until the babes which would draw nourishment from their breasts were born from a union of perfect blending and not from reason. Love is not reason; love is away beyond reason or human ken at present. Passion, on the unthinking plane, developed reason; now reason must develop love or develop us into a perfect understanding of what love is. Reason's work is to act upon what is felt when the inner stirs the flesh into action. The God-head within speaks to the outer which it has and is building and grinding from one condition to another, higher and higher. We are continually reaching for that "just beyond," and if we could only have faith and know that "my own soul speaketh to me," how much faster the heaven which we are to have here could be ushered in.

On the lower plane there were no conflicts, the feelings of the body were acted upon; and no thought taken, but after reason was added to the senses there had to be a readjusting of them all, and we are just now in the midst of that readjusting.

How I wish I might say something to the women of the land that would make them stop and think of these things which are driving our sons and daugh-

ters into the whirlpools, to be swallowed up, and why it is that a child of earth drowned in a whirlpool of water is pitied and blessings asked for him, while our girls and boys drowned in a whirlpool of passion or longing for appreciation are condemned and driven from social kindness.

We who should know ourselves as God's children and rest in the knowledge of All Good are rushing hither and thither seeking some panacea which will give us the calm, happy life which the "I am" within tells us we may have and denying our Lord which dwells within each breast, and would save us from death, if allowed full expression. But we go on building our children in ignorance and condemning the poor and lonely who fall by the wayside, whirled into what their mothers and fathers have builded for them and their own weak will could not save them from. How can we stop it? What voice will reach the people and call a halt in this sowing of the seeds of death?

When I think of the aching hearts of the girls of the land, and the longing in the minds of our boys, I lose sight of the many voices which are being raised; some saying that the marriage law is at fault, some saying that the social law is at fault, another says that the financial condition of the country is the point which must be remedied, and another says our religious natures must be raised to a higher standard, and others look for some drug to assist the world into a growth and believe the promise that so many teaspoonfuls taken so often will restore lost manhood and save women from unsought children. There are a multitude of ways being given out to the world, and it must be that all contain some good, and that all are working together for the uplifting of mankind. To me it seems that one or two words contain the whole problem—Self-Control and Freedom. These applied and lived in the individual will work the salvation of the world. We must control our appetites and passions, and we must let no one say to us, "You must do this or you ought to do that," and we obey in blind faith. We must be able to say, and live true to it, "I will do what this small voice within dictates to me," and no coercing or coaxing either by a single person or by what we call social law can turn me so long as there is rebelling within. Man must give freedom to every soul. Woman not only needs to give freedom, but demand freedom for her body and fear no law but the law of God which speaks to her. Then our kindred would not be drowned in the whirlpool of desire for that indescribable something; and none would be born only as perfect harmony brought them forth.

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." We can see that, from what we call dreadful conditions, the free woman is to be born; then the children born of women will be freed from this unrest which is driving the people into madness. The shops and offices which are giving such pitances to women for work done are one of the mysteries which will work wonders. The women are not only learning what it means to have a few pennies their very own, but are learning how to demand justice for themselves and not need to feel that their bodies were sold for what they have; even if the bone and muscle given for the money earned was far above the value received. They are coming to see that the prostitute inside the marriage bond is no better and no worse than the one outside who sells this semblance of love for her keep and board. Now and then one falls by the wayside with their hopes broken and are glad to find rest in the grave; with the majority a new hope is being added to the old hope and they know that by and bye they will stand side by side with man in all things. When woman stands thus and no one is bought or sold we will know heaven.

There is within every human breast a feeling that, somewhere, there is one who would be a complement to one's life. This is the voice of truth urging them on and up each step in the ladder of life. It cannot be that the God which speaketh from within can tell a lie. There must come a time when no more of these whirlpools of passion will be built, and will be when no woman will say yes to a man's desire for the expression of love, whether by a touch, a kiss or other caress, while her whole being throbs no. It will be when no man will seek woman for his own sense gratification, but will follow the guidance which will be for the highest good for both; anything less than the consent of the whole body—spiritual, mental and physical—will breed disease and death; no power can stop it after it has once started until it has run its race.

There must come a time of such harmony that the male and female mind will move, act and be as one. Then the world will enjoy the rest which comes between each period of the upward climb, and no more whirlpools will be builded.

True Science and True Religion agree and have no quarrel; it is dogmatic and theological teachings that crumble before blessed Science, not real religion. The Truth never dies and fears nothing; it is imperishable and no error or false teaching or doctrine can touch it. True Religion has nothing to fear from Science; indeed, she welcomes all Light. Evolution, as taught by the scientists, has been a great and lasting blessing to true religion and a terrific blow to dogmatic error.

## To Sad-Heart

I HAVE a word for you,  
For you, Sad-Heart,  
And pray you keep it till the dawn come true,  
And sorrow part.

I never bid you doff  
A single care;  
But ever till to-morrow, oh, put off—  
Put off Despair.

## The Best Way

THIS world is a difficult world indeed,  
And people are hard to suit,  
And the man who plays on the violin  
Is a bore to the man with a flute.

And I myself have often thought  
How very much better 'twould be  
If every one of the folks I know  
Would only agree with me.

But since they will not, then the very best way  
To make this world look bright  
Is never to mind what people say,  
But do what you think is right.

A man is relieved and gay when he has put his heart into his work and done his best; but what he has said or done otherwise shall give him no peace.—*Emerson.*

It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion, and in solitude to live after one's own; but the truly great man is he who, in the midst of the crowd, keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.—*Emerson.*

"The man who does things, who brings about results, who feels within himself the power of achievement and is determined to make himself known in the world, never waits to see what the crowd is going to do. He does not ask advice of everybody he knows or wait for precedents. He lays out his own plans, thinks his own thoughts, directs his own energies. He does not complain because obstacles appear in his path; and, when he comes to them, he goes through them, not over them or around them. He never whines or grumbles; he simply keeps to his task and works in a vigorous, manly way. He goes about everything he undertakes with a determination that insures victory. It takes courage and originality to step out from the crowd and act independently—to jump into deep water, as it were, and swim or sink. The man who acts boldly wins the confidence of the world."

## Gems of Thought

As a man travels on in the journey of life his objects of wonder daily diminish, and he is continually finding out some very simple cause for some great matter of marvel.—*Washington Irving.*

Don't try to fight your wandering thoughts in prayer; it is only self fighting self. Be still, and recognize that you are the temple of the Holy Ghost, and wait for Him to pray in you.—*W. R. Newell.*

The power of faith is in the simplicity of faith. When a man believes in God with all his heart he has no more fear for anything but his own disobedience. To-day, to-morrow and all the endless days are his. Life becomes a plan of God, and the heart rests in the power that shall fulfil it.—*J. O. R.*

Unfailing courtesy, kindness, tenderness and consideration for others are some of the greatest ornaments to the character of the child of God. The world can understand these things, if it cannot understand doctrine. There is no religion in rudeness, roughness, bluntness and incivility. The perfection of practical Christianity consists in attending to the little duties of holiness as well as to the great.—*J. C. Ryle.*

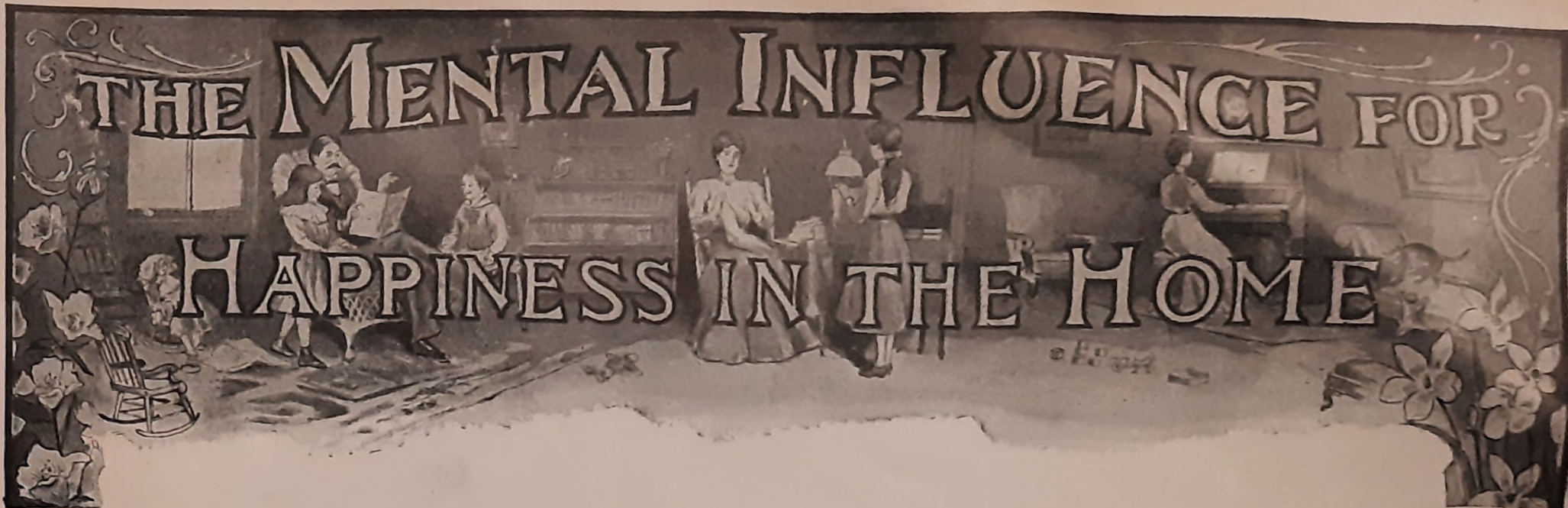
Oh, the littleness of the lives that we are living! Oh, the way in which we fail to comprehend, or, when we do comprehend, deny to ourselves the bigness of that thing which it is to be a man, to be a child of God!—*Phillips Brooks.*

Every Christian family ought to be, as it were, a little church, consecrated to Christ, and wholly influenced and governed by His rules. And family education and order are some of the chief means of grace. If these fail, all other means are likely to prove ineffectual.—*Jonathan Edwards.*

As we get into the Spirit and Nature of the universe we find that orderly progress and development along all lines prevails; that real progress is not made at a bound; that we often advance farther when we are quiet and passive than when we are strenuous; that it is by slow and thorough processes that we reach the Most High.—*Frank Harrison.*

Blessed is he who can feel God with his soul as keenly and really as he feels the air with his body. Many times blessed is he who has through pure, spiritual growth and regeneration come into oneness and the fruits of the Spirit, and can see and hear, walk and talk with great Masters and Angels.—*A Mystic Adept.*





**W**E are happy to inform all of our readers, particularly those who have watched and waited for news from this Department, that it is more than probable the Prize contributions will be printed in the July number of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. So far, we see nothing to prevent our giving you this pleasure. Of course, unforeseen contingencies may arise, but everything in our power will be done in order to have the contributions appear at the promised time.

The subject of "Mental Influence for Happiness in the Home" has created such widespread interest, and so many letters have reached us from such unexpected sources, that we naturally feel very much elated over the success of the contest.

Those who have not yet written have still a chance to send in an experience.

Do not labor under the impression that your contribution must necessarily be a lengthy one. Quite the contrary. Let it be as short and concise as is consistent with the story to be told.

When the letters are long—and, unfortunately, too many so far have been

—it takes much more time to read them, and, in a contest of this kind, every letter must be, and is, read word for word and line for line. Otherwise a just decision could not be given.

Clergymen, Authors, Lawyers, Doctors of Medicine and men and women of all creeds and professions have sent in their ideas and experiences upon this ever interesting theme.

Beautiful expressions have also come to us from England, Scotland, France, India and Japan. It is a temptation to print some of these letters from our Foreign Subscribers, for many contain splendid tributes to the noble work THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES has accomplished; others did not write up to the conditions of the contest.

The conditions are plainly expressed at the bottom of this page. Read them over carefully, and then make an effort to win a Prize. Perhaps You who read this may be One of the Lucky Twelve.

The following are a few of the many interesting letters received on the subject of *Mental Influence for Happiness in the Home*. They all embody practical tests, taken from Personal Experiences, and show in an infinite variety of ways how Happiness has been secured:

SPRINGFIELD, O., April 23, 1904.  
740 EAST HIGH STREET.

MYSTIC No. 9: Answering your appeal for letters from those who know personally of cases where a proper mental attitude has changed the course in a home from sickness and discouragement, I wish to say that I can vouch for one such instance, and I know of many others which are fast being transformed by one hopeful person in each, who is bringing health and happiness there, simply by Reading THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and Practicing its Teachings.

In the first home I mentioned the mother was a delicate woman, and one who, although gifted intellectually, did not succeed in placing to advantage the literary work which she was doing. This so discouraged her that her health further suffered.

One day she saw a copy of your Magazine. It was like the opening of a new world to her. She read eagerly, and pondered over the wonderful things she found there. Could they be true? Were those blessed promises to Her? She wrote to Mystic No. 7, and from him she had such reassuring words that she could not doubt.

On the curtain in her bedroom she pinned his letter, where its cheering words could encourage her at all times. She held the Noon and Evening thought with The Silent Brotherhood, until all her life was changed. She asserted Health, Happiness and Success, until they all came to her, and to-day she is in excellent health and is now contributing three serials to first-class periodicals, as well as doing short story writing, for all of which she is paid liberally.

Of course this success, and her improved health, has filled her home with the sunlight of a benediction, and she is the most enthusiastic believer in all the ideas taught by your Mystics.

She buys and sends copies of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES to many despairing friends, many of whom are being brought face to face with your great Truths.

These things I know, and I can give the lady's name to any who may doubt. Hoping that this letter may bring others to see the light.

Very cordially yours,  
(Mrs.) MAUDE M. MILLER.

DEER RIDGE, MO., April 14, 1904.

MYSTIC No. 9: MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES: Seeing your message in the April number of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES telling of the mental attitude bringing happiness to the home, I write you my experience.

When I read my first copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, eighteen months ago, I was tired of life. I thought I had nothing to live for, and when I retired at night would say, "How sweet it would be to go to sleep and never awaken!" I longed to leave the home I once loved so much and never see it again.

My husband, who was all the world to me, had kissed me good-bye, laughing and in the best of spirits, on the morning of August 10, 1902, and an hour later was accidentally drowned. When they brought home his lifeless form my heart was crushed. My health failed. I could not attend to the business matters that were awaiting me. I was a wreck physically and mentally.

A few months later I received a sample copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. I read it. The very book itself, as it rested in my feeble hands, gave me *New Life, Courage, Hope*.

I have been a constant reader of your Magazine, and as a result my home is bright and cheerful. I walk in *newness of life—in oneness with God*. There is a sweet calmness in my soul that makes it impossible for me to be sad or discontented. If at any time I feel the need of rest from business, I sit in the Silence and listen to the *Voice Within*. I am refreshed and this mental attitude has restored me to happiness again. No day is too long for me. The sunlight of love illuminates my whole soul.

What a wonderful change your blessed teachings have brought into my life! I would like to tell your readers of some revelations given me in those silent communications with the All Presence, but Mystic No. 9 has asked for an experience where a certain mental attitude has brought Happiness, and I have given mine.

Naturally, I would like to win a prize, and if I am successful I will use the money to place THE MAGAZINE

OF MYSTERIES in homes that are darkened by sadness and sorrow, as my home was a short time ago.

Mrs. ARTHUR McDONALD.

WILMINGTON, O., April 10, 1904.

DEAR MYSTIC No. 9: My wife and I started out to storm the tide together just fifty-six years ago. We first erected the *Family Altar*, and placed our all on it for Good. We tried to be Christlike, speaking evil of no one, and giving true reverence to God, the Creator and Preserver of all things. We put on no airs of superiority, nor did we demand honor above others. We promised to speak kindly to each other always, and *never under any circumstances to raise our voices in anger*. We have held steadfastly to these few promises, and thus for fifty-six years have we lived together in Peace and Harmony, by preserving this fine Mental Attitude.

To-day is the *Fifty-seventh Anniversary of our married life*, and now we see the horizon of eternity with complacency from our home on the shores of time.

On the borderland of that mysterious bourne we serenely wait for the time when we will be called hence, while Hope spans with beautiful effulgence the shadows of the valley and opens to our vision the Portals of Immortality.

Yours in Happiness,  
J. M. AUSTIN.

KING GEORGE COUNTY, VA., April 2, 1904.

MY DEAR FRIENDS: In reply to your request for a few words on "The Mental Influence for Happiness in the Home," I am happy to say that since I have been reading THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES it has caused me to reflect seriously, and to try to grasp the New Thoughts, as you interpret them.

This has certainly brought Peace and Happiness to my home so far, and I doubt not always will. Furthermore, your beautiful and highly spiritual interpretations of many passages in the Holy Bible have brought new light to me on the blessed Gospels; and this is saying much, for I am a Minister of the Gospel by profession.

Christ bade us go from house to house preaching and teaching His sayings. This I have endeavored to do to the best of my ability, but never in all my career as a preacher have I felt better satisfied with my efforts, worked with a finer enthusiasm, or given better service, than since the time I became a constant reader and student of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.

It has brought an added peace unto my own soul, and this mental attitude maintained has secured Happiness for my family and for my friends.

Yours in Gratitude,  
(Reverend) CORNELIUS M. HOWARD.

247 CRETE AVENUE, ELMIRA, N. Y., April 6, 1904.

Editor MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.  
Dear Sir: To-day I received the April number of my loved Magazine, and in this I respond to your request for personal experiences.

Some years ago I learned the law of directing the subtle forces which control environment by a definite and attainable mental attitude. We had never been prosperous since our marriage, and at that time my husband and I were carrying on a small and unremunerative photograph and engraving business, which was not paying necessary expenses. I therefore determined to put in practical use my newly acquired knowledge by trusting for ample supply. In less than a month money began to flow in more freely, but long accumulated debts would occasionally arise, as threatening ghosts of past misfortunes, to face me.

Each time this occurred I settled myself still more firmly in my mental attitude of *Trust and worked on*. In time the ghosts vanished, and so did the debts.

Prosperity increased rapidly for a year or two. Then came the summer of 1903, when the whole country was swept by a financial fear and consequent stringency. I have to acknowledge that when its effects were only too apparent upon our affairs my courage and faith went down with the sweeping current, and once more we faced a steadily diminishing business.

In spite of having so plainly proved the Law of Success, the long years of poverty combined with the present exigency made vain for several months my efforts to recover a proper mental attitude. But finally,

almost overwhelmed by a constant decrease in income and increase of my old enemy, debt, I compelled myself to trust.

At once all fear left me, and though a long, hard year went by without apparent result, except greater poverty and more debts, I never once faltered.

Then came a day I can never forget. We had reached a point where, for days, not a customer had entered our door, and we had not a stroke of work to do in the gallery. My husband having hired a horse and cart had gone into the country to photograph some farm homes, hoping in that way to make a few dollars, while I was in my little sitting-room adjoining the studio—*waiting*. But what of that? I was perfectly happy, and my heart kept singing a little song, "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord," and I knew I had all the money I wanted, and that it mattered not where it was kept for me.

Then I heard the gallery door open. Fateful opening! A gentleman entered who had come to offer my husband a situation as photographer and engraver in an institution only twenty-five miles away, at a salary of more than a thousand dollars a year. This man was a stranger. The institution he represented, we knew nothing about except its mere existence. We had no knowledge of its having any department of photography and engraving, nor had my husband ever contemplated seeking any such situation. Yet it was brought to our very door, and to us seemed wealth indeed.

In ten days it was all settled, and my husband was in full charge. Was it not wonderful? Had it mattered that I could not see where God had banked my money?

Nor was this all. I was now left alone with a patronless gallery on my hands my husband being able to be with me on Sundays only.

But surely I could not now dare to fail. I hired a young woman to keep my house and do my printing, and I set earnestly and most trustfully about my business. People began to come for pictures, I welcomed each one with a warm heart and a sense of personal interest. I never did better work.

How my business did grow! I worked alone in that way nearly two years, and the last year, I doubled the profits of any previous year, often working until midnight to keep up with my orders.

Then I closed up the business and came to my husband. We have bought a lot and built a suburban cottage home, in which we enjoy Comfort, Harmony and Peace.

Is the arm of the Lord shortened? Surely not. His law of trust and love is eternal and universal, and what one of His children has done each and every other child of His can do.

Faithfully,  
MARY McCOLLUM.

### Fifty Dollars in Prizes.

Desiring to give the knowledge for obtaining happiness in the home to everyone, we wish our readers to join us in spreading the Blessed Gospel of happiness in the home, and in order to spread these glorious truths we ask all of our readers to write us a letter, which we can publish, telling in few words, and in a plain, straightforward manner, instances that have come under their personal observation whereby the proper mental attitude has restored happiness in the home, and other instances whereby health has been restored, success has been won out of failure by the proper mental and cheerful support given by one member of the family to another.

In order to encourage you to write us letters on the above subject, we have decided to offer \$50 in prizes, to be divided into twelve prizes to be paid for the twelve best letters which give true instances where mental attitude has brought happiness, health or success to the home. The money will be divided as follows: The first prize will be \$25, the second prize will be \$10, and five prizes of \$5 each, and five prizes of \$1 each, making a total of \$50. Send your letters in without delay. Address MYSTIC No. 9, THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, 22 North William Street, New York City.



## INFERIORITY OF WOMAN IS ONLY IMAGINARY

By PROF. J. NOVICOW, the Eminent Russian Sociologist

**F**ROM time immemorial woman has been robbed of a great part of her happiness on account of having always been considered inferior to man intellectually as well as physically.

If it could be proven that this inferiority was not real, she would at once step forward as the equal of man, and we would in the future know her as an entirely different being.

It seems to me extremely important to examine very carefully whether woman is really inferior to man.

No scientist, no sensible person, has ever tried to prove that the tigress were less intelligent than the tiger, or, in fact, that any female animal were inferior to its male partner.

What right have we men, then, to make this statement in regard to woman, when her sex has produced women as prominent as Hypatia, as Clemence Rover or as Sophie Kovalevsky?

In the whole animal kingdom the difference between the male and female is almost imperceptible, even physically. And among our nearest ancestors, the anthropopithec and the anthropomorphic simians, only a very close examination shows any physical difference.

Why should, then, any material difference in brain and intelligence have developed in the human species during the comparatively short space of time that separates us from our anthropomorphic ancestors?

In fact, evolution proves that this proposition is a pure contradiction.

In prehistoric man, as well as among modern savages, there was absolutely no intellectual difference between man and woman. The differences between the sexes is not psychological or physiological, but merely social.

Letourneau makes this very clear where he says: "Already in antiquity there was an effort to divide the necessary work between man and woman. The man would hunt and go to war, while the woman was left in charge of the home and the children; but the primitive woman was by no means less hardy and strong than her husband, whom she very often helped in his fight against human and animal rivals."

It is a biological law that exercise will develop—yes, even create—an organ, while lack of practice will make an already existing organ deteriorate and dwindle down, and the work that has been given to woman for ages has made her physically weaker, but at the same time more graceful.

But, as I have said before, woman's inferior position is not a result of her lack of muscular strength; it arises from the very start from social reasons.

For centuries hunting and carrying on war were the most important part of man's occupation, and, as woman had become excluded from these, she appeared of less value to man, who did not see in her work anything to dignify her position. Even a man, who reasoned as clearly as Aristoteles, makes the statement that woman is far inferior to man for this very reason.

Let us look a little closer at the problem to see if there is any foundation to make the general statement that woman is physically weaker.

If we do so we shall find that this statement is entirely conventional. Even in our own modern times there are women who are exceedingly well developed, physically, while we find an ever increasing number of men that are mere weaklings, and if we go to statistics we shall very often find that woman's endurance is superior to man's.

Right here in Russia you may find hundreds of thousands of women employed by factories, who are working daily eleven hours in the factory and four or five hours at home at domestic work, a strain that would break down most men in very short time.

Women who are able to live under these circumstances should not come under the classification of the "weaker sex."

It is also claimed that, besides being physically stronger, man also possesses more physical courage than woman. But this remains to be proven.

Anyone can name examples of women who have shown themselves as brave as men, even in war. How many men have been able to face death with as much courage and heroism as Charlotte Corday?

And during the Boer War have we not heard of hundreds of heroic women joining their husbands and fighting by their side in the long, hopeless fight against the hated foe, and fighting with a courage that would put many of us men to shame?

Physical courage is absolutely a matter of individuality, not of sex.

You hear so often that man is superior to woman intellectually that it is impressed upon you almost as if it were a fact, and yet it is absolutely without any scientific foundation.

Psychology is still in its swaddling clothes, and is, so far, almost altogether a result of internal introspection, and though this method is very useful, it cannot be denied that it is purely subjective.

If a woman should stand up and state that after having studied herself very carefully she had arrived at the conclusion that she was intellectually far superior to any man that ever lived, how would you prove to her that she was wrong?

Not by the introspective method, as it was this that led up to her conclusion; and as long as objective experimental psychology has not reached a higher degree of perfection than now, you could prove nothing by that.

Many reason this way, that as intelligence is dependent on the weight of the brain, and as the brain of the average woman weighs less than that of man, she must be less intelligent; but it is by no means proven that a heavier brain is a sign of a higher degree of intelligence, and, besides, comparing the weights of body and brain, the average woman's body is much lighter than the average man's, more than enough to offset the difference in weight of brain, and as she, with the smaller body, does not require as many ounces of brain matter to govern her physical life it follows that she has so many more cells for mental work.

But, it is then said, it is incontestable that woman has not had as important a part as man in bringing about civilization. There has never been any feminine Aristoteles, Descartes or Newton.

This is true enough, but we men have for centuries kept woman away from all mental work and in every possible way delayed her intellectual development, and until we have seen the results attained by women whose intelligence has not been stunted by unreasonable restraint we have no right to say that it is impossible for woman to reach as high as man.

Descartes and Newton were the products of two factors—their individual capacities and certain social circumstances that favored these capacities.

Suppose that they had been shipwrecked as babies and raised among barbarians, speaking no civilized language, it is safe to say that none of them would ever have distinguished himself, and still his brain would have been as highly developed, it would have contained exactly the same number of cells. This also applies to woman. So, while we have never heard of any feminine thinker as prominent as those named, we must remember that woman has always been badly handicapped, and women in possession of as highly developed brains may have lived and died unknown and unheard of because of lack of opportunity to show any results of their thoughts.

The fact is, that where the opportunity has been given to woman, as for instance in America, she has proved herself the equal of man in every respect, and I am perfectly sure that a century or two from now, when man has reached a little nearer to civilization, the idea that woman is inferior to man in any respect will appear as wrong as the custom of Indian tribes to leave all the heavy work to their squaws appears to us to-day.

### "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

LEAD Thou, O Lord, to pastures fair,  
Beyond Care's highway, travel-worn  
By weary feet that will not seek  
Thy refuge, where sweet peace is born.

There shall I rest in noontide heat,  
There, sheltered through Life's tumult, stay;  
There, safe and calm, serenely sleep  
When night shall brood upon my way.

There, led by Thee, O Shepherd kind,  
Beside still waters I shall stray,  
Where passion-fevered ones may quaff,  
And thirst of heart and soul allay.

Lo, Thou wilt heal the wounds of sin,  
To health my fainting heart restore;  
And for Thy Name's sake lead in paths  
Of righteousness forevermore.

And though into Death's valley dark  
I pass, no evil will I fear,  
For through the gloom, my Shepherd still  
I know that I shall feel Thee near.

Thy rod and staff shall comfort me,  
Though sight grow dim and wanes my strength;  
Nor shall they cease to hold me up  
Throughout the dreary valley's length.

In view of those who scorn and hate  
Wilt Thou for me a table spread,  
Where day by day with heavenly food  
My hungering spirit shall be fed.

There wilt Thou, Lord, my head anoint  
With fragrant oil of Love Divine;  
And surely shall my cup overflow  
With joy's unfading rosy wine.

Lo, goodness, mercy, all my days  
Of Life shall surely follow me,  
And in Thy house, my Lord, I'll dwell  
Forever, saved and kept by Thee.

Art thou, beloved, in despair, failure, discouragement and poverty? Come, fellowship with the thousands of The Mystic Success Club and have peace, joy and grand success.

## WE NEEDN'T GET OLD

By Max O'Rell

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"WHEN my next birthday comes," once said Oliver Wendell Holmes to me, "I shall be eighty years young." And he looked it—young, cheerful, with a kind, merry twinkle in his eyes.

"And," I said to him, "to what in particular do you attribute your youth? To good health and careful living, I suppose?"

"Well, yes," he replied, "to a certain extent, but chiefly to a cheerful disposition and invariable contentment, in every period of my life, with what I was. I have never felt the pangs of ambition."

"You needn't," I remarked; "the most ambitious man would have been content with being what you have been—what you are."

"Happiness, which has contentment for its invariable cause, is within the reach of practically everyone," the amiable doctor asserted; "it is restlessness, ambition, discontent and disquietude that make us grow old prematurely by carving wrinkles on our faces. Wrinkles do not appear on faces that have constantly smiled. Smiling is the best possible massage. Contentment is the Fountain of Youth."

That same evening he was the guest at a banquet given by a Boston club, to which I had been kindly invited. When he rose to make a speech they cheered and applauded to the echo. His face was radiant, beautiful. After he sat down I said to him:

"Are you not tired of cheers and applause, after all these years of triumphs?" "No," he replied, "they never cheer loud enough; they never applaud long enough to please me."

Oliver Wendell Holmes was right; he had found the key to happiness.

The philosophers of all ages have deservedly condemned that universal discontent and disquietude which runs through every rank of society and degree of life as one of the bitterest reproaches of human nature, as well as the highest affront to the divine Author of it.

If we look through the whole creation, and remark the progressive scale of beings as they rise into perfection, we shall perceive to our own shame that everyone seems satisfied with that share of life that has been allotted to it—man alone excepted. He is pleased with nothing, perpetually repining at the decrees of Providence, and refusing to enjoy what he has, from a ridiculous and never-ceasing desire for what he has not.

He is ambitious, restless and unhappy, and, instead of dying young at eighty, dies old at forty. He misses happiness which is close at hand all his lifetime. The object which is at a distance from him is always the most inviting, and that possession the most valuable which he cannot acquire. With the ideas of affluence and grandeur he is apt to associate those of joy, pleasure and happiness.

Because riches and power may conduce to happiness he hastily concludes that they must do so. Alas! pomp, splendor and magnificence which attend the great are visible to every eye, while the sorrows which they feel escape our observation. Hence it arises that almost every condition and circumstance of life is considered preferable to our own, that we so often court ruin and do our very best to be unhappy.

We complain when we ought to be thankful; we weep when we ought to rejoice. We fidget and fret. Instead of smiling, which keeps the cheeks stretched and smooth, we frown, which keeps them contracted and engraves wrinkles on them.

Instead of looking at the rosy side of things, which makes the eyes clear and bright, we run after the impossible or the unlikely to happen, which makes us look gloomy. In short, I may say that old age is of our own make, for youth is placed at our disposal forever and ever.

### It Is Best to Live in the Present

MAKING men live in three worlds at once—past, present and future—has been the chief harm organized religion has done. To drag your past behind you, and look forward to sweet rest in heaven, is to spread the present very thin.

The man who lives in the present, forgetful of the past and indifferent to the future, is the man of wisdom.

The best preparation for to-morrow's work is to do your work as well as you can to-day.

Live right up to your highest and best! If you have made mistakes in the past, reparation lies not in regrets, but in thankfulness that you now know better.

It is true that we are punished by our own sins and not for them; it is also true that we are blessed and benefited by our sins. Having tasted the bitterness of error, we can avoid it. If we have withheld the kind word and the look of sympathy in the past, we can to-day give doubly, and thus, in degree, redeem the past. And we best redeem the past by forgetting it and losing ourselves in useful work.

It is a great privilege to live.—*The Philistine.*



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**S**WEET AND HOLY IS JUNE!  
The Mystic Month of GOLDEN DAYS!  
Breathe God's sweet and holy incense  
of field, garden and wood.

This is the HOLY MONTH, when we see  
God in the blossoming grasses, the daisies,  
the buttercups, the warm red clovers and the  
rose, and hear the Angels in the murmur of the  
cooling brook. Blessed June!

June, the month when numerous souls are touched  
with the vibrations of LIFE and NEW CREATION,  
and mount the PATH OF ETERNAL LIGHT AND LIFE.  
Blessed June!

Glory to God, to the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT  
and the HOLY ANGELS forever and ever—it is  
Blessed JUNE!

Sweet Angels of LOVE, PEACE and LIGHT dwell in  
this zone of Earth in Sweet June, and a Holy Calm  
is with all who love GOD—in June.

Welcome the Golden Month of June, which vi-  
brates with the glory of God!

Oh, happy JUNE, I am filled with thy vitalizing  
and soothing and calming power!

Mild, sweet June, with your pure and sweet roses,  
impress me more and more with the mild, sweet,  
pure life of my Saviour, that I may ever live in the  
vibrations of the Loving and Tender Master.

SWEET and HOLY JUNE, in thy mystic and holy  
vibrations calm my troubled spirit, and may I learn  
from thee that there are only calm, peace and real  
power in Holy Purity.

**"Little Drops of Water"**

MRS. JULIA FLETCHER CARNEY celebrated her  
eighty-first birthday at her home in Galesburg, Ill.,  
recently, and the residents of the city paid her un-  
usual honor on that occasion. Mrs. Carney's title  
to fame is based on a single little poem, which  
she wrote fifty-nine years ago while a school-teacher  
in Boston. Here are the lines:

Little drops of water,  
Little grains of sand,  
Make the mighty ocean  
And the pleasant land.

So the little moments,  
Humble though they be,  
Make the mighty ages  
Of eternity.

So our little errors  
Lead the soul away  
From the path of virtue,  
Far in sin to stray.

Little seeds of mercy  
Sown by youthful hands,  
Grow to bless the nations  
Far in heathen lands.

Little deeds of kindness,  
Little words of love,  
Help to make earth happy  
Like the heaven above.

These lines, penned for no other purpose than to  
impress upon the minds of her pupils the importance  
of little things, have survived, while thousands of bet-  
ter poems from an artistic standpoint, and possibly  
conveying the same lesson, have been lost in oblivion.  
This poem has been translated into nearly  
every language, and has been sung or recited in the  
nurseries and the school-rooms of nearly every civil-  
ized country in the world.

The worship of God, in all ages, proves God.  
Victor Hugo said: "The thirst for the Infinite  
proves Infinity."

**A Reminder**

FOR those that hate, and fume, and fret, and die.  
Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt  
love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them  
that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and  
pray for them which despitefully use you, and per-  
secute you.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain  
mercy.

Blessed are the poor in heart: for they shall see  
God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be  
called the children of God.

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what  
judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with  
what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you  
again.

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men  
gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

And every man that heareth these sayings of Mine,  
and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish  
man, which built his house upon the sand.

And the rain descended, and the floods came,  
and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and  
it fell; and great was the fall thereof.—*From the  
Sermon on the Mount.*

Listen to the blessed Master's words all ye that  
are inclined to quarrel with your brother on any  
account, but more particularly on account of His  
teachings.

The Holy Mystic Adepts in many of their tracts  
and booklets and in all their text-books refer to and  
print parts and all of the Sermon on the Mount.

This blessed Sermon containeth about all truth.  
It is perfect from both a spiritual and scientific view.

Our blessed Master taught the truth, and when it  
is lived man becomes Christlike; but the great trou-  
ble is we only believe in it, and rarely live it.

But a blessed Day is at hand! Men are actually  
living all the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount  
and are becoming blessed.

The Mystics call all beings their brothers and apply  
the teachings of Jesus to their mental and actual  
acts toward animals. The mystic loves all Beings,  
and is kind and gentle, and exactly just to all of  
God's creatures. Hence the great power and suc-  
cess of the Mystics.

The true mystics who live the Christlife are known  
to only a few. But their teachings are printed and  
scattered broadcast to the whole world.—*The Mys-  
tics.*

He that is stubborn, obstinate, self-willed and  
perverse in his ways suffers much.—A. Z.

When the selfish, self-seeking and ambitious man  
is in authority and ruleth, the people suffer much.—  
A. Z.

A wise man will not contend with the foolish. He  
will silently love them and seal his mouth.—A. Z.

The unrighteous hate the righteous. The right-  
eous love the unrighteous in calm and holy silence.—  
A. Z.

The unrighteous man sooner or later fails. There  
is only true and lasting success in righteousness.—  
A. Z.

An angry man is weak and impotent. A man  
filled with love is strong and near omnipotence.  
Who dare say the great God is ever angry, weak and  
impotent? God is love, and is omnipotent.—*The  
Blissful Prophet.*

Man's strength cometh from God. The God-  
loving man is strong; the God-fearing man is weak.—  
A. Z.

To the patient in spirit cometh all blessings.—  
A. Z.

"Anger resteth in the bosom of fools," says the  
Bible. How can man imagine the Father ever  
angry when He always pleadeth with His children  
to be not foolish with anger?—*The Mystics.*

"In the day of adversity consider," says the Bible.  
This is a blessed time to turn to the ever present God  
for help.—*The Mystics.*

The folly of unrighteousness is in its illful effects  
beyond all calculation and comprehension of the  
mortal mind. Good and wise men know its terrible  
effects, and, therefore, in love, persistently and con-  
tinuously urge their brothers to turn to the blessed  
righteous life, that they may not suffer.—*The Mys-  
tics.*

The words of the orderly and wise man, who  
loveth God and the All, are as balm to our ills.  
Listen to them.—A. Z.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the dark-  
ness.—*Psalms cxii, 14.*

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.

**INSPIRING POEMS 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.

**"This, Too, Shall Pass Away"**

Art thou in misery, brother? Then, I pray,  
Be comforted! Thy grief shall pass away.

Art thou elated? Ah! be not too gay;  
Temper thy joy; this, too, shall pass away.

Art thou in danger? Still let reason sway,  
And cling to hope; this, too, shall pass away!

Tempted, art thou? In all thine anguish lay  
One truth to heart; this, too, shall pass away!

Do rays of loftiest glory round thee play?  
Kinglike art thou? this, too, shall pass away!

Whatever thou art, where'er thy footsteps stray,  
Heed the wise words: This, too, shall pass away!  
—Paul Hamilton Hayne.

**Joy in the Work**

In her workshop Nature stands,  
Busy with her artist hands,  
Shaping for her own delight  
Things that ravish sense and sight.

Forth they go, her children all;  
And their happy looks recall,  
As they deck the tasteful earth,  
How love and joy were at their birth.

We must stamp that trade-mark, too,  
On each bit of work we do;  
And love of all we can create  
Supplant the drudgery of hate.

Use in beauty, joy in work,  
Pride that will not stoop to shirk,  
Conscience that sustains the pride—  
These let us scatter far and wide.

Till at last in fellowship  
We forget the master's whip,  
And join with ant and bird and corn  
In hailing every workday morn.  
—Ernest Crosby.

**"Don't"**

By Lida Keck-Wiggins

Don't get discouraged when you hear  
What people say about you;  
Don't get the blues and drop a tear  
Because they chance to doubt you.

Don't go around with troubled brow,  
O'erlooking all life's beauty;  
The folks that talk will suffer more  
Than you, so do your duty!

Don't fret and fume and wish them ill—  
Their lives hold little pleasure;  
Send back a message of good-will—  
'Twill serve to heap your measure.

Don't be discouraged, for the world  
Will always criticize you;  
Earth's dearest treasure is the few  
True friends who love and prize you.

**Good Morrow**

By Margaret E. Sangster

Good morrow, friends and neighbors,  
My gossips near and far;  
May all rich blessings find you  
And crown you where you are.

Good morrow, friends and neighbors,  
This wish I send to you:  
That ever God be present  
To keep you brave and true.

Good morrow, friends and neighbors,  
Sweet thoughts your way attend,  
And make this whole year happy  
Until its last day end.

Fraternity! Fraternity! is the Twentieth Cen-  
tury cry. Come, let us all try to be more fraternal  
in our relations with each other and all.

True Religion is absolutely natural—not super-  
natural, but natural. It is the alleged supernatural  
in religion that has well-nigh destroyed it. Religion  
is both natural and scientific. Do you hear? Both  
natural and scientific.—Frank Harrison.



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Brother Duffie Pelot, of Jacksonville, Fla., writes the following: "Heart's greeting, this beautiful sunny morning, God's holy sunshine and lovely flowers about me. How happy should one be, surrounded with such blessings. Dear and Beloved Members of our Mystic Success Club. I have finished my First Degree. Believe me, good friends, I have done my best to comply with the rules laid down in this First Degree. My case being a sad and obstinate one, I have recorded my thoughts and the result exactly as they were, and with a strong determination to gain the desired goal, brought all the latent forces within my being to bear, and I can truthfully say I am greatly improved. I have nothing but a heart full of love and harmony with God's blessings to offer you all." Thrice blessed is he or she who renders thanks for blessings received, for, in so doing, an effulgent radiance is shed upon all aspiring souls.

### He Leadeth Me

In pastures green? Not always; sometimes He Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me In weary ways, where heavy shadows be.

Out of the sunshine, warm, and soft, and bright, Out of the sunshine into darkest night, I oft would faint with sorrow and affright—

Only for this—I know He holds my hand, So whether in a green or desert land I trust, although I may not understand.

And by still waters? No, not always so; Ofttimes the heavy tempests round me blow, And o'er my soul the waves and billows go.

But when the storms beat loudest, and I cry Aloud for help, the Master standeth by And whisp'reth to my soul, "Lo! it is I."

Above the tempest wild I hear Him say, "Beyond this darkness lies the perfect day. In every path of thine I lead the way."

So, whether on the hill-tops high and fair I dwell, or in the sunless valleys where The shadows lie—what matter? He is there.

And more than this; where'er the pathway lead He gives to me no helpless, broken reed, But His own hand, sufficient for my need.

So where He leads me I can safely go; And in the blest hereafter I shall know Why in His wisdom He hath led me so.

The modern mystics have a deep knowledge of occultism, or an esoteric or secret knowledge of the Sacred Mysteries. Many members of The Mystic Success Club are being initiated into great mystic powers. Only the loyal, God-loving, simple mystic can reach and take the Higher Degrees of Initiation. To reach the Most High one must live simply, meekly, humbly and perfect in Christ. All the mighty Unseen occult and psychic forces and powers come to the quiet, simple, God-loving mystic man, who lives in simple righteousness with God, man and all animals. The teachings of the Mystics are very simple, yet have a most weighty import.—Ananda.

There is a simple, eternal basis of all religions, all sects, all cults, all life. It is wise and blessed to know this one, simple truth as soon as possible. Join The Mystic Success Club and learn the simple Mystic Way to all blessedness, all peace, all power, all success. Pure, simple Mysticism is co-eternal with man; it is neither new thought nor old thought; it is eternal Truth; it is the eternal Truth taught by Masters.—Ananda.

Money is a curse the moment it makes a man a cringing slave. Money degrades a man when it possesses him. Money is a blessing of blessings to the Christlike man who is non-attached to it, and yet possesses it.

## 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.

THE marvelous progress of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB continues unabated, with still greater opportunities for further success.

It is within our province to give you a new touch of life, such as you have never felt before.

No single soul was born in a day, but after birth God in His infinite mercy and goodness watches over us until we so attune our hearts and lives that our brothers may be blessed and enlightened.

It is one of the strange truths of life that if you once acquire the knowledge of God's laws you become a *Tower of Strength* for the accomplishment of many side issues that are bound to spring up at unexpected places along life's road.

The great point to be gained is *not* to pass them by, but to gather in the chance that presents itself, and thus make a *Practical Ideal* out of an apparent *Hard Reality*.

Keep this Inspiration ever before you, for in truth an *Idea* is nothing more nor less than an Inspiration. This saying is absolutely axiomatic.

We are all *Born* equal. The great difference among men is the manner in which they *Elect to Live*.

Are you passing your golden life away in idle drifting and dreaming? Each and every one of us has a duty to perform on this earth plane—a certain niche to fill that nobody else can fill but your own good self.

Should it not be, O Beloved, *Your Personal Aspiration* to at least strive for this and so fulfil your mission in life?

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

First—Lead you to Health. (First month.)

Second—Lead you to Receptivity. (Second month.)

Third—Lead you to Attractiveness. (Third month.)

Fourth—Lead you to Realization. (Fourth month.)

God's people and He made us. His work in a measure ends there. It remains for us to further pave the way toward the dispensation of goodness and mercy to all who may come within our field of action.

Following the Golden Rule has shown some wonderful results, but the one simple saying of the Christ, "That ye love one another as I have loved you," holds, without the least shadow of a doubt, the most beatific end to attain by mortals on this plane.

Think on these things.

Has it ever occurred to you what life might mean without stress or strain? It would mean nothing.

As a New England minister has put it:

"God tunes us up as the piano-maker tunes up the strings, by straining us severely. The strings do not give forth their intended notes until they are well tuned up."

It is good for us to remember that the tuner does not seek to *break* the strings—far from it, but to make them fit for music, aye, *The Music of the Spheres!*

Our lives indeed, are like unto the Harp of a Thousand Strings!

Let us gather together then, O Beloved, each touch the soul of *His Individual Instrument*, and thus make for *Ourselves* and create for *Others* the *Harmonies of Heaven!*

It rests solely *Within Ourselves!*

Our minds are infinite, and for this very reason our sweetest songs are ever sung within our souls.

The immortal Emerson has said:

"*The One Thing in the World of Value is the Active Soul.*"

And Edmund Spenser, a Radiant Poet of the sixteenth century, has written:

"*For Soul is Form and Doth the Body Make.*"

And so it is, for "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

All of which simply means that as we live so do we reflect the thoughts that abide in us, and if we further determine to make these same Thoughts *Things Positive Results are certain to follow.*

You can in this psychic age of action and results achieve success to a degree beyond your expectations.

Anyone desiring health, strength and success should fellowship with THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB; if they doubt this statement for one moment they should send at once for a free copy of our large, inspiring, mystical book entitled, "From Disease, Poverty and Drudgery to Health, Wealth, Power and Success."

What, after all, is that mystic something, that indefinable quality, that makes for success?

There are but four steps to success, viz.:

First Step—Perfect Health.

Second Step—Receptivity.

Third Step—Attractiveness.

Fourth Step—Recognition and Realization of your Psychic-Mental Powers.

In a little while our teachings take you through these *Four Steps* or *Four Degrees*, by correspondence, and you come into Health, Receptivity, Attractiveness and Realization.

You are also held 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.

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 some of 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 make you successful and happy we 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 health. At the end of thirty days we mail you the Second Degree (for Receptivity); in thirty days more the Third Degree (Attractiveness); 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* success.

At the end of four months all of your 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, 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.

We want your help and co-operation in the spreading of this blessed gospel of peace, hope, high endeavor and good-will toward all, just as we feel you need the help we have offered.

Come, 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. Read this over thoughtfully and ask yourself about it.

We will have encouraging and hopeful words printed here in this department each month.

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

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

It is a grand union for self-expansion and all-expansion—for Growth, Progress, Enthusiasm, Good Works.

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

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

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

With holy love, peace and good-will to *all* beings in the universe, we are, always for grand success, THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, care of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, 22 North William Street, New York City, U. S. A.

## MEMBERS OF MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

*On the back cover page of this issue you will find an invitation to become a co-partner and share in the profits of "Our Magazine." We heartily approve of this idea and recommend every member of The Mystic Success Club to purchase one or more shares.*

### Progress

I fill Colombo's westering sail,  
I work through Cromwell's spleen,  
I crush the Bourbons when they fail,  
I break the guillotine.

Who fares with me along the way,  
Nor stays for fear and ruth,  
His heresy of yesterday  
Shall be to-morrow's truth.

### Home's Enemy

The greatest foe to home peace and happiness is worry. The habit of worry keeps us crossing bridges before we have reached them. The evils that fret us most are those which threaten us, but have not yet arrived. Stop thinking about the bread you are afraid will not rise in the morning, the new dress you are sure the dressmaker will spoil, and next month's gas bills. If you will firmly resolve to worry only about the evil or special hardship that confronts you this minute, and cannot be avoided, ninety-nine times out of a hundred you will find there is no such evil or hardship.

One thing is indisputable; the chronic mood of looking longingly at what we have not, or thankfully at what we have, realizes two very different types of character. And we certainly can encourage the one or the other. —Lucy C. Smith.

Intellect may give keenness of discernment; Love alone gives largeness to the nature, some share in the comprehensiveness of God.—John Hamilton Thom.

The Holy of Holies is committed to the holy, simple, God-loving mystic man.—A. Z.

Only the holy, simple, God-loving Mystic man can be intrusted with the *secrets of God*. Therefore, the great occultists and mystic adepts are always plain, simple, God-loving men, *unknown* to the worldly as adepts; they may be known as very successful and happy men, but not as mystic adepts. The Mystic Adept, by Divine Power, obscures his personality at will; he cares not for the praise or following of men; he cares only for Love.—Ananda.

### Courage

COURAGE! plant your feet more firmly,  
Though the way be dark as night.  
Courage! fling despair behind you,  
Have a noble aim in sight.

Courage! let the past dark ages  
Of your life be left behind,  
Leave the past, its sins and sorrows,  
Look ahead, and light you'll find.

Courage! bear life's burdens bravely,  
Strike out firmly for the Right;  
Banish all regrets, repinings,  
Seek for Justice, Love and Light.

—Leonora Fairweather.

### Thoughts

THOUGHTS are like seeds which we cast from us, not heeding the fact that each one is carried by some psychic wind to its appointed spot in our future path, there to grow to flower and fruit. Our everyday course is overgrown with the thorny tangle of forgotten thought, and our only nourishment at times is its horrible fruit; our senses are sickened by its flowers, malodorous and revolting to the sight. Yet we needs must walk in our appointed track; to turn aside in hope of escape would be to walk in the Way of Death. The bad we think of others does them no lasting hurt. Our vicious, sensual, jealous, selfish, irritable thoughts—that we imagine do not matter, since they are kept to ourselves—bring forth the untoward circumstances that we are bemoaning, maybe, to-day.

From now, then, guard your thoughts, for if it is true that yesterday's wrong thought gives birth to the trials of to-day, it is equally certain that to-day's right thinking will generate joy for the morrow. Control your thoughts; let them be of love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, faith; then you will deserve all the happiness that they breed, produced by that law which works with mathematical certainty and absolute justice—"Whatsoever ye sow, that shall ye also reap." The sowing is hard sometimes, but "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."—Hope La Gallienne, in *Light of Reason*.

### Some of the Blessed

BLESSED are the defrauded who smile and go their way in peace, for they have entered into knowledge.

Blessed are the hungry who are hungry enough to find the dinner where God has spread it.

Blessed are they who do not keep awake at night in expectation of to-morrow's bad news. These shall have good news instead of bad.

Blessed are they who can give their neighbors a lift without being dragged into the pit with them. Such are the saviors of the world.

Blessed are they who recognize unity in diversity, for they do not consider their own pattern the only desirable one. Of such is the kingdom of knowledge.

Blessed are they who, not knowing that which seemeth necessary to know, are willing to wait until they find out. This is the kingdom of the plump and the jolly.

Blessed are they who can trace the processes of progress even among the laggards and the strayers—better known as sinners. These are possessed of the vision of God.—Eleanor Kirk.

Man is his only stumbling-block, his only disappointment. Man begins to plan as soon as he can think, and puts his mortal will and his personal self into all that he does. He has not been taught the way of the spirit, consequently his schemes fail to materialize and his finest projects go astray. Discontent eats into his bones and the time comes when there is "no more health in him."

The planet is mostly occupied by such people. It does seem pitiful, when it is such a beautiful planet and when there is really no sort of need of such failure and disaster.—Eleanor Kirk.

### Live in the Present

Much of the best energy of the world is wasted in living in the past or dreaming of the future. Some people seem to think any time but the present is a good time to live in. But the people who move the world must be a part of it. They must be a part of it. They must touch the life that now is, and feel the thrill of the movement of civilization.

Many people do not live in the present. It does not know them. They are buried in books; they live in archives and in history, but the great throbbing pulse of the world they do not touch. They are not a part of the world; they are never attuned to it.

The young man who would win must plunge into the current of events. He must keep step with the march of progress, or he will soon be in the rear. The current of the times must run through his veins, or there will be paralysis somewhere in his nature.—Success.

[The great, successful man or woman liveth neither in the past, present nor future, but in the ETERNAL.—A Mystic Adept.]



## About the Mystic Success Club

HEALTH IS YOUR BIRTHRIGHT. HEALTH IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO TRUE SUCCESS. COME, BELOVED, JOIN THIS MIGHTY BAND OF SOULS AND HAVE HEALTH. "WHY SHOULD ANY DISEASE BE TERMED INCURABLE? EVERY MOMENT OLD CELLS ARE BEING DESTROYED AND NEW ONES CREATED; AND PHYSIOLOGISTS NOW TELL US THAT CERTAIN PARTS OF THE BODY TAKE BUT A SHORT TIME TO REBUILD THEMSELVES, WHILE THE MOST OBSTINATE ARE RENEWED IN LESS THAN TWELVE MONTHS. SO THAT EACH NEW YEAR WE LITERALLY DON A NEW GARMENT," IF WE KNOW HOW.

Sister Adelaide E. Baumgras, Marquette, Mich., has been wholly healed through the Holy Spirit since she joined us, and is so joyous and happy over the fact that she has spared no trouble in acquainting her friends of the wonderful change wrought by the Mystic Adepts through God. She writes of her upliftment as follows: "My First Degree gave me perfect health. My Second taught me how to receive Divine teaching. My Third gave me a loving nature that I might be attractive to others for their good and mine by the force of my love. These things I have realized. But the Fourth is beyond and above more far-reaching and soulful than all else. March 1 was a happy and radiant day for me. After reading my Degree I immediately felt so joyous, so uplifted, it was wonderful. Since then I have been filled with such loving, tender emotions! God sent such a strange feeling of exaltation, of fulness, of joy. My whole body seems flooded with an invisible presence, and a voice says: 'Come up higher.' I have loaned friends my MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and they are already awake to its grand and silent teachings. They are sending their friends and acquaintances to me to help me spread the gospel of peace and thanksgiving. I am already being blessed and helped by unseen forces. Blessed be the Band of Holy Men, who have been the means of my unfolding." Read this soul-inspiring testimonial over many times, O Beloved, for your own individual benefit. Surely you, too, wish for that spiritual upliftment. Then join us this day, and realize what it is to be successful and happy.

Sister Harriet Skinner, 317 Cedar street, Kalamazoo, Mich., writes in a terse, positive way that being a member of *The Mystic Success Club* has brought her Health and Happiness. She further says: "I am returning my third month's report, and I want to tell you that I am very much pleased and happy over the results in every way. You are doing a grand, good work, and I wish that everyone would avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity for Soul-Culture." Yes, and Soul-Culture should be striven for and secured above everything else on this plane. For, until you have it, you are not ready for a Higher, Holier Sphere. The God-loving mystics are doing all in their power to lead you first to a higher life here.

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again;  
The eternal years of God are hers;  
But Error, wounded, writhes with pain,  
And dies among his worshippers."

Brother Gerald Stices, Jeanerette, La., sends us the following: "The Mystic Success Club is fully entitled to unlimited blessings from Him, the Ruler of the Universe, because of the great good it does and offers to mankind. Although only in my Third Degree just completed I feel that I am changing daily. Since my introduction into the great and wonderful Mystic Success Club my Mind and Conscience operate with a clearness that is indescribable. My literary tendencies are completely revolutionized from the field of Fiction to that of Science and Facts. In reality, since my connection with the blessed Mystic Success Club I have been transported from darkness to Light. Please mail my Fourth Degree without delay." Let us thank God for the blessings this Brother has received through the help of *The Mystic Success Club*. Think of the significance of the statement that he has "been transported from darkness to Light." Such is the fact, however, and many instances varying in degree but not in kind reach the Mystics every day.

And we shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you Free.—John viii, 32.

Sister Mary Smith, 332 Boston street, Galien, O., writes a long testimonial reciting at length the nature of the diseases to which she almost succumbed. She says in part: "I desire to tell you what a great blessing has come to me through *The Mystic Success Club*. I have been healed of headache that was caused by a belief in weak eyesight. My vision is now perfect, and my sight is growing stronger every day. I have been searching for years for a living principle that would tell me what, and how to think. Praise God, I have found it! The First and Second Degrees of *The Mystic Success Club* have taught me how to find the Christ in myself, and how to live with God; and how to live at peace with God and man. Oh, what a calm, peaceful, happy life I am living. Words cannot express the thankfulness that I feel. May God bless every effort of *The Magazine of Mysteries*, and of each and all writers of the New Thought. I am truly glad and proud to be in the progress and success of all souls. We should be willing to accept the Truth wherever it may be found."

These remarkable letters are spontaneous writings from the souls of many who have been quickly and permanently lifted from disease to health by the mystic power of the Hidden Christ. It will be seen at a glance that these spontaneous expressions are made in the holy, universal love, and clearly indicate the mighty power of the blessed Club to help all of its members to realize quickly and per-

manently new life, new hope and new courage. What a blessed work the great All Good has given this Club to do! All praise, all honor, all glory be to the Father of Being!

Brother Charles W. Martin, Martin's Ferry, O., gives us his experiences in the wonderful change wrought through the Mystics. He writes among other things: "I have now finished my First Degree, and the change in me is so marvelous I cannot adequately express it. I have been lifted from darkness and despair, and feel very happy and cheerful now. My curses have been turned to prayers, and I feel that my prayers are answered. I am feeling much better physically, and I am able to enjoy a night's sleep, which was utterly impossible before. Now, my dear Brother, give me your prayers that I may never slip back again, and that I may become more highly spiritualized and not commit even the smallest sin. May God bless you all, and give you strength to keep up the good work. Please send me my Second Degree as soon as possible, and may peace and happiness be with you all." Indeed, my dear brother, we will gladly pray for you; we have prayed for you. Countless blessings are yet in store for you. Remember the Biblical saying: "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days," and in like manner we ask you to spread the gospel of healing as the Mystics practice it.

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with Healing in his wings.—Malachi, iv, 2.

Brother S. G. Robertson, Eufaula, Ala., is well-nigh overwhelmed by the great uplift he has experienced as a member of *The Mystic Success Club*, and says: "You ask that we write you just as soon as we begin to realize the blessings that come through membership in this blessed Club. Not until I received the Fourth Degree did I so fully realize membership in the Club. The Fourth Degree simply lifted me up into a realm where I could realize that I was One with God. Before I received this degree I began to think I was an outcast, and ready to give up. But oh, how the Fourth Degree has lifted me up! I read it every day and night. I never tire of it. If this thing continues there is no telling where I will go. God forbid that there should be a stopping place." Never fear, Brother! God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform.

We find a number of persons prefer sending us \$3 for three subscriptions to be sent free to friends or public institutions, and thus earn the privilege of being enrolled as a life member of the Club. While we prefer all members to secure three subscriptions from friends or acquaintances, we have concluded to accept yearly subscriptions that may be given as presents to persons whom you may think need such a cheering and uplifting magazine to smooth their path of life for one year. No doubt you can select three persons who would be glad to receive the Magazine for one year as a present from you, who would thus be reminded of your interest in their welfare each month for one year. So, if you will send your own subscription for one year and the names of three persons whom you desire it sent to for one year, together with \$4 to pay for same, we will be pleased to enter you as a life member, and forward the Four Degrees. You can do good by sending copies to the reading-rooms or some home for aged people, some society, club or public hospital, or other similar institution. Many of our regular subscribers often send us subscriptions for homes and institutions of this nature or to some poor "shut-in" invalid or cripple. Your own soul will tell you what to do in the matter. In no way will we receive mere money for a life membership in this Club.

Sister Julia E. Tanner, of Beaumont, Tex., writes her deep appreciation of what *The Mystic Success Club* has done for her. "I have just finished working through the Third Degree, and there is nothing that can tempt me to withdraw from it. I cannot thank you in words for what you have done for me. What Joy, Peace and Happiness the Three Degrees have brought me! And oh, the amount of work I can do without pain and without feeling tired. I feel stronger and in better health than ever before. I thank God, the blessed All-Father-Mother, that I am a life member of *The Mystic Success Club*, and I am also thankful that I am not ashamed nor afraid to have my testimonial published." This shows a fine spirit, and one worthy to be emulated. The moral of it all is, that "Perfect Love casteth out Fear."

Sister Isabelle B. Case, 939 Grand avenue, Grand Junction, Col., writes in the following fervent manner: "To *The Mystic Success Club*: Dear Mystics and Brothers and Sisters: Since joining *Our Club* I have found that peace that passeth understanding. I am a new woman. Words are too poor to express my thanks to God and the Founders of this Club. It helps us to help ourselves and to find God. I wrote Mystic Number Seven for help, and inside of twenty-four hours after the letter was posted I felt help come in answer to the demand, even before he could possibly have received the letter. Oh, it is a blessed privilege to belong to such a forceful Club." Certainly this is a splendid proof of the saying that "Despatch Is The Soul Of Business," for immediately the wish was expressed for Health Vibrations they were sent and the benefit received.

If you are an orthodox Christian or Jew, come and fellowship with us. If you are bound and ground by creeds and dogmas and fear, come and join us, and we will help to make you free. All are welcome—Christian, Jew, Buddhist, Atheist, Infidel, Pagan, Agnostic. We are all eternal brothers, children of one All-Father-Mother. Come, let us get together, in Holy Love, and be blessed, and do blessed works, in divine co-operation, for the good of the Whole—the All. Come, let us cast away our tags and labels and know we are all brothers, all going onward, forward and upward by the Inward Light, to one goal— Infinite Perfection.

Sister Emily Morse, of Cleveland, O., writes of that calm and sweet content which is now her portion. She says, in part: "The lessons have proved a blessing in every way, for Health and Peace of Mind. A lasting good to whoever will listen. May the good work go on forever." Exactly. Often the keynote to our Inner Spiritual unfoldment comes quickly if we will only Listen to the Still, Small Voice.

Here is a short, direct testimonial from a young aspiring soul, Miss Bessie Reaves, of Quincy, Fla. Dear Mystics: I am returning herewith my record blank for the Third Degree of *The Mystic Success Club*. Words cannot express my gratitude for the help received from the working out of this Degree. I find so much more in life to live for and so much more Love and Harmony. I cannot see how I have been so blind as to live among civilized people and allow my mind to be so full of unpleasant thoughts.

Brother J. Gilbert Murray, of 96 Broadway, Rochester, N. Y., writes from a practical standpoint of results achieved and victories won, and he has passed through but Two Degrees. "I praise and thank Thee, my God, my indwelling One Most High, for power and dominion over every sense and condition. I thank and praise Thee that every desire is raised to aspiration, is pure and holy. Let high, pure and holy Purpose fill my mind continually. Let me rest in it with calm, serene strength, and work it out with invincible will. Thus are angels unfolded from the human chrysalis.

"Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove; Guardian at my throne of love,  
Sweetly fill me with Thy power; Teach it to me every hour.  
In thee shall my soul rejoice; I will hear Thy lightest voice.  
Guide, direct and counsel me; Lead me, I will follow Thee.

"He that has only read books has never been to the Great Source, never drunk from the fountain of Living Water. He has only learned what other men have known and made known before him, and thus the race would make no progress, no unfoldment. He has not found that the sun of Knowledge, Intelligence, Wisdom, Love and Truth, is inexhaustible, that he himself holds the key to this Altness, and that he may draw therefrom all that he will, more than he can yet think or ask. I am willing that the Exalted Ones should look into the inmost recesses of my heart, mind and soul. Not that I delight in or am satisfied with that I find therein; but I believe that the true Seer will find in me seek of holy aspiration than of the evil I seek to overcome. It is not through begging or pleading that prayer is heard or answered, for God (Divine Mind) changes not, nor hears nor heeds beseeching. Yet if we are filled with sincere desire; if the prayer is the pouring out of a great longing for more of life, light, love, a great longing for some real good, which will not be stilled, that 'will not let Thee go without Thou bless me,' then according to the desire, and the faith and the intensity, added to undoubting expectancy, will the prayer be answered, even though hampered by the expression of pleading and begging. A sincere prayer from the heart, revealing to us at the same time what true praying means. Lip service merely, O Beloved, is never acceptable in the sight of God, but the meditations of your heart always are. It is a good thing to "Commune With Thine Own Heart And Be Still!"

Sister E. M. O'Brien, Grimes, Ia., writes: "I herewith inclose my report of the work accomplished in the Second Degree. I am more than delighted with the result. Expecting for two nights my sleep for the past two months has been unbroken. I have not, however, yet learned to be patient at all times. Still, I am not discouraged, knowing that old habits of thinking and acting that were long in forming die hard in being displaced by the spiritual forces. Another blessed thing I have realized is my Good Will toward my fellows. It was not always so, for not long ago I could hate well those who did me an ill turn. But I've done with all that, thank God, and you, my dear Brothers. Your way to peace is the right way, the way I once was taught in childhood days, but, alas! too soon forgotten, until awakened by the blessed MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and those inspiring prayers of the First and Second Degrees, and the Holy Spirit. I pray to God for the Complete Success of *The Mystic Success Club* and *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES*. May the Holy Spirit ever guide both. I shall be more than happy to receive the Third Degree, and thank you in anticipation." See what joys may be yours if once you join *The Mystic Success Club*.

"Pray thou for me. The common air  
Will stronger, purer seem to be,  
And all the world will grow more fair.  
Pray thou for me."

Brother W. O. Fulton, Fertig, Venango County, Pa., writes in a spirit of enthusiasm and gratitude: "I very much enjoyed working through the First Degree. I know for a certainty that I have received great benefit in more ways than one. When I began I felt like giving up the battle, I was so depressed, weary, disgusted with it all. But now, thanks to the God within, the efforts of *The Mystic Success Club* and the perusal of *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES*, I am on the way to Perfect Health. I feel better today, physically, mentally and spiritually, than I have for twenty years, and I am determined to persevere. I am waiting for the Second Degree at your pleasure. Passages of Scripture which were formerly dark or unsatisfying have become clear and helpful. How "God" is the "All in All" is becoming more and more plain. Oh, I do thank the All-Father-Mother that I was led to join this wonder-working Club. The vibrations from Mystic No. 7 have been a great help, for which I am thankful and grateful. May the choicest blessings of the All-wise, omnipotent God be with all His creatures.

Pray for me, that if it be the will of the Father, I may receive more light, understanding and wisdom, and courage, too; that I faint not, nor grow weary by the way. I am quite sure there will be two recruits to join the ranks of *Our Club*, and some new subscribers for the Magazine as well. I know the grand work done for me will bear fruit in the way of augmenting your subscription list. I am yours in the Cause of Health, Happiness, Prosperity and the Higher Life." Nobly spoken, my dear brother! You have struck the keynote of *The Mystic Success Club* when you call it *Wonder-Working*, for that is exactly what it is.

All testimonies we print are given freely in Holy Love and Truth from the Inner Voice of the soul, and the full name and address of the writer given. We receive many letters stating great blessings received, asking us to print same, but not use their names. There is a twofold purpose in printing these testimonies: (1) To show the world the power of God to bring peace, joy, health, strength and success to His children when they love, trust and live with Him; (2) for the good of the soul of the writer. When God has helped us we should fearlessly and with joy and delight acknowledge it to our brothers and sisters, that it may praise and honor and glorify Him and at the same time help lead others to seek Him. God does not need praise nor does He require it, only in so much as it always blesses the one who praises Him openly and freely. "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for praise is comely for the upright." Never be afraid to praise and acknowledge God.

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

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

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

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

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

Brother J. A. Goodnow, of Michigan, has been inspired to the writing of poetry from the benefits he has received through being a member of *The Mystic Success Club*. This is only one of the many instances of how soul-inspiring a thing it is through being associated with this Club. Read these verses and commit them to memory, if you have the time, for in so doing you will realize a fuller development of your soul and a quicker awakening.

Brother J. T. Baumgardner, Files City, Mich., writes: "I am being greatly helped and benefited by the silent Mystic Work, and only wish that every living being in the world, in the universe, could be brought to know and live this blessed truth. I am just beginning, through its teachings, to live consciously where before I lived unconsciously. I am not now postponing my peace and happiness to some far away indefinite future time, but am living in eternal and universal love now. I wish all success." How blessed life is when we live in eternal love with God and the Angels and all beings, here and now; and that is the way to live in the Eternal and Universal Heaven-to-day and forever: Awakened souls cease to sing: "In the Sweet By and Bye"; we now sing in joy, "THE BLESSED HERE AND NOW."

Sister Dorcas Lewis, 1124 Nineteenth street, Washington, D. C., sends us a long letter filled with love and gratitude. She says, in part: "I am much improved in health, and now all of my friends seem to be interested in my welfare. My pen nor heart cannot express my great love for God and the blessed work of this Club. My mind is now more calm and peaceful than it has been for years, and I now no longer look on the dark or negative side of life. I am a Christian at heart, and your work seems so much like the Master's, and I think that is the reason the way was opened by God for me to find help in this Club." Jesus taught the simple, Silent Way. Let anyone live the Sermon on the Mount, the Golden Rule or the Master's Commandment to love, and not resist evil, and he will live a perfect life, at-one with God, and he, too, can say the Father and he, and all are one; this is the blessed at-one-ment that makes man forever free, and is reached by many here and now. Remember, true spirituality makes for success; a lack of it causes disease, woe, misery, misfortune, dire failure.

Brother J. P. Barger, McKee's Rocks, Pa., writes: "I now know I am helped by the Unseen Forces; I am stronger in spirit, mind and body, more hopeful, and more receptive to the good around me." Failure is caused by our blindness, our being asleep and not being able to see and grasp the countless opportunities and blessings that constantly surround all men; some see, and have the power to grasp, and succeed; others are asleep and dreaming and see not and remain in misery; countless golden opportunities float in the very air about us; countless fortunes constantly pass men who are non-receptive and bitter, drowsy and blinded by pessimism and envy; he who envies the prosperous can never be very prosperous.



## About the Mystic Success Club

ALL MEMBERS OF THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB SOON COME TO LIVE IN LOVING-KINDNESS AND GENTLENESS TO ALL. WE ALWAYS GIVE THE GENTLE ANSWER, TO THOSE WHO WOULD QUESTION OR OPPOSE US, THAT TURNETH AWAY WRATH. THE SECRET OF GENTLE POLITENESS IS TO LOVE.

### INVOCATION

Infinite Spirit! God of Light!  
Thy Presence let us feel.  
Send messengers on missions bright,  
Our wounded hearts to heal.

From worlds where spirits ever dwell  
Come, guardian angels fair,  
To guide thy children, lost they fall  
Into the tempter's snare.

Within thy home, O spirits bright,  
A dwelling place I have  
Amid the pure, in worlds of light,  
This precious boon I crave.

Called on to leave this mortal form,  
And pass the troubled sea  
To lands whose flowers ever bloom,  
My guide forever be.

And when I hear Thy voice so sweet,  
Teach me Thy words to heed;  
That I may dwell where angels meet,  
Do Thou my spirit lead.

Infinite Power, assist each one  
In wisdom to improve,  
That each may hear Thee say, "Well done!"  
E'er welcomed home above.

Let this holy inspiration, my dear brother,  
move thee to write again, for thine own good,  
and for the greater good of others.

Brother H. W. Taylor, corner Seneca and Hamburg streets, Buffalo, N. Y., writes: "It would be impossible for me to tell you in words the great good your lessons have done me. Whenever I feel tired or discouraged I read through some one of the lessons, and I can find written between the lines, as it were, just such cheering words of truth as fit my case. I am greatly pleased and surprised at the control I have over my temper. I used to think the other fellow was the most to blame, but now I find I had the most to do with it myself. I feel such soothing and strengthening vibrations at 9 p.m. that I am sure our Mystic No. 7 has something in common with me." Beloved, we have love in common with all.

Brother William H. Lowell, 215 Charles street, Boston, Mass., writes a long letter filled with praise, faith and hope. Our brother says, in part: "I have been helped and benefited in many ways; I am very happy and enjoy great peace of mind. God has heard my prayers and has blessed me as never before. My health is superb. I am very happy and grateful for the many favors and blessings bestowed on me. I ask for the prayers of the members of the blessed Mystic Success Club that I may be made stronger in love and faith and be guided aright." We are never beyond the blessings of prayers, if they are for love, light, guidance and wisdom.

Sister Winifred Cole, Burnett Junction, Wis., writes: "I want to thank God for the help our Club is doing me. I am steadily improving and getting much stronger. All my friends are making remarks about my decided improvement, which encourages me much."

Brother Dr. C. M. Guinn, 210 East North street, Abilene, Kan., writes as follows: "I am truly thankful to God, through our Club, for the help and blessings I am receiving. My heart is full of love for the Brotherhood and for Humanity. May God bless you and all who are putting forth efforts for the betterment of Humanity is my earnest prayer."

Brother Charles Rokahr, El Paso, Tex., writes in universal love and truth as follows: "With joy and gladness I wish to testify I am getting along splendidly in my work in the Degrees. I gain great benefits from this work. I am becoming so receptive that I can tell the time the lessons leave the office. Sensitiveness is a very bad state to live in until you know the Law of Sensitiveness; it will keep a person in boiling water all the time. But now I am beginning to know and understand the Law of Love which solves all mysteries." All men, sooner or later, come to a point on the Path of Evolution where they find they must know and must live in and under the one Blessed Eternal Changeless Law of God.

Sister Helen M. Conger, Fayetteville, Ark., writes: "All love, all blessings, all success to my dear brothers and sisters of The Mystic Success Club. I have not words with which I can express the Comfort, Joy, Peace and Bliss it has brought to me. Daily I can see unfolding in my soul a consciousness that I am an eternal spirit, an eternal child of an eternal God—Love. It is a great blessing to me to know and feel I am one for all time with such a Holy Prayerful Club whose work is perfectly unselfish, and for the good of all. God will crown such efforts with great and lasting success."

Sister Loula Stott, 1910 First avenue, Birmingham, Ala., is relying on the Great God for all light, all strength and all power with grand results. Oh, how strong and powerful we become when we give up our minds and wills to the Divine Mind and Will. Our sister says among other things: "I am so thankful to be a life member of this great Club. A great change has come over me; I can now accomplish more and better work without fatigue in the same length of time than I ever did; I am so peaceful and happy

while I am working. I ask for the prayers of the members that I may have more of the Spirit, more love, more wisdom; that I may attain to greater perfection in this glorious work of love."

Sister Cora M. Clark, 63 North Eleventh street, Minneapolis, Minn., writes: "I do not know how to thank you for the great good this Club has been to me. I thank God! May God bless you always is the prayer of my heart."

Brother W. S. Ellis, 289 Tremont street, Chicago, Ill., writes: "I have been very much benefited by this Mystic Work. If anyone will get in harmony with the simple teachings of the Club and its vibrations, he is just as sure to be elevated and improved as it is for the sun to shine. I wish you Godspeed in your great work."

Sister Christine Johnson, 1212 Constance street, New Orleans, La., is making wonderful progress from disease and weakness to health and strength. All of her friends marvel at the great change. In a long letter she says, in part: "Oh, how I love the cheering words of The Mystic Success Club! I am greatly blessed in being a member of this Club of God-loving souls. God and the angels watch over me and I am led and guided as never before. I constantly feel a helping divine influence since joining the Club! 'Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me,' is my daily prayer. The little books you send all members have been greatly instrumental in putting me to sleep. My friends all remark upon my change to health and strength. My strength and courage are increasing every day and my mind has become calm, sober and serene to a marked degree. May God bless you, and may grand success ever follow the blessed Mystic Success Club."

Brother J. C. J. Kurtz, Reading, Pa., is now far on the Path. He possesses many truths, and if he only lives them, as near as possible as our blessed Jesus lived them, he will come into oneness and freedom. Our brother writes: "I can report a decided augmentation in my onward and upward struggle for perfect health, harmony and happiness. The goal is over before me and I feel that a brighter future is before me. It is especially pleasing to me that I feel that the plague of Insomnia, which has troubled me for many years, has been overcome."

Sister May B. Woodruff, New Brighton, S. I., N. Y., writes a letter that speaks volumes. She says, in part: "Four months ago I was in a most discouraged state of mind. By accident (?) I saw a copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and through it became a member of The Mystic Success Club. I had been a great sufferer for years from a nerve cramp in my foot, which so affected my general health that I was unfit for any continuous duty (or pleasure). I also suffered greatly from Insomnia. From the very day of my membership in this Club to the present moment I have been lifted up in a most wonderful way, both spiritually and physically; now I am seeing the Light of the Spiritual Life fast unveiling before my vision. The result to me of studying and working the Four Degrees proves that we all may and can work out practically what has so long been considered a theory only of spiritual life, and thus gain true happiness for ourselves and others. I am no exceptional case, for I see suffering people all around me daily, who show in their expression of face how very far they are from the 'Peace that passeth all understanding.' Now that I am being blessed by God with strength, I hope to help some of these unhappy ones to find the way to your fold, for you not only give assistance to those who suffer, but show these how to help themselves—the best aid of all aid. I have not had the pain in my foot for some time, and give God credit through your help. Everything else for years has been a failure before your vibrations reached me. I am most happy in reading the Degree Books you send out. I am very grateful to God and you."

Sister Mrs. F. Rosson, Los Angeles, Cal., writes: "I have been greatly helped, and am being daily helped, in my work in this Club. Without Divine help I really would have failed, but now, every hour I am shown some demonstration that is truly divine. I surely feel the vibrations of the Holy Spirit, which are so soothing, healing and strengthening. Only the blessed help of the eternal God can help us to help ourselves. May His blessings rest with each one of us and lead us to a higher and more blessed plane of life. I send love to all." Without God and His eternal and universal love we cannot expect to live on a higher plane; we rapidly progress from plane to plane, always upward, onward and forward as our souls, hearts and minds are set aflame and aglow with the eternal fires of Love; we progress rapidly and surely as our path is lit by the Light of Love.

Brother Soren Nelson, Box 36, Milltown, Wis., is making great progress. He writes, among other things: "I can truthfully and gratefully say this Club work is doing me much more good than I ever believed possible."

Sister Mrs. E. A. Patch, 1709 Dodge street, Omaha, Neb., writes: "I can truly say I am being very much helped in health, understanding and wisdom. Words cannot express my love to God and all and my thanks and gratitude. God bless the work of this great Club is my daily prayer. Please pray for me." Come, let us thank God for the blessed privilege we have to silently pray for our fervent, God-loving sisters and brothers. Can there be any greater prayer than to pray for a brother?

My soul! what hast thou done for God?  
Look o'er thy blessed years and see;  
Sum up what thou hast done for God,  
And then what God hath done for thee.

Brother A. F. Johnson, Kandiyohi, Minn., writes: "I can truly say this work is a great blessing to me. I feel better in all ways; am

more peaceful, calm and serene and contented and think much better of the world and all men. I believe God is with me wherever I now go. Light and Understanding are coming to me. All praise to God, our Father, for all the blessings we receive. May God prosper our Club."

Brother Edward Rolfe, 854 South Main street, Los Angeles, Cal., writes: "I am very happy. It is blessed to know I have so many thousands of brothers and sisters united for one grand aim. My selfishness has now nearly, if not all, left me. If God spares my life I will try to be a useful member of The Mystic Success Club." Selfishness causes much woe, much misery and endless failure. Our beloved selfish brothers are their own worst enemies; the God-lover is not selfish, cannot be selfish; a selfish man loves only self and cannot love God or humanity. The selfish man's work "crumbles away, for it is divorced from Truth and Power." Love is an indestructible principle; it is more—it is God. All effort that is grounded on Love succeeds, and "All effort that is grounded upon self perishes; only that work endures that is built upon an indestructible principle."

Brother Edward C. Ervine, 828 Clouet street, New Orleans, La., writes: "Since I joined the Blessed Mystic Success Club I am in much better health, strength and spirits. Every day I feel new life and strength, and now my future looks very bright."

Sister Mrs. Carrie Pittman, Alma, Ga., writes: "My heart cannot outpour the thanks to God and you, dear Mystic Success Club. May your work never stop till every heart is filled with Love, Light, Life, Peace and Joy. We want our sorrowful and unhappy brothers and sisters outside of us to share our Joy and Peace. May God continue the Club's work until all are enlightened." There is a simple, sure and dignified way to win many souls to God. Quietly and Silently, without one word, love all men, all beings, and be just and kind and gentle to all men, all animals, in the Christ Way, and all men who know you will soon begin to ask among themselves, Wherein lieth the secret of this man's purity, sweetness and charity? and in a silent, occult way they will soon begin to ask you the Way, and in a simple way, without undue urgency, they, too, will want to be brothers with you and all the brothers of this great Brotherhood.

Sister Mattie S. Chaffee, 366 Fourth avenue, Aurora, Ill., writes: "I am surely being helped by God. Wonderful things and blessings have occurred that go to make each day a blessed day."

Sister Harriet McNair, 212 North Market street, Oskaloosa, Ia., is receiving many blessings of the Spirit. She writes: "I am now very much improved in health and strength, and am more peaceful, hopeful, patient, contented and happy than I have been for many years."

Sister Mrs. Mary Miller, Watertown, S. D., has many blessings to thank God for. She writes: "I am much pleased in being a life member of this blessed Club. I can frankly say God has helped me to health and to overcome all obstacles. Now there is always such a beautiful and forceful calm influence around me, helping me. I sincerely thank you for what you have done for me. This is a beautiful, uplifting work, a blessed cause."

Sister Mrs. H. W. Cottle, 312 Broadway, Everett, Mass., writes: "God, through my work in this Club, is helping me all the time; it has been a great help to me. My health is good, and I am much strengthened in soul, mind and body. The Club work has blessed me with such a sweet calm; there is joy in my soul all the time. I wish I could put in words my thanks and gratitude. I am so glad I am a life member, and I want to help the blessed work of the Club all I can. I enjoy THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES more than any other paper or magazine, and I am trying to get subscribers for it. My prayer is that God's great blessing may be with all the workers for the Club and the Magazine." Blessed is he who helps any work that has for its aim the uplifting of Humanity.

Brother W. S. Jordan, Box 187, Clarinda, Ia., is realizing great blessings. In a letter filled with Holy love, he says, in part: "It is a matter of wonder to me when I look back over the few months I have been a member of this Club, and note the difference in my feelings and aspirations. My great improvement is plainly apparent to me, and I feel that people with whom I associate can see a difference in my general demeanor."

Sister Emma P. Wilbur, 638 Starr King Building, San Francisco, Cal., writes with "love, gratitude and sincerity," as follows: "I find myself helped much in various ways. My mind is now clearer, broader and far more receptive to the Light of Truth which makes us whole and free; and I am conscious of a continual manifestation of it. I have reason to rejoice each day that I joined this great Club and am coming into the full recognition and realization of my inner or deeper being, and my complete at-oneness with the Infinite. My heart goes out in love to all beings, all God's children. My aspirations are now loftier and life has a purposeful meaning to me here and now." "Life has a purposeful meaning to me here and now." Oh, how blessed it is now to live the life of purpose, full of force, full of peace, full of joy, full of richness and beauty here and now.

Sister Annie B. Bell, Fort Scott, Kan., writes as follows: "I am so thankful to God that led me to this blessed Club; I am so thankful and grateful for the peace of mind I now have. I bless the day I first sent for a sample copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES; I am helped so much by reading it. May its circulation be extended all over the world." With thousands upon thousands of loving friends like our sister, the circulation of the Magazine is growing and growing. It now reaches all parts of the world. The greater our circulation the greater our power to do His work.

"The man who dares to think, to live,  
True to his soul's divinest light,  
Shall to the world an impulse give  
For truth and right.

"The brave in heart, the true in mind,  
Will dare to see the truth aright,  
While coward souls, perverse and blind,  
Will shun the light.

"But though all eyes on earth were closed,  
Still would the sun as brightly shine,  
And truth by all the world opposed,  
Is still divine.

"That which men abuse to-day,  
Men of the future will adore;  
And truth, which error seeks to slay,  
Lives evermore.

"The Cross may meet his noblest deeds,  
The fagot blaze at every word.  
Yet through the angry strife of creeds  
Christ will be heard."

Brother James McNamara, Attapulgus, Ga., writes: "I can testify that whereas before taking this Mystic Success Club work up my temper and thoughts were of the worst; in fact, I was a confirmed pessimist, and now I look on life and things differently, with more brightness and optimism, and can control my temper." Blessed is he who is so filled with love that he has no temper. BEFORE THE VOICE CAN SPEAK TO GOD AND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MASTERS OF LOVE AND COMPASSION, IT MUST HAVE LOST THE POWER TO WOUND. Harsh, cold and cruel words cause pain, woe and misery to both the speaker and that brother or sister to whom they are addressed. The prayer and demand of the aspiring soul remains unheard until the voice in which it is uttered vibrates with love and has lost the power to wound.

Sister Inez L. Osgood, 19 Mansfield Place, Rutland, Vt., feels so thankful and grateful to God and our help that she continually works to circulate our Magazine. She writes: "I am much improved in health and have far more hope and courage since I commenced this blessed work. I am so grateful to God and you all for your many helps, and I enjoy and derive more help and benefit from The Mystic Success Club than from any other. I also have derived more good from reading THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES than any other magazine of any kind. I attended a Christian Science meeting yesterday and hope to visit the reading-rooms this week and tell all my friends about THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. I send love to all and write in Holy Love."

Brother P. Salmi, 1020 West Third street, Erie, Pa., writes: "Your work seems so simple, yet so original; you bring Peace, Patience and Harmony and awaken intuition. It seems now as if the whole universe belonged to me, to all. We can live in heaven here and now. The sample MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES you sent me has received favorable comment by persons I have let read it. I will help increase its circulation all I can."

Sister Mrs. Amos McLellan, 31 Lockman street, Halifax, N. S., is an earnest, aspiring soul, seeking the full blaze of the pure White Light of Truth. In a letter filled with much love and praise, she says, in part: "Since fellowshipping with you I feel very much better in every way. I firmly believe in the teachings of the Club and THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. I hope that before long the Magazine will be found in every home. I thank God for His many blessings."

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

ALL THINGS ARE YOURS.—I Cor. iii, 1.

Brother William Reeber, McComb City, Miss., has been cured by the Holy Spirit of his nervousness of many years. Our brother writes: "I have been very nervous and worried for years, but now can honestly say since the day I received the First Degree I have been in good health, and am not nervous and worried as before."

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

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

Sister Barbara C. Myers, Tampa, Cal., writes as follows: "I must write and tell you how this blessed Club work has helped me. I have grown strong and healthy and full of courage and aspiration. Would that all others could know of the truths you teach. When reading and handling 'our Magazine' I am thrilled through and through with holy, beautiful vibrations as though I were in contact with an electrical battery. I am doing all I can to help others to see the true Mystic Way. I desire the prayers of all members that I may succeed with my music." We will pray for you, sister. And right here let us say that in music there is a great mystic, occult power. The world needs more music. Music cometh out of the soul and is a universal language.

Sister Mrs. Valeria Keyport, 1414 Oak street, Flint, Mich., is a most earnest and sincere member. She writes: "Oh, I have been helped wonderfully! In every way I have been greatly helped. I am now on the right road to health. The thoughts you give out are beautiful and so helpful. I have memorized every one of them and I love to repeat them over and over, again and again. I wish you Godspeed in the grand good work you are doing. Is it any wonder God is prospering our work? Do not those thousands of voluntary letters speak volumes?"



## The Mystic Healing Circle

### LET US GIVE YOU HEALTH

"Your Body is the Garden, Your Soul is the Gardener, Your Birthright 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"

By Mystic No. 12

Did you ever stop to consider, when you bought a railroad ticket, the amount of labor that ticket represented, both past and present? Only an expert railroad man could tell you of all the details from the first thought of the road until its present completed condition. When we take up the Bible we have the wisdom of Ages. We have food for all our needs. We have food enough to last a lifetime. How foolish it would be to try to eat at one meal enough for a lifetime, yet some do that with Bible food. My teacher once said that some people have a sort of spiritual dyspepsia. They had received more spiritual food than they had assimilated. The same truth presented in a new way is sometimes better understood. I remember one time in the classroom years ago the plain statement was made, "There is no death." At the close of the class an elderly lady arose and said to the teacher: "My child, do you mean to tell me there is no death, when all about me I hear the tolling of the church bells?"

It was many weeks before a letter was received from her by the teacher, saying the Light had come to her soul and she now understood the meaning of the words, "There is no death."

I once heard Moody speak in the Auditorium, Chicago. He said the same, but used different words. He said, "There is no death" (*Psalm XXIII, 4*). "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death." He brought out the idea very clearly that we did not walk through death even, but only through the shadow of death.

Emerson seems to make it very clear and plain in a few words. "There is no death," he says; "what seems so is transition."

"Only the soul going from one mansion to another. 'In my father's house are many mansions.' 'I go to prepare a place for you.'"

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things."

"For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee? But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom."

"Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

"And Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands."

"They shall perish, but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment."

"And as a vesture shalt Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail."

"And deliver them, who, through fear of death,

were all their lifetime subject to bondage."—*Hebrews, 1 and 2.*

Jesus came to bring us wisdom and understanding, and to teach us of God's Love. Perfect love casteth out fear; and perfect understanding of God's love to us gives us understanding. "With all thy getting get understanding." This is the at-one-ment, which means being one in mind with God our Father. ALL is ONE, at-one-ment. At-one-ment. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.—*St. John xvii, 20, 21, 22.*

Last summer I heard a Bishop say: "That prayer is already answered. I would not, if I could, have all belong to my denomination." He then compared the different churches to an army, and the many different needs of an army and the value of each worker in his own particular kind of office, for the life of the army.

To those who are seeking health in The Mystic Healing Circle, I say: take time. It is the Truth that makes you free. Oh, how many might have health if they only take time.

"First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." Jesus spoke much of nature. Take neither a morbid view of yourself or too careless way. Remember a chain consists of many links, and the real strength of the chain is the strength of the weakest link. Remember it is Right Living as well as Right Thinking that makes health permanent.

"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

Remember "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong." When our ways are God's ways and our thoughts are God's thoughts, we receive strength from everywhere. From the seen and the unseen. Instead of giving all your time and labor to the things of this world, stop a moment and consider your Real Self. Your Real Self cannot die any more than God can die; your Real Self is eternal. Now to have perfect health give yourself proper conditions. We read "Another parable put He forth unto them, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field." That is, the mustard seed was given right conditions for growth, and it grew. The life within, the heaven within, found a way to grow, and did grow. "so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." The May number, page 276, has such a practical talk about "Pure

Food" that I wish to call the attention of all the members of The Mystic Healing Circle to it.

There are so many good substitutes for coffee that it is quite easy to make the change.

"The kind of food we eat is a large factor in determining our mental and emotional life, and this relationship should be more thoroughly studied and appreciated."

"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

The flowers appear on the earth;  
The time of the singing of birds is come,  
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;  
The fig tree putteth forth her green figs,  
And the vines with the tender grape give a good smell."

#### Sun Bath

THE sun bath is a great help; "stimulating to the cells of the tissues, also acting upon the nervous system in a most powerful manner."

"Sunlight is one of the most powerful of all hygienic and curative agents. As a hygienic measure it is of great value in the destruction of dangerous microbes, the most of which are unable to resist the action of the direct rays of the sun for more than a few minutes. Sunlight is thus the most important of all disinfecting and sterilizing agencies. The value of sunlight in the maintenance of health is well shown in the dwarfed development of plants deprived of its stimulating influence."

"It has been noticed that in hospitals a larger percentage of recoveries occurred on the sunny side than on the shady side of the ward."

"In taking the sun bath, either the whole or a part of the body may be exposed to the direct influence of the solar rays, or some protection may be afforded by a covering of white cheese-cloth. Always protect the head from the direct rays of the sun. The length of the exposure will depend upon the intensity of the sun's rays."

"If the light is very intense, or the person very feeble, the duration of the bath should not be more than five minutes, if the whole body is exposed. Others, or those accustomed to the sun bath, may take from twenty minutes to half or three-quarters of an hour."

"A noted French physician once said to some people who had brought their children to him for treatment:

"Take these children to the country; feed them as well as you can, but above all, roast them—roast them in the sun."

#### Special Offer

My special message, "Take Time," is now ready; and all former members of The Mystic Healing Circle and all readers of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES sending a written request for Special Message, No. 7, "Take Time," inclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope, will receive same without additional cost. Address Mystic No. 12.

#### More Hope and More Courage

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 28, 1904.

Beloved Mystic No. 12—It is with pleasure I wish to inform you of my complete recovery; also desire to express my hearty thanks for the benefits received from your valuable treatment and advice. When I first wrote to you I was in a very poor condition; I was afraid I never would get well; but I have improved so much I am like a new person. I am happier and more cheerful, have more hope and more courage. I pray that the Divine Power may be with you always and help you carry on your good work. I thank God for all blessings. My improvement has been so great and I am feeling so well that I do not think it necessary to longer continue in the Healing Circle. Wishing you success in your good work.

I remain sincerely,  
IRENE W. ROBINSON.

P. O. Box 303.

#### You May Print This

Mystic No. 12—Inclosed you will find two dollars for two more months' treatment. I wish to continue in your vibrations. I can't thank God and the blessed Mystics enough for what they have done for me in the past three months. I am so free of suffering to what I have been in years. In February I sent and asked for special treatment, and from the day the letter had time to reach you I had no trouble with that special ailment. Life's ways seem brighter now that I more fully realize my oneness with the Universal All. I would say to all: join The Mystic Success Club and Healing Circle and gain health and success. You may print this if it will be of any service to you.

IDA F. WRIGHT,  
Washougal, Wash.

#### I Am Much Better

Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed please find one dollar for second month's treatment. I am much better for taking the treatment and am very grateful to you for it.

Yours very truly,  
Mrs. M.

#### I Am Much Pleased with Your New Message

Dear Mystic No. 12—I enclose post-office order for one month's treatment. I hope to be able to continue in your vibrations. They help me to be more patient, and bring hope and happiness. I am much pleased with your new message, and thank you for it. I remain, your faithful friend,  
Mrs. J.

#### Better Every Day

Mystic No. 12—Please find inclosed one dollar for another month's treatment. I am feeling better every day.  
Respectfully,  
S.

#### Can See Quite an Improvement Already

Dear Brother Mystic No. 12—Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's treatment. Can see quite an improvement already.  
NETTIE.



**My Peace of Mind Is Wonderful**

*Mystic No. 12, Dear Friend*—Inclosed please find one dollar for which I trust you will continue sending vibrations to me. I am feeling much better, and my peace of mind is wonderful. I enjoy life so much better. Yours with love and thanks.

**May God Bless You**

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—I feel it my duty to write you and to thank you for the good you have done me the last three months by sending me vibrations for health. I have followed your instructions. It is a blessed work you are doing. May God bless you.

Respectfully yours,  
A. F. J.

**Catarrh Is Better**

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—Inclosed find one dollar for another month's treatment. I am so much better. I am now losing some of my burdensome flesh and do not bloat so much. My side is so much better, also my catarrh. My husband is so much better in every way. His health is better and he is kinder to me.

**Wish to Continue**

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—I am pleased to inform you that we are improving under your treatment, and still wish to continue the same. Inclosed find one dollar for one month's treatment.

J. AND M.

**Always Looking on the Bright Side**

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—Your healing vibrations are helping me very much. I am in better humor than I have been for months, always looking on the bright side of everything, and my health is improving. Thanking you very much for the help I have received, and may God bless you abundantly. I am very sincerely yours,

I. C.

**Much Good in One Month's Treatment**

*Mystic No. 12*—I am improving rapidly. Mystic Adept, you have done me so much good in one month's treatment that I will send you another dollar for another month's treatment.

**Wonderful Change**

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—Just a few lines. I feel as though I must write, although I can't find words to say how thankful I feel to God and to you, dear Mystic, for the wonderful change in me during the last month. I have improved in every way, and feel like a different girl.

Yours with sincere gratitude.  
MAY.

**The Old Fears Are Fast Disappearing**

*Mystic No. 12, Dear Friend and Brother*—It did not require words by letter to enable me to know that you answered my last letter. I have been so wonderfully helped physically and spiritually! The old fears are fast disappearing and my courage is increasing. I thank you, oh! I thank our Father and you for the blessing that has come to me. The sample copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES that you sent me a year ago has led me to know "His ways are ways of pleasantness and all His paths are peace." You requested me to write when I could send a favorable report that others might be strengthened, and I now can testify of the Light within my soul.

**I Want to Continue**

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—I inclose a dollar for another month's treatment. I have taken your treatments now for five months, and my health is very good, but I want to continue with you, to help me in my spiritual development.

G. E. R.

**There Was Light Instead of Darkness**

*Dear Brother No. 12*—Your vibrations reach me twice a day and have been a great help to me. Relief came at once, and your message was very comforting to me and gave me a higher understanding. In a short time there was light instead of darkness, and may God continue to bless and help me to help myself.

Yours,  
M. S.

**Faith and Works—Right Living and Right Thinking**

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—In sending for my third month's treatment, I think it right that I should enlighten you some. I have improved in weight, sleep well, and eat hearty. Before I commenced your treatment I could hardly sleep; was constipated and consumed with fever. I eat the whole wheat at breakfast and supper and think it the grandest thing out; and, dear Mystic, the best of all is, I am trying to help myself and live true to nature. I think THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES the best on the market, and read it all and often. Please find inclosed one dollar for April treatment, and accept my kindest regard for your noble work.

Respectfully,  
THOMAS.

**More Cheerful**

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's vibrations. I am improving nicely and am trying to help myself. I am getting more cheerful and more peace of mind. Have no more pain in head.

Yours,  
J. E. P.

**God Is Life**

*My Dear Mystic*—I inclose one dollar for the fourth month in your healing vibrations. I am so grateful to you for all the blessings I have received through you—of course, I know all good and perfect gifts come from the Great, Good and Dear God through Jesus Christ, the Way Shower, but you sow the right kind of seed and to do as you do one certainly does show forth the Divinity—God—which is manifest in every flower, blade of grass, tree, bird, animal—in fact, the All in All.

With much love,  
A.

**The Seed Falls on Good Ground**

*Mystic Adept No. 12, My Dear Friend*—I received your special message No. 6 last Monday night. I went to my room and read it often. That night I got more peace to sleep. Tuesday I was better still. Wednesday morning I got up with a strange weak feeling, but I went to work. It hung to me all day, and I left two hours before time. Went to my room and lay down. Next morning I got up feeling fine, and the cough that had bothered me so much was gone and all pertaining to it. I could hardly believe it. I cannot help speaking of it. People ask me what I did, and, of course, the answer has a strange effect on most of them. Others are going to take THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.

Yours sincerely,  
M.

**Help in Time of Need**

*Mystic No. 12, Dear Friend*—I want to thank you for your great help during the past month. You perhaps can understand how great it has been, for you, perhaps, have received such help in time of trouble. I inclose a dollar for another month. I am gaining in health, and am growing rapidly in other ways. God bless you in your work.

Yours sincerely,  
MRS. W.

**I Am Living in the Spirit**

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—I address you to tell of the improvement in my health. I am living in the Spirit. Please find inclosed one dollar for another month's treatment.

MRS. M.

**No Relief Until He Joined the Healing Circle**

*Mystic No. 12, My Dear Brother*—I thank you so much. I feel so grateful; there is no limit to my gratitude. I cannot tell you how much good you have done us both. My husband's health is much better, and he is now gaining in strength. There has been quite an improvement in his health within the last month. He has been in very poor health since last June and his disease had become serious, and there was nothing that did any good or gave him any relief from his suffering until he joined the Healing Circle. My own health is splendid. I think thoughts are life. Please accept our sincere thanks.

MRS. W.

**Light, Love, Peace and Joy**

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—My wife and I both have improved so much since joining The Mystic Healing Circle that I cannot help expressing my sincere thanks to God and The Circle for the sure benefits that we have received, and more than that for the light, love, peace and joy that pervades our hearts and lives since we have become lovers of the All-Father-Mother, and have realized that the Kingdom of God "is within us," and we are trying to live selfless lives and for the good of all. Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's treatment.

R. H. C.

**The Rheumatism Is Fast Losing Its Hold**

*Dear Brother No. 12*—Inclosed you will find one dollar for another month's treatment. I feel that I have had a most wonderful month of February. Every day I can see some error is gone or is going and that I am coming into a fuller understanding. The rheumatism is fast losing its hold on me. I can hear a clock tick fifteen feet away.

Your grateful student,  
L.

Behold the light of God in the eyes of all men! How it shineth forth at the least act of fervent love or gentle kindness from thy heart! Oh, my Love, I see Thee in all beings, and great is my joy and bliss therefor! Why seekest the beloved One afar off? Is he not in all we see, hear, feel or touch? His light shineth everywhere! Oh, thou art my love, thou art my love!—B. P.

**The New Thought: A Prescription**

"No, Mary Ann she hasn't been well. Real miserable for quite a spell. One doctor says, 'Tis surely that.' Another contradicts it—'Nay, I'll bate you she has had enough Of bitter-tastin' doctor's stuff To run a sawmill for a while. And keep it goin' in good style. Her empty bottles would, I vow, Reach 'way off to Jerusalem. No matter what the trouble is, The more she takes the worse she is."

"What's that you're sayin' 'bout 'New Thought' That cured your wife—where was it bought? I'll buy it right off in a minute If you are sure no pizen's in it. Is it in pills? Is morphine in 'em? If so, I'm awful set ag'in 'em. What's that? 'Twas nothin' that she took But read it all out of a book? Well, now—I swan! Well—did you ever! No—by a long chalk—never—never! Was your wife cured by thinkin' right? That's better'n pills—a plaguey sight."

The spiritual man is the great and potent Suggester: in a while he impresses all minds, and, consciously and unconsciously, all minds follow the Divine Suggester and are made blessed. It is the God-men who lift the burdens from the race. A Jesus comes to earth, and for all time helps humanity.—*The Mystics.*

When the Spiritual Law is understood and used it explains all the complex problems of life, and makes plain all perplexities and mysteries and phenomena. How important, then, for men to turn their attention to the one eternal and simple Spiritual Law which explains all the laws of life and being! It is both scientific and religious to turn the mind to the One First Cause, God, to the exclusion of all other mental schemes and methods of salvation. God dwelleth more in the souls and hearts of men than in their heads. The human mind is the means or instrument to lead us to the soul and heart of life and things, and is not the end or goal of man. Some minds and wills look only to the human mind and will as the ultimate sovereign good; this is the wrong way to omniscience.—*Ananda.*

**A June Day's Rest**

AS the summer days are drawing near,  
And mark the crowning of the year,  
Dost thou desire refreshing rest?  
Go into the fields, by sweet June dressed  
In velvet grass and clover crest.  
With bared head and naked feet,  
Lie down full length in the grasses sweet.  
And under the elm's outspreading leaves  
List to the murmuring summer breeze,  
Watch the snowy boats sail by—  
Fair argosies in the far-off sky.  
Forget the toil and the tears of earth,  
And give thyself to dreams of mirth—  
To childish freedom and joyous glee,  
While marking songs of bird and bee.  
The leaves will whisper, the grass caress,  
And a deepening silence give thee rest;  
While o'er thy senses, like twilight calm,  
Will steal the sweetness of June-day charm.  
Thy soul will ope as a budding flower  
To receive the wealth of a heavenly dower,  
And mind and body in full attune  
Will attest the worth of a rest in June.

HELEN VAN-ANDERSON.



## SAYINGS OF THE BLISSFUL PROPHET

Observations on Human Affairs, Specially Written for  
The Magazine of Mysteries

"That which exists is one; Sages call it variously."  
—*Rig Veda, I, 161, 46.*

### INVOCATION

O Almighty and Eternal God, grant me understanding, knowledge and wisdom to write down these sayings that they may impress those who read them with Thy Mighty Love, Power, Majesty and Splendor. May the Blessed Christ and the Holy Spirit keep my mind free from all vain imaginations and false and misleading thoughts and guide my pen. Glory be to the Loving Father of All, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit and to the Holy Angels, forever and ever. Amen.

Who sees with the Spiritual Eye readily discerns many grand and good happenings that are to take place within the near future. It does not take much of a prophet in these "Latter Days" to read the signs of the times—present and future. One of the most significant truths of the present day is the wonderful spread and growth of the English Language and all English customs and manners. English civilization—especially that part of it known as American Civilization and Progress—is not only attracting the serious attention of all the peoples of the world, but its advantages are taking hold of their souls, hearts and minds in a wonderful way.

It is but natural for any nation or people who are not progressive and prosperous to marvel at and study the methods of that nation or people which is pre-eminently progressive and prosperous and happy. Therefore, all the eyes of the whole world are now fixed with bewildering and earnest gaze upon the English-speaking Peoples, especially upon the Americans. Our growth, expansion, progress and prosperity are astounding! After much astonishment, and possibly some little envy and jealousy, the wise and good men of the less fortunate nations begin to inquire into our civilization—our customs, manners, philosophy and religion. And what do these inquiring minds discover?

In the first place, they find that all the English-speaking peoples of the world are, in most part, God-loving, Christian people. They find the lands of the English-speaking peoples covered with Christian Churches, Universities, Colleges and Schoolhouses that are liberally supported and well attended. Further, they find that the leading men and women in all endeavors are, in most part, Christian men and women. They find great statesmen and rulers who are professing Christian gentlemen. They find a secular and religious press, not equaled anywhere in the world, owned and conducted by Christian men on Christian principles. Wherever they go they find hope, courage and cheering optimism and progress, prosperity and happiness.

The great seers and adepts know that church steeples always stand in the midst of smokestacks, flourishing and prosperous business centres, prosperous farms, beautiful towns and cities, containing great universities, colleges and schools, and where you see no churches you see a dead and sleepy nation more or less filled with ignorance, superstition, poverty, plagues and famines. This great truth is beginning to dawn on the minds of some of the older nations, and a great awakening is at this very moment taking place there. These countries have suffered untold misery through their wilful and stubborn ignorance, and are beginning to think and marvel at our great progress and prosperity and happiness and high civilization—the highest the world has ever known. They are not only marveling and thinking, but they are studying cause and effect, and thinking and reasoning and making deductions. Many of them, tired and weary of bondage to poverty and misery, are seeing the New Light that the Blessed Christ brought into the world, and are beginning to live the Christ-life, which is a life of service, of doing and achieving and growing, and not a life of dreamy, speculative philosophy.

They are weary of seeking for "Nirvana," which they never can find. They are beginning to realize that the Great God intends man to toil, labor, serve and work with all his might and with love in his soul, heart and mind. That if he shirks and idly dreams

he must suffer long and intensely and remain in a semi-civilized and semi-barbaric state.

The wide-awake, energetic, enterprising and progressive men and women of these older countries are therefore now fully aroused and are coming out of their long and weary nightmare and studying our plans and methods and modes of life. Many of them are studying English that they may speak and read it, and thus get into closer touch with the progressive English-speaking peoples of the West. Moreover, they are studying the Bible and the teachings of Christ, and Christianity, as never before, is at this very minute spreading in all parts of the world at a most astounding rate.

In the secret writings of the great Adepts this was all written down hundreds of years ago; that Christ is to be embraced by all peoples and the Kingdom of God established on Earth. Some of the great Bhakti Yogis of India know this and are openly coming out and embracing Christianity and living the Christ-life. These pure and holy Bhaktis (God-lovers) have really been Christians all along, but did not know it. They are now beginning to realize down in their hearts of hearts that it is for the good of the masses of India for them as great God-lovers to openly and publicly recognize, honor and glorify Christ, the Son, as the only Master and Redeemer for the Whole World.

Therefore, a progressive and prosperous nation must be composed of a soulful and religious people—must be inspired by the Great God. The English-speaking peoples of this planet are fully inspired, and hence they lead the whole world in progress and prosperity and always will do so. In all parts of the world the great Adepts are agreed on this one truth. They may differ on other matters, but as to the pre-eminence of the English-speaking peoples they agree. Let a Chinaman or a Hindu or any foreigner learn the English language thoroughly and read English books and papers, and it will change him wonderfully. There is a great and occult reason for this, which is known to all the great Adepts.

In time the English language will be the universal language. This prophecy has been made for many years by many Adepts, in many parts of the world. Any deep and profound thinker can see that the English language is spreading into all parts of the world at a wonderful rate.

He indeed is fortunate who speaks and reads the English language—he is nearer the goal of perfection than he who is ignorant of it. He who ignores the English-speaking peoples is not wise, say the great Adepts. See how fluently and beautifully the blessed Swamis of India speak and write the English language.

Some of these Swamis of India come over to England and this country to teach the beautiful Vedas, but become so favorably impressed with our wonderful civilization and what it does for the masses, and especially the poorer classes, that they go back to India and try to rouse the souls of their countrymen and get them out of their dreamy and idle ways, telling them the glowing truths of how we do and achieve. But these good Swamis, in most part, fail to see that the underlying principle of the progress, prosperity and happiness of the West is due entirely to the teachings of Christ, which, in a positive way, tell men they must not only love God, but must toil, labor, serve and work; must do and achieve, for the good of the Whole.

Now, dear souls, in all parts of this grand and glorious world, let us realize we are all the children of One Loving Father. Let us try and strive more and more to realize and love the One Great Eternal God of this universe. Let us recognize, honor and love God and the Son and live forever with the Holy Spirit and the Holy Angels. Let us kindly and lovingly arouse our brothers who are asleep and dreaming, so that they may become wide-awake and up and doing and achieving for the good of all.

Let the glorious wedding of the East and the West take place and the blessings of the Eternal God dwell with us now and forever, and all of us become one happy and peaceful brotherhood, with One God and one Master. This will be realized before the end of the Twentieth Century.

### Man's Progress

MAN on the earth plane thinks successively as follows: In his first stages that life is caused by material foods; then, later, he comes to think that life is God, the Breath of Life, and that his only purpose is to ignore material things and dream only of God. This is very good, and for a while quiets and sobers the man, and gives him some peace, but not Supreme Bliss, and he hungers for more light; he sees that Mind and self-conscious Reason can carry him only so far; finally, he discovers that peace, power and joy are in universal love and service and co-operation—are the divine blessedness which pervades the universe—and he yearns to be one with the blessed Creative Power and be a co-worker with God. Now he finds there is one final step he must take before he can reach supreme power and bliss. He must work with God's Will; he must be led, and stop trying to lead; he must be led by the Spirit; he must give up his human mind and human will to Divine Mind and Divine Will; he must yield completely to Omniscience and Omnipotence if he would really know and do. The old man must die and the New God-man be born. The Christ-man must take the place of the natural man; he must become meek and humble and trusting as a little child. And what happens now? He is an angel on earth, an omniscient man; he knows that knowing which ALL is known. He now resists nothing, and all things, all Being, all the Seen and Unseen Forces serve him without further prayer or petition or thought. Non-attached to parts, he becomes one with the Eternal Whole. Being in mind a non-possessor, all possessions of great price are placed in his hands as a faithful steward of a great provident God. His mind is no longer torn and worn by speculative thought. He has no thought of the morrow; his mind is now intensely and blissfully occupied by God for a grander and more glorious purpose. He has become a creator, a constructor and a builder. Men marvel! They say, Why, he is a simple, plain man; how is it he does all these great and mighty works? He is not an intellectual or brilliant man as the world judges, but look at his mighty works!

So we see, beloved, it is not what a man hath in gold, but what a man is in spiritual growth; how large is his soul and his heart, and not how large is his head or his purse; that is the Divine question. How much does a man really know; how much of omniscience is in him? is what the God-mind and the Universal Mind ask. How much does he love? How much does he do?

So, finally, we all come to Supreme Bliss and Supreme Power when we really know this: "In Him we live and move and have our being"; i. e., outside of Him one is powerless; it is the consciousness of Him in man that lifts man up.—*Ananda.*

### Love and Obedience a Power

MEN and women who fail in life are those who are unwilling to obey the simple law of love and obedience. To succeed one must love God and obey His Law. There is no other way to lasting success. Do your work well, with all your heart, and prosper. "Put the best of yourself into all that you do, and with enthusiasm." This is all God asks. He desires His children to be earnest, faithful, cheerful and enthusiastic. Whole-heartedness is required in every affair and event of life, and it is only the poor, weak, ignorant and cheap men and women who ignore this truth and suffer much. It is our business to teach these poor people in love, by word and example, the working of the eternal, divine and changeless Law. It is also our duty to tell them in positive words they may expect little or nothing out of life until they love and obey God.—*Frank Harrison.*

### The Grand Evolution

How man, the world, the universe progress! How can man complain in these glorious days of progress and promise? This is a great age, but nothing compared to what we are soon coming to—"The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Each day is a brighter day to the progressive and awakened man. Only the sulkers and the sleepers are suffering in these glorious days. Oh, why will men darken and burden their lives with weak and negative thoughts and suffer so much from disease and failure! Come, get into the grand evolution and progress of the world; join The Mystic Success Club and wake up, and do, and enjoy, and be prosperous.

Blessed are the simple God-loving Quakers (Friends); theirs is a simple religion. Indeed, it is so simple and just and honest that it does not suit some of our brothers in some of the sects who wish for a complex and spectacular scheme of salvation. We can all of us do well to study the Friends and emulate their lives.

Great souls have great hearts overflowing with Love and Compassion, and are freed from human will. They have divine Will instead. Small men swagger about unbalanced with their mighty wills, their massive heads and small congested hearts and souls.—*Frank Harrison.*



FOR THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD

Thought to be held at 12 M.

"I will try them as gold is tried: they shall call upon my name and I will hear them. I will say it is my people, and they shall say the Lord is my God."—Zechariah xiii, 9.

Thought to be held at 9 P.M.

"Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."—Jeremiah xxxiii, 3.

**I**f is a beautiful thing, in the first place, to be WORTHY of being tried; to know that no matter how much dross may appear on the surface, no matter how unpromising you know yourself to be, the Father is willing to TRY you, to put you where the dross may be worn off, that the gold may appear—yes, this is a cause for rejoicing. Can you not, then, no matter how hot the fire of adversity, bear it for a little while in order that the pure, unalloyed gold of your divine nature may appear? As for bearing the fire, ah, Beloved, it only means suffering until self, the old man with his affections and desires, is laid down; then there will be no more suffering. There will be only a calm, sweet joy—the joy of knowing that the Divine of you is at last unveiled and shining. And having been tried so that God and the world know the purity of your metal, you will be overjoyed that you know it yourself. It will be possible to do many things that you could never do before, because you will know with certainty and confidence that you may call upon the Lord. You have learned to listen and obey, therefore every call will be answered, every request honored.

Never mind the fire, then, for as soon as you know it is purifying and not destructive, you will be in its beautiful radiance rather than its intense heat. **STAND STILL AND SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD. STAND WHERE YOU ARE** in the midst of poverty, injustice, unpleasant environment, sickness or disappointment, and call upon the name of your Lord. Try it. Try it with courage, with faith, with persistence. Every day at the noonday drop all other thoughts and for a time, even if only five minutes, realize the words of this glorious text.

Do you not see what the habit means? Do you not realize that this is the way, and the ONLY way, to become acquainted with God, by this habit of daily communion and actual obedience?

There are many who write of the beautiful experiences that come to them just by following the teachings of our Silent Brotherhood.

There are mothers who write us that every day they gather the children together for the noonday Silent Brotherhood thought. Perplexed and anxious toilers tell us how they are learning to cast the burden on the Lord. Many bear witness of the deep and growing faith that is coming to them. And so the gracious ministry of the Spirit goes on unceasingly, because of this closer acquaintance with our Father.

**CALL UPON ME AND I WILL ANSWER THEE.** Sometimes we say we have called, but in vain. There is a difference in the WAY we call. If with fear and faithlessness what can we expect? It is the FEELING in the heart rather than the words of the mouth that makes the call a prayer of faith.

With the feeling of warm, deep conviction in the omnipotence of Love and Power, we can indeed call and be answered. But with heart divided between fear and doubt, no matter how sound the form of the words spoken by the lips, the call is but empty form. This is why so often it seems vain. **HAVE FAITH AS A LITTLE CHILD.** Ask, BELIEVING that ye have received, and ye shall receive.

Can we do this without daily, hourly communion with our Father?

This, Beloved, is why the noonday and evening texts, conscientiously STUDIED, ABSORBED and PRACTICED, will make possible a close acquaintance, yea, a most precious friendship with God, which cannot but evoke and sustain a warm and living faith.

**CALL UPON ME AND I WILL ANSWER THEE, AND SHEW THEE THINGS WHICH THOU KNOWEST NOT.**

And what wonderful things these revelations that come from knowing the Lord! Knowledge of life and its meanings, interpretations of character, insights into nature and the infinite relationships with things of both earth and heaven, all these are part of the answer to him who calleth unto the Most High.

So, lie down at night with the warm faith that whatsoever you should know, if you CALL aright, lo! it shall come stealing in upon your consciousness like the dawn of morning, and you will know what before you knew not.

In days of light or darkness, Beloved, go on bravely, patiently, trustingly, carrying these beautiful texts like jars of sweet incense upon the altar of your hearts.

No. 5.

Quarrels

THERE'S a knowing little proverb  
From the sunny land of Spain;  
But in Northland as in Southland  
Is its meaning clear and plain.  
Lock it up within your heart,  
Neither lose nor lend it—  
Two it takes to make a quarrel;  
One can always end it.

Try it well in every way,  
Still you'll find it true;  
In a fight without a foe  
Pray what could you do?  
If the wrath is yours alone  
Soon you will expend it—  
Two it takes to make a quarrel;  
One can always end it.

Let's suppose that both are wroth,  
And the strife begun;  
If one shall cry for "Peace,"  
Soon it will be done.  
If but one shall span the breach,  
He will quickly mend it—  
Two it takes to make a quarrel,  
One can always end it.

Good Humor

It is not great calamities that embitter existence; it is the petty vexations, the small jealousies, the little disappointments, the "minor miseries," that make the heart heavy and the temper sour. Don't let them. Anger is a pure waste of vitality. It helps nobody and hinders everybody. It is always foolish, and always disgraceful, except in some cases where it is kindled by seeing wrong done to another; and even that "noble rage" seldom mends the matter. No woman does her best except when she is cheerful. A light heart makes nimble hands and keeps the mind free and alert. No misfortune is so great as one that sours the temper. Till cheerfulness is lost, nothing is lost.

The Spirit says to man, there is no small or trifling act in life's work; that all work is needed and should be dignified by performing the simplest acts with cheerfulness and perfection. When a man learns to do small things in a perfect and orderly manner he will be called to do great and important works. Men who do not make much out of life are those who are ever striving to be great in the big things of life and neglect the small, simple things. Show me a man who is perfect in performing the simple duties of life and I will show you a man who is to do great and blessed works. It must be understood that this line of action must be in the spirit of willingness and cheerfulness—in a natural way.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

Light moves 186,000 miles during each second of time. The great telescopes show stars so far apart that light requires 30,000 years to move from one to the other. The distance between the Star Sirius and the Star Vega is 208 trillion miles. What a distance! Oh, how great is the Universe! Oh, how inspiring it is to read and study even the simple text-books of Astronomy and Astrology! The telescope showeth man a greater God than many books do; with it we get a glimpse of the illimitable power of God. We live in a great and blessed universe, filled with Light and Power that the mind alone cannot comprehend; it is the Spirit alone that can enlighten us.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

The psychic and occult truths of the ancients are ours if we will but live the silent mystic life, as taught by the Mystic Adepts of The Mystic Success Club.

The day has arrived when sane men will have nothing to do with the old myths of an angry, wrathful god or gods. The real, great God is enlarged each day until soon man will become conscious of the blessed truth, that there is no place, no thing, no being in which the great and eternal God does not dwell. All there is, seen or unseen, is eternal.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

Peace Gems

MONDAY—

For all the noble strife and fears  
Of hearts that toiled—and not in vain—  
To ease humanity's great ache,  
Then died content for Truth's dear sake,  
In the last cycle of the years,  
We twine memorial wreaths—and, fain  
To trust glad auguries, we see  
The light of this new century  
Shine o'er the world with peace to bet  
—*Mary Clark Huntington, in Ladies' World.*

Tuesday—

"In the onward moving ages  
Can be felt the throb of life,  
Larger liberty is coming  
And the end of cruel strife."

Wednesday—

Mayst thou ever be, O land,  
Noble and pure as thou art free and strong;  
So shalt thou lift a light for all the world  
And for all time, and bring the Age of Peace.  
—*R. W. Gilder.*

Thursday—

O'er the expanse of our mighty dominions,  
Sweeping away to the uttermost parts,  
Peace, the wide-flying, on untiring pinions,  
Bringeth her message of joy to our hearts.  
—*Paul Dunbar.*

Friday—

But with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love-song which they bring;  
Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold;  
When Peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.  
—*Edmund H. Sears.*

We should do our utmost to encourage the beautiful, for the useful encourages itself.

A man must stand erect, not be kept erect by others.—*Marcus Aurelius.*

What I want is, not to possess religion, but that religion shall possess me.—*Charles Kingsley.*

Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.—*Phillips Brooks.*

Everything that constrains a man strengthens him.—*De Maistre.*

Human things must be known to be loved, but divine things must be loved to be known.—*Pascal.*

Fence-Rail Philosophy

THERE'S a lot of wisdom in lettin' good enough alone.

What you are counts a heap more than what people think you are.

According to some men, other people's business always needs attention.

A wedding has sobered up many a feller that was intoxicated with love.

It often requires more strength to decide to do a thing than to actually do it.

If everybody practiced what they preached this world would be peaceful and perfect.

Some men succeed in marryin' well, even if they don't succeed well in anything else.

This is such a good country that some of the millionaires are apparently tryin' to grab it all.

When it comes to makin' laws they are always intended for the other feller, but not for ourselves.

When some folks die it's hard to tell whether on account of a complication of diseases or doctors.

Some folks think so little of the future that they haven't even got an umbrella laid up for a rainy day.

Quit watchin' your neighbor's cornfield and commence workin' your own, if you want to stop the weeds.

It may be a wise man who knows when to stop talkin', but it's a wiser one who knows enough not to talk at all.

If you are acquainted with happiness, introduce him to your neighbor.—*Selected.*

An Aged Youngster

ALTHOUGH Senator Pettus, of Alabama, is the oldest man in the United States Senate, he is old in years only. Some weeks ago he saw a decrepit old man trying to cross Pennsylvania avenue in Washington and went to his assistance. The old fellow accepted his help gladly, and when conveyed safely across turned to Mr. Pettus.

"Sir," he quavered with old-fashioned courtesy, "I thank you, and hope that when you get to be as old as I am you may find someone such as you are now to help you across the avenues of life."

"How old are you?" asked the Senator.

"Sixty-six," replied the old man.

"My friend," said Mr. Pettus, smilingly, "I am eighty-two."



# HEART TALKS

By Helen Van-Anderson

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## Make Your Choice To-day

WE are standing at the fork of the roads; the future lies before us in two distinct paths. These paths are conditions of mind, avenues of thought. To the right is the sunlit way, to the left the path of sombre shadows.

Many people are taught to believe that the path to success is filled with heartaches, that anxiety for the future is an essential to any achievement, that fear and worry are symbols of cultivation, that the person who does not lie awake nights planning for the morrow is sure to meet with failure. To such an extent has this idea been ingrafted in the minds of men that the worry habit has become a national infirmity, and is the chief cause of all our nervous and functional disorders.

Thousands of people can trace their illness direct to worry over business or family troubles, or to some other form of mental strain. Every cell of the body is acted upon by conscious thought; hence if the mind is in a pleasant mood there is no atom of the body that is not in some way benefited, or, if the reverse is the case, the inharmonious condition is general. It is evident from this that worry not only impairs the mental but also the physical faculties.

Our asylums are filled with people who commenced by brooding over their troubles, whether real or imaginary. They knew full well that nothing could be gained by such a practice, but they continued turning the subject of their distress over in their minds—day after day, night after night—viewing the gloomy prospects from different points, until at last the mind commenced to act independent of the will, revolving in a sort of automatic way the woes of the future.

This unhappy condition can be avoided. This tendency to make mountains out of molehills—to look on the dark side of life—can be conquered by choosing to-day, while standing at the fork of the roads, and turn to the right.

Commence by throwing your cares and anxieties to the winds. If the mind commences to grind with fear and distress, stop such friction with the oil of good thoughts. As darkness cannot be driven out of a room except by light, so evil thoughts cannot be driven from the mind except by good thoughts. Never mind about to-morrow; make the best of to-day; see that your walk and conversation reach the highest standard of excellence; that will insure a good to-morrow.

Dread of the future robs the present of its joys. Nothing is gained by worrying over the future; the vital energy thus employed should be spent in the enjoyment of the present. The troubles anticipated seldom come to pass; if they do, the worry endured makes you unfit to meet them.

Commence to observe the tenor of your thoughts. If you seem to be surrounded with trouble, remain cool, quiet and self-possessed. Go about charged with sunshine; let its rays emanate from you sufficiently to dispel the gloom. Let your hope be boundless; remember, it's a dreaded tongue that utters words of woe.

Teach others to be of good cheer, to revel in the glories of to-day. Nature's ways are ways of pleasantness to him who cultivates the good, who trusts the great moving power of the universe. Don't insult, by your lack of faith, that all-sustaining, eternal Intelligence in whom you move and have your being.

A kind word hits harder than a blow. The chords of the human heart are strangely susceptible to love and sympathy. I know of a man who had a coarse, hateful disposition. Somehow he managed to find a woman with courage enough to marry him, and somehow she managed to work out all the discomfort in his soul. She made a big fuss over him; when he was cross and bristled up she smoothed him down and thus unbent his gnarled and twisted thoughts.

When he flew into a rage she looked at him so hopefully that he quailed and melted. By stealth she crept into his soul and nestled close to his heart; she wove about him the cords of her love and they bound him tight.

Anger twists and distorts the face hideously and then spurts out of the mouth, but if the instrument aimed at is not attuned to receive the missile it rebounds upon the sender. Avoid these things, avoid the very appearance of evil. Recognize in everything the glorious promise of Infinite care. If you do this you will find nothing to dampen the pleasure of to-day, to blight the ambitions and hopes of to-morrow, and the world will be better for your having lived.

The original founders of religion on this blessed planet were Moses, Jesus, Buddha, Krishna, etc. And now come many new Masters, not to destroy what these taught, but to emphasize the truth in their teachings, and to present Eternal Truth in different words. A Master cometh to fulfil and not to destroy God's revelations. The Reverend Mystic Brethren now walk the earth in great numbers, and those who are awakened and not spiritually blind and deaf shall see and hear these holy omniscient men of great love, compassion, simplicity and power; they are the Elder Brothers of all beings.—*Aaanda.*

**F**ROM a far-away sister comes the cry for help and comfort. "I seem to be cut off from all human sympathy," she writes, "and notwithstanding my unceasing prayer for some ray of light or some human touch and fellowship, I have no sign from the heavens nor from the earth."

Be still, dear sister, and hear the words of the prophet: **AND THINE EARS SHALL HEAR A WORD BEHIND THEE SAYING, THIS IS THE WAY, WALK YE IN IT WHEN YE TURN TO THE RIGHT HAND AND WHEN YE TURN TO THE LEFT.** There is a season when each soul must stand alone, not to suffer but to grow. We sometimes call this standing suffering. That is our human word for it. But the time comes when we see it means a growing stage, a process in which there must be apartness in order that the soul may know itself and stand upon its own responsibility. Alone the soul must win her victories; alone her faltering steps make strong until that fair sweet day she finds herself in unity with God. These times of loneliness preface the opening of wider doors of opportunity, if you can only work and wait with patience. For the very stillness of patience will bring you new conditions which develop strength. When you are tempted to say it is all for naught, that you have striven and suffered, you are looking at the apparent conditions. Take the larger view. See that all things work together for good. Make ready through earnest desire and warm expectation for your Christ. One reason, dear sister, why you have been so unconscious of any response to your prayer may be that you have put your Helper far away from you. Can you not drop this sense of distance, of obstructing conditions, and realize the nearness of your Comforter? The Master said: "I go that the Comforter may come." These are not idle words. They are grandly, gloriously true. The Comforter is with you—never separated from you. You ask: "But where and how can I find him?" By assuming, if you cannot do otherwise, that the Comforter is a fact, not a phantom; a reality, not a hope. In this assertion you are only to do what you did as a child when playing with other children. You assumed the presence of playmates and imaginary conditions. You talked to these playmates as though they were there. You assumed conditions to be true which you "played" were true. Try this method. Even in this, dear sister, play, if you cannot do otherwise, that the Comforter is with you. Act as though you could speak to and receive replies from an intelligence residing in your own soul.

You will very soon find that your childlike faith will bring a response, and you will be able to hear the word saying: "THIS IS THE WAY, WALK YE IN IT." Is this pretentious, blasphemous? Nay, far from it. It is taking God at His word. It is acting with faith. We cannot expect to have a deeper and more potent faith until we use what we have. The very fact of prayer, or even yearning, implies hope, and hope is an element of faith. When hope becomes conviction it is "evidence of things hoped for, the substance of things not seen," and you live not only in the hope but the constant expectation that your Comforter will give you comfort, strength and power; that your Comforter is not absent, but ever present within you. You will find at last that what at first was only the assuming of a truth finally becomes a realization. This Comforter is but another name for the Christ; the universal PEACE, POWER, LOVE, TRUTH, made manifest in human life.

This God-power in you makes all things new, creates new conditions, continually reveals new aspects of itself; and finally, because you give yourself more and more to its sweet influence, it possesses and uses you. Its other name is the PARACLETE or Comforter, which Jesus said would bring all things to your remembrance and lead you into all Truth.

As to the time of its coming, dear sister, much depends upon your willingness to cease thinking and speaking of your burdens and miseries and loneliness. Your ears must be ready to hear, your heart ready to entertain the Heavenly Guest. When that time comes you will not cry out in despair, but with shining face and joyous heart you will say, "Now it is with me, this Comforter, Companion and Friend; it speaks to me, it guides me in all my ways. I am content." When at times the veil drops upon your heart again remember it is but transient, a fleeting shadow which means what the clouds and storms mean to the earth. When the clouds hang low, with impetuous raindrops beating against the windows, the light and beauty of the day are fled and Nature seems to weep. Is it for the light that is gone, for the beauty that will never return?

No, there is a deeper meaning to Nature's sorrow. The light is not gone, the beauty is not lost. Back of the veil is the light that is always shining, the beauty that ever is.

See! the tears cease! The veil is lifted! Once more the radiant day smiles, clothed in a greater beauty than before. Look at the trees! See their shining leaves glistening with diamonds! See the grass in its new glory of cleanliness and emerald sheen! Smell the sweet odors that come from flower and field! Hear the happy chorus of bird-music. Imagine the new life starting from the roots of all green and growing things. The sorrow was only seeming; in the midst of it was wrought this marvelous work.

Nature's experiences of sorrow are as apparent as yours and mine. But there is a vast difference between her attitude and ours. In her heart there is no bitterness that the light has fled, that her beautiful child, the day, is lost. There is harmony, not discord, and thus the law through her does its perfect work of refreshing, renewing.

There is a Godly sorrow that worketh repentance to salvation, and a sorrow of the world (born of selfishness) that worketh death, Paul said. Paul spoke out of his knowledge of the Law. A Godly (goodly) state of mind in which there is a looking beyond the veil, a recognition of the light and beauty that exist despite the seeming tears of grief and despair, changes storms of sorrow into baptismal showers that refresh and glorify. In this attitude the soul turns to the Comforter and is consoled with the promise, "With favors will I lead them. I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters in the straight way wherein they shall not stumble." With favors, *i. e.*, with something beyond mere necessities. With an abundance of good things that shall add to the joy of being led, that shall increase the substance and strength of the conscious life.

"God is not dumb that He should speak no more.

If thou hast wanderings in the wilderness

And find not Sinai, 'tis thy soul is poor.

There towers the mountain of the voice no less;

Which whoso seeks shall find, but he who bends

Talent on manner still and mortal ends,

Sees it not, neither hears its thundered love."

## As We Grow Old

By H. C. Dodge

As we grow old—as all must do—  
And life takes on a sweeter hue,  
Things long forgotten come to cheer  
The burden of each passing year,  
And, as they one by one unfold,  
Give recompense for growing old.

Our happy childhood days of yore  
Unlock themselves from memory's store,  
And once again we know the joys  
We had when little girls or boys,  
Without the after-sorrows rolled,  
But put away when we grow old.

Again as merry tots we play,  
And in the daisy meadows stray,  
And bake our mud pies in the sun,  
And home from school delighted run;  
Again the fairy tales are told—  
We all grow young when we grow old.

Kneeling before our cribs we see  
Ourselves in child's simplicity,  
Lisp our "Now I lay me," while  
Dear mother, with her loving smile,  
Bestows her good-night kiss to hold  
More sacred still when we grow old.

Again we're in our childhood's home,  
Without a wish to ever roam;  
The dear old pictures and the clock,  
The chair in which we loved to rock  
While mother held us, we behold  
With eager eyes when we grow old.

Once more we hear the birds that sung  
Around our door when we were young,  
And see the garden, yes, and smell  
Its flowers. At the dear old well  
We quaff its crystal water cold  
With added thirst when we grow old.

Once more up in our high-chair seat  
We feast on mush and milk so sweet,  
And taste the cookies mother made,  
Again, by her dear hands arrayed,  
We march to Sunday-school in scrolled  
Upon our hearts when we grow old.

As we grow old—as all must do—  
Our childhood pleasures we review,  
And in those happy days we seem  
To live again all in a dream;  
But 'tis a dream most sweet to hold—  
When we grow young by growing old.



The Primacy of the Spirit of Love and Light

By JOHN P. COOKE

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THE spirit of a life is the temper and disposition that actuates the life.

The spirit of a movement is the guiding, shaping tendency, the purpose of the movement. What should be the spirit of a reasonable life? It may be that the offering up of Life itself is but a "reasonable service" to the truth of Spirit.

Undoubtedly it is only spirit or inner life that can bring light and knowledge to the mind. Mind comes to usefulness and to the service of good by learning the law of the spirit.

"All that we are is the result of our thought. It is founded on our thoughts, it is made up of our thoughts. If a man speaks or acts with a pure thought, happiness follows him like a shadow that never leaves him." So taught the pure-minded Buddha.

We must first become docile students of the Law or spirit that later we may become its useful servants. Then the "Presence" shall go with us and our work shall be more adequate.

As with a child learning music, each note must have its right value, and nothing else will do; the child must accept slavery to the letter of the law of the instrument or the musical notation. As in learning to read, the child must submit to each letter as an arbitrary law—a necessity. "A" must be "A," "B" must be accepted as "B" and as nothing else. Yet it is by this voluntary servitude that the child learns to spell and to read, to understand sentences, thoughts and Ideas, forgetting in its unfoldment the early steps that seemed so hard, so arbitrary, so meaningless.

So, too, the more mature mind, which is the mirror for reflection between the unseen spirit and matter, between the divine Light and the outer darkness, this mind which is so subtle and moves about without a body, this mind and will must submit, must take on the yoke of the spirit in all seriousness. It must thus learn the law of the Spirit and of Truth and Kindness. It must learn the PRIMACY OF THE SPIRIT OF LOVE.

Is it not written, "And now abide—Faith, Hope and Love"?

That FAITH by which we see the glories of the Eternal Circle or sphere of Light. That living HOPE by which our wings are quickened that we may mount heavenward. And the LOVE, by which we grasp and appropriate, and make them ours. Ours for daily use and daily blessedness.

The temper or spirit of Love is surrounded by many other graces, and it divides its honors with many delights of the soul; but they will fade and decline while Love will shine on, all glorious and potent.

Even were the entire earth consumed to ashes

Love undismayed would o'er the ruin smile  
And glow, serene, at Nature's funeral pile.

It is the pure, universal, unselfish attribute of Love that must quicken the spirit from its core to the outer shell, setting all the atoms vibrant with the melodies of Heaven.

At winter eve, if we ride into some country village we shall note the rustic cottages on the right hand or the left, and here a light from the lower floor, there a gleam from some attic window, or a lantern flash from some barn door, but in few houses will the lights gleam from all the windows from top to bottom.

So it is apt to be with our human houses. Our powers and faculties are not half lit up. The light of a spark of love may gleam here and another there, but how few we meet whose soul-light shines luminous through every faculty. How often is the soul anchored to some secret sin, and the light is shut out from that chamber of the soul. There, perhaps, all is dark or dreadful.

A man, in a fit of passion, slays his fellow-man. The murderer goes unwhipped of Justice—yet he tells the story of his outraged conscience. In his most secret musings he knows what it is

To see the blood-glazed eye in every object,  
To hear the dying groan in every whisper  
For years, years, years!  
To start from restless sleep to see  
The Phantom standing by the bedside.

Such is remorse!

But the Light of the Spirit is intended to shed its glory into every chamber and avenue of soul and sense. For the senses are but the windows of the soul.

Does the glory of the June sun in the heavens shine only for a few bushes here, or a clump of trees there, or a few hundred wild flowers that seem only to waste "their sweetness on the desert air"?

No, indeed it does not. It glows forever for the wide world's glory and the joy of the whole earth.

Everything is blessed and quickened and filled with its glowing life! After summer showers look how every bush is jeweled with the tears of joy, and the thirsty earth is blest. So should it be with the light of Spirit. It should glow and gleam forever and ever, quickening every thought of the mind, every wish, every hope, every aspiration.

Behold, how the lonely mountain spruce wags its high head in pride, as if to say, "I see thee! Thou art my sunlight. Thy life is mine! Look at me!"

And the little humble violet lifts its cup to the shining glory and says, "Thou art my life. Thy light is my light!" The grasses and the grains in a million fields rustle and ripple to the summer wind as they ripen and hang their heads with the wealth of life-giving grain. They wave a greeting to the Sun, as if saying, "Oh, Light! Thy Kisses are mine! Thy warmth is my life! Thy undulations are my unseen joys! Unseen, but not unfelt."

Thus should it be with the breathings of the inner spirit—sunshine of our souls as the holy vibrations throb Love and Joy, and Peace and Purity into our hearts, moment by moment and Breath by Breath! For God is the Sun of our souls, whose satellites we are, whose light is never hidden from us, but shines continually into our souls, and leads us day by day nearer to Himself.

Even from the shadowy land of Time we will offer our praises and lift our souls in thanksgiving for all the blessings of our Being; and we ask that while the Sunlight of Thy Love and Wisdom and Power is shining into the souls of Thy children even here they may understand the Eternal Light of Love and be gladdened by its presence. Let all mankind feel no longer that Thou hast forsaken them or that Thy Love has ceased to act for them. May they realize that Thou art ever present, that Thy Love is a pledge of surety for their salvation—their Peace.

All men, some time, somewhere, come to love God and are blessed. Why not do that *now* and be blessed *now*? Why wait and suffer? Why not try to be free at once? Come, beloved, the righteous life with God is the only blessed and successful life. Have some of you not suffered enough?

The Lord's Prayer Echoed

If any be distressed and fain would gather  
Some comfort, let him haste unto  
Our Father.

For we of hope and help are quite bereaven,  
Except Thou succor us,  
Who art in heaven.

Thou showest mercy, therefore, for the same  
We praise Thee singing:

Hallowed be Thy name.

Of all our miseries cast up the sun;  
Show us Thy joys and let  
Thy kingdom come.

We mortal are, and alter from our birth;  
Thou, constant art;

Thy will be done on earth.

Thou madest the earth, as well as planets seven,  
Thy name be blessed here

As 'tis in heaven.

Nothing we have to use, or debts to pay,  
Except Thou give it us.

Give us this day

Wherewith to clothe us, wherewith to be fed,  
For without Thee we want

Our daily bread.

We want, but want no faults, for no day passes  
But we do sin.

Forgive us our trespasses.

No man from sinning ever free did live,  
Forgive us, Lord, our sins,

As we forgive.

If we repent our faults, Thou ne'er disdain'st us,  
We pardon

Them that trespass against us.

Forgive us what is past, a new path tread us;  
Direct us always in Thy faith,

And lead us—  
Us, Thine own people and Thy chosen nation,  
Into all truth, but

Not into temptation.

Thou that of all good graces art the Giver,  
Suffer us not to wander,

But deliver  
Us from the fierce assaults of world and devil  
And flesh; so shalt Thou free

Us from all evil.  
To these petitions let both church and laymen,  
With one consent of heart and voice, say

Amen.

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### Sayings of Frederic W. Burry

WHILE Concentration is the basis of success, this is not to be confounded with one-sidedness. The nature of concentration is wholeness; and while (only for a while) there is a special concentration on one point, this feature is always to be discerned in relation to all.

Idle curiosity is hardly a source of real interest. It is the product of habit. As we know it is impossible to engage in more than one thing at a time, it is clear that the merely curious seeker is losing many opportunities for both instruction and true enjoyment.

Just what bearing we individually have on life we cannot as yet apprehend. It is certain, however, that each one is exerting a tremendous influence in the world; and it is also certain that the full extent of what this influence has been will eventually be known.

Before you condemn another you should be acquainted with all circumstances that led to his action; and if you could see all around, understanding the underlying motives and impulses, you could not condemn, for you would perceive the meaning and necessity of it all.

It is so very important to rid oneself of care and worry that what often seems to be a great price is really not too much for such a freedom. What if it does mean the relinquishing of possessions or supposed privileges? To feel absolved from an ultra-responsibility is surely worth all its costs.

Simple as the mighty truths of life are, they cannot be disclosed to many of the "learned" ones; who have, as it were, certain chambers of their mind closed, and, for the time being, are necessarily shut away from many mighty truths. Before our minds can be illuminated with true wisdom we must live up to our ideals, which are always pressing us into fields of expression. This is in reality coming in touch with the foundation facts (the lower strata) of life; diving beneath surface shams for the common, palpitating, real life.

Changes cause friction, true enough; yet the disturbance (which soon passes) is in itself often a symptom which precedes an advance. The upward moves are what we want; we are here to ascend; if we stay too long in one place a certain inertness is set in, and to get rid of this condition sometimes means considerable trouble.

If a certain necessary work seems irksome, bravely overcome the tendency to forego it, and enter right into it. Immediately it will be found that the disagreeable features will begin to fade away, until, when the work is completed, you are not only happy over the accomplishment, but you wonder why at first it appeared so distasteful.

The person who leans assumes a servile position for the time being; in some way, looking up to another as master. This is, then, not the way to become free, though I can quite easily see that such an attitude represents a stage in our development. Only let us hasten to step upward to higher planes, to be one's own master—to be free.

### Editorial Sayings of James Allen

BEFORE a man can see even the necessity for thorough and complete self-government he will have to throw off a great delusion in which so many are involved—the delusion of believing that his lapses of conduct are due to those about him, and not entirely to himself. "I could make far greater progress if I were not hindered by others," or "It is impossible for me to make any headway, seeing that I live with such irritable people," are commonly expressed complaints which spring from the error of imagining that others are responsible for one's own folly.

The violent or irritable man always blames those about him for his fits of anger, and by continually living in this delusion he becomes more and more confirmed in his rashness and perturbations, for how can a man overcome—nay, how can he even try to overcome, his weakness if he convinces himself that it springs entirely from the actions of others? Moreover, firmly believing this, as he does, he vents his anger more and more upon others in order to try and make matters better for himself, and so becomes completely lost to all knowledge of the real origin of his unhappy state.

"Men cast the blame of their unprosperous acts  
Upon the abettors of their own resolve,  
Or anything but their weak, guilty selves."

And this applies to every form of wrong conduct.

"The doer, not the dreamer, breaks the baleful spell,  
Which binds with iron bands the earth on which we dwell."

says Charles Kingsley

"As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak."

Swami Vivekananda, of India, says: "The only way to rise is by doing the duty that is in our hands now, and thus making ourselves stronger and going higher, until we reach the highest state. Duty is not to be slighted. The man who does the lower work is not, therefore, a lower man than he who does the higher work; a man should not be judged by the nature of his duties, but by the manner in which he does them. His manner of doing them and power to do them are the test of a man. A shoemaker who can turn out a strong, nice pair of shoes in the shortest time is a better man, according to his works, than a professor who talks nonsense every day of his life."

We must judge all things from the great centre of the divine, just as though we stood in the centre with the broad view of all life, and not only from the standpoint of earth.

Each man finds his polarity from the centre of the universe, and not from the centre of the earth plane. Each soul has its universal position, and many souls who are manifesting in earth bodies are not strongly polarized upon the earth, and find it difficult to remain here. Others are so centred here that their strongest bond is the earth plane, and they find it difficult to leave this planet.

Just as each man has his individual position in the universe, so each man has his individual opportunity, and his success in life depends entirely upon his perception and accomplishment of his own work. We want nothing that belongs to anyone else. We want our own. There is to be no struggling for it, no emotion about it, just a calm, perfect faith in an Infinite Intelligence—in a supreme law.

We are daily coming into consciousness, daily perceiving our position and our duties in that position. If we think we fail it is simply a barrier we have raised within ourselves. Somewhere we have not perceived our opportunity with the clear, conscious vision of truth.

The fact of life is that for every trespass there is a penalty. The trespass may be because of lack of perception or failure to grasp an opportunity. It usually is, but no matter—we pay that penalty upon natural or spiritual laws until we learn to respect those laws. As the defect is always within, the remedy is also within. We cannot possibly attract any condition to us that we cannot control absolutely, otherwise we could not attract it. That is well worth concentrating upon, because it may solve many seemingly impossible problems. We do not know our own power. We do not perceive our own strength. Perhaps until we have learned the law of discrimination it is well for us that we do not, for the mighty power of man should only be expressed with mighty love.

Life is so fine a thing when one lives the divine life. "Every human occupation should be a communion with God."

Do you not think that the reason we miss so much of the sweetness and glory of life is because we separate ourselves from infinite things—withdraw ourselves, as it were, from the radiation of love? Everything that exists is full of love, or it could not exist. If we fail to perceive the love in it, it is our misunderstanding of ourselves; we have not sufficient love in ourselves. We talk much, but we can never talk too much, of love, any more than we can ever love too much. When we vibrate in the law of love our finer and more intense forces act. There is no mistaking our opportunities, and no thought but to seize them and utilize them with the divine energy which comes from the mighty constructive force of love.

"Years die, but ideas go on forever."

Now is the time to turn to the pages in this issue of the Magazine which print the glowing and enthusiastic testimonies of members of The Mystic Success Club. Read these wonderful reports and ponder and think about it. No matter how great your happiness or success may be, this Club can help you to more and greater happiness and success.

Advertisers are a unit in saying that THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES is an excellent advertising medium. And why should it not be, with its great and far-reaching circulation? Each copy is read and re-read and many copies are loaned to many persons. There must be nearly 500,000 people read it. Eleanor Kirk, who advertises with us, recently printed the following paragraph in *Eleanor Kirk's Idea*:

"The editor of the *Idea* wishes to state that she finds THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES an unapproachable advertising medium—and she has not been asked to say so either."

The present tremendous spiritual activity, in countless movements all over this great world, is a grand sign of this blessed New Age. The great God is working in many and divers ways to reorganize society and make life more pure, more peaceful, more powerful and more blessed. Oh, what a blessed privilege! to live in the New, the Now, the Eternal and Universal, as many are now living.—*Frank Harrison*.

All beings have God's life within them; all are moving onward, forward and upward, all will reach infinite perfection some time, somewhere.—*A. Z.*

### Leaving the Body at 100 Years of Age

SISTER MRS. PETER FULLER, of Palatine Bridge, N. Y., recently passed on to the Angel World at the age of 100 years.

The Mystics are keeping a record of men and women who have held their bodies for 100 years and upward. Not a day but we have to record from one to more names. There are now living in the United States, according to the last Government Census report, upward of 5,000 persons who are 100 years of age and upward, the oldest being 137.

In this New Age we are to hold the body in health, strength and vigor for great periods, *providing* we live in the spiritual way. The Mystic Success Club gives the simple Mystic Way for a long, useful, successful and blessed life here.—*The Mystics*.

Bigotry and fanaticism wherever found are destructive, whether in New Thought circles or in the Church.—*Frank Harrison*.

The secret of health is a pure heart and a well-ordered mind.—*James Allen*.

### Life's Dream

By F. B. Parker

Love's light is ever shining,  
Whatever be the night,  
Your soul will greet its lesson  
And sweetly you invite,  
To leave life's cares a-sleeping,  
And let your heart grow light,  
Then frowns and tears will vanish  
As sunshine conquers night.

Sweet smiles will send a glowing  
Across some darkened way,  
That prays for one to lighten  
Their load each weary day.  
Then love would truly give you  
A message bright to keep,  
And make your heart more noble  
And sweeter for your sleep.

God's smile would constant guide you  
Along life's checkered way,  
And at the end would show you  
His bright, sweet glowing day.  
Go seek this helpful message  
To cheer you day and night,  
Nor let life's cares despoil you,  
But make the world more bright.

### Slander

By Nellie Stedman Cox

I HEARD a voice, the words though lightly spoken  
Caused boisterous laughter and a host of jeers.  
They caused, alas! a world of woe and tears;  
A pure name gone, a true and fond heart broken.

Unthoughted were they; men are prone to linger  
Around the club-rooms, spending hours of time  
In idle talk, in cards and sparkling wine,  
Forgetting whom they crush with careless finger.

And she who sleeps to-day, whose heart was broken,  
Is one out of the thousand who are slain,  
I do not know her history nor her name;  
It may be you, my reader, keep some token.

And if you do, I pray you hold not lightly  
The fragments of the casket. Bear in mind  
That idle words are scattered by the wind,  
And deeds in secret, judged by day arightly.

"Be careful what you say, to whom, and where,"  
Wounding no heart however humbly born,  
For conformations writ in blocks of stone,  
In running brooks, and trifles light.

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## THE SOURCE OF POWER

By WILLIAM E. TOWNE

Written Especially for  
THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES

## Cheerful Chats

THERE is one Source of power in the universe and only one. It is that Divine Principle of Being which is in and through all things.

All the troubles and difficulties which man encounters are due to his getting out of harmony with the Source of this being.

Worry, anxiety, greed, anger or any intense emotion will serve to destroy the harmony which naturally exists between man and the Divine Principle in nature.

When a little child is growing into manhood or womanhood it is naturally responsive to all the vibrations of the Infinite Principle. But as life becomes more complex, the average individual, unless naturally blessed with a very harmonious organization, begins to resist, oppose, grow strenuous, and thus the delicate poise of the child life is overcome. He then takes on the strained, hurrying, worrying vibrations which are usually manifested in later life. He grows farther and farther away from the Divine Source. He wanders in the mire and jungles of doubt and despair, which he has created by holding on mentally. He is hypnotized by the senses until he loses sight of Principle.

He can then only retrace his steps by turning back to the Source, by literally becoming as a little child. Through faith and love the vibrations with the Source may once more be established. By letting go the hurry, worry and strain the healing, soothing, restoring vibrations of the Spirit will come in and do their perfect work.

To live a normal life we must be in harmony with the Source at all times and under all circumstances. We must cultivate self-control and quietude amid all difficulties. We must practice non-resistance. We must ever keep in sight the fact that all power comes from the Spirit and not from the physical body. "He who ruleth his own spirit is greater than he who taketh a city." In calmness of spirit and peace of body and mind great power is born.

It is self-control in the little things of life that will give you poise and calmness under great difficulties. It is the daily, hourly habit of peace and mental poise which gives a man the power to meet all things with a brave and unmoved front. If you allow yourself to lose your self-control over little things, if you are fault-finding, impatient, envious, easily disturbed, then you are weakening your mental and spiritual powers so that in time of need they will not successfully meet the strain. You will "go to pieces" when you should be calm and unmoved. Your mind and body will not respond to your demands if they have been accustomed to "jump the track" upon slight provocation.

Sound, steady nerves and a "heart for any fate" are the product of unselfishness and self-control. If you are continually thinking about yourself and studying your own sensations you exhaust your power and become unpoised. You shut off your connection with the Source of Being because you become blinded to it by studying your own sensations. To be self-controlled you must forget yourself largely, *i. e.*, your physical self.

By this I do not mean that you are to deny or crush out your physical self, as is taught by the Hindu philosophers, but that you should always be responsive to the impulses of the spirit and not spend time in watching and worrying over the condition of the physical.

The physical should always be in harmony with the spirit. Your will should be in perfect harmony with the Divine Will of the universe. Then you will not need to worry about the body. You will not need to deny the physical, or seek to crush it, because it will have become a useful and perfect instrument of the spirit.

There is a middle ground of solid truth between the Hindu religions and the doctrines of Western materialists. The Hindu acquires great repose and self-control, through the practice of meditation and concentration as taught in his religion. He denies the physical self until he reaches the limit of negation. But while he acquires great power in certain directions by these practices, there is nothing in his religion that teaches the positive use of this power for the higher development of the race. The final goal of the Hindu is Nirvana, a state of complete rest and entire cessation from all activity.

Now, if we add to the Eastern habits of repose, meditation and self-control the idea of positive and eternal activity and growth along lines of harmony and happiness, and hold before us the ideal of ultimately becoming so responsive to the laws of the universe that we shall instinctively and naturally vibrate in harmony with the Great Whole, with every manifestation of Nature, then we shall, it seems to me, have arrived at the golden mean between the two extremes of the Hindu philosophy and Western materialism.

Desire is not to be extinguished, but brought into harmony with Divine Law. It then becomes a mighty power for the accomplishment of all good purposes. We should seek, not for entire separa-

tion from the material body, but to so refine and harmonize this body that it will become a perfect instrument for the use of the soul.

The soul is the builder and harmonizer. If you let the soul rule the body and give up your personal, mortal will, you will constantly grow in harmony and power. "The soul itself is its own witness, the soul itself is its own refuge; offend not thy conscious soul, the supreme internal witness of man." Thus saith the Brahmanical law.

But, having harmonized body and mind, use them for all good purposes. Do not continue to rest in negation. Negation, non-resistance and passivity are only for the purpose of coming into harmony with the Divine Will and Spirit. When this is accomplished act as your purified impulses direct.

There is a time for rest and there is a time for activity. The time to be passive is when your mortal mind and will would usurp the power of the soul. Then is the time to listen for the voice of the Spirit. Then, when you are filled with the real power of the spirit, act in accordance with the impulses of the soul. Be not misled by the intellect. Keep the intellect as a servant, but do not let it become master.

Faith and love beget power. They bring you into connection with the Source. They teach you the wonderful truth of the unity of all things. A little child is full of faith, hence he naturally renders obedience to the Law. It is not until doubt is born in the mind that we cut ourselves off from connection with the Source.

Do not allow the black night of doubt to inclose you. Cultivate optimism. It is a positive power for good. Cultivate your own faith and you will find that it will be a source of power amid all difficulties. Cultivate love, universal love, and it will prove the greatest power of all.

### Brilliants

THE mortal vase seemed all too frail and slight;  
A rosy spirit glowed within the clay  
And shed its radiance along our way.  
At last God's hand gently put out the light,  
And so began the darkness of our night?  
Nay—so began the brightness of her day!  
—Annie Catherine Muirhead, in *April Century*.

Love virtue; she alone is free,  
She can teach you how to climb  
Higher than the spherical clime.  
—Milton.

That day is best wherein we give  
A thought to others' sorrows;  
Forgetting self, we learn to live.  
And blessings born of kindly deeds  
Make golden our to-morrows.  
—Rose H. Thorpe.

"Be strong!  
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;  
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift;  
Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift.

"Be strong!  
Say not, 'the days are evil. Who's to blame?'  
And fold the hands and acquiesce—oh, shame!  
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name."

Where is the Holy Land,  
The chosen shrine where pilgrim hearts may bow,  
And feel the Master of the world at hand,  
And offer prayer and vow?

The Holy Land is home,  
Where pure and gentle love abides;  
Where from God's hand the joys and sorrows come,  
And still His care provides.

The world needs an ever-present God; we need the consciousness of the truth that there is an omnipresent God.—Ananda.

The Father of Love loves all His children and is ever ready to help them if they will let Him do so; if we ignore God and spurn Divine Help, and utterly refuse it, how can we expect assistance? Close the soul, heart and mind to Divine Power, and it will not force its help on you. It is like expecting the sunlight to enter your darkened room when you securely close the shutters and draw the blinds of all the windows of your room. To live in worldly darkness is to live in the black darkness of misery. The blinds and shutters of greed, avarice, envy, hate and selfishness are what keep the eternal Radiant Light of Spirit out of our souls. God wants to speak to us, but we refuse to listen; the ministering angels want to help us, but we laugh with derision at the mention of their existence.—Frank Harrison.

CHEERFUL, hopeful, sanguine, optimistic and enthusiastic souls are in the right psychic vibrations and will attract from the unseen and hidden realms forces and powers that will make their paths easier, rosier and happier than the paths of the blue or morbid pessimists. Therefore, how important it is for us to cheer up and look on the bright side of things. Anyway, it is the duty of everyone, no matter what their griefs or sorrows or troubles are, to be cheerful. Cheerfulness is a great power to overcome disease, sorrow, grief and adversity; it is a prayer which will be answered with good, and ease our troubles. Pessimism, whining, murmuring and complaining are insults to the great Creator and Ruler of this Universe.

Anyone who by thought, deed or action retards progress retards his own individual progress. It is well then that a Light is breaking calm and clear through all doubt and all fear. Not a second passes that this world does not get better. Love, Truth and Light are rapidly freeing us from our doubts and fears, and through the power of soul and mind ignorance, superstition and fear are vanishing and we are getting great power to do. In this great age we know better how, when and where to do than ever before in the history of man. The grand results of our work show this conclusively. The things we do to-day, if spoken about one hundred years ago, would have been thought impossible. Probably the good old souls of the good old times would have burned our Edisons and Teslas as witches.

"The ideals of one age become the idols of the next." Through the comparison of the present with the past we can see the light of power is now bursting forth in abundant and radiant glory. The birth of a new and glorious age has taken place. The new man is an embodiment of hope, strength and courage. Light in the form of education is spreading everywhere. Light is softening the hearts of men. Everywhere we see men of wealth giving away in a single day vast sums for universities, colleges, schools, libraries, hospitals, churches, etc. Yet, there are some with greed and envy in their hearts complaining and saying that these times cannot compare with the good old times; that the world is not progressing. They should say that they, as individuals, are not progressing. Such a thinker cannot have much prosperity.

Let the readers of this Magazine who aspire to success and happiness persistently yearn for Light, Life-force, More Spirit, and they will begin to learn the secret of acquiring great psychic power and attracting forces that will help them to a wonderful degree. The desire to know, desire to do, desire to achieve, if firmly, cheerfully and hopefully held, will be completely fulfilled. Thus we draw from the storehouse of the universe the breath of life and great psychic power. Aspire and Desire, Desire and Aspire continuously and you will soon get in touch with the great Light which is shining so radiantly at the present time. When desire is awakened in the heart the Light is born, never to go out. A new and powerful Light glows in the soul's centre. The Spirit of Life then vibrates as it never vibrated before.

"No one was ever yet made utterly miserable except by himself." Some men and women make themselves miserable by thinking and dwelling all the time on their own woes and miseries and those of the world. In time such persons become negative and powerless, and have no force to help themselves or others. Other great souls are always bright and cheerful and see the world progressing in an orderly way and become fully alive with joyous vibrations, which make them very positive, forceful and helpful. The Psychic Light makes such cheerful, hopeful beings luminous, magnetic and powerful. They represent the embodiment of goodness and have the highest spiritual activity. If you would not be miserable stop thinking about misery, and earnestly desire the imperishable and everlasting Psychic Light which illumines the way to all real progress.

### Our Thanks

THANK God for Life and Being! Thank THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES for THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB.

Thank it also for the HEALTH CLUB. Thank THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES for ITS CO-OPERATIVE PLAN and its human helpfulness.

The Lord loveth a CHEERFUL GIVER. Why not co-operate?



## Suggestion in the Cure of Diseases and the Correction of Vices

By E. Hood Corson, D.S.T., M.E., in *Our Home Rights*

**T**HE philosophy of all cures wrought under the influence of Christian Science, Divine Science, Mental Science, and all the mind and faith cures, is absolutely explained. It has been found that these cures depend entirely upon suggestion. The explanation is simple and scientific. Any man or woman of ordinary intelligence and a common education can understand it. Not only so, but when properly understood and rightly applied in practice, by what we call Specific Suggestion, the management of all diseases heretofore treated by all mental or mind-cure methods is reduced to a positive science, and the results are marvelous. We assume that the law has been discovered by which the mind can be trained to control the bodily functions in health and disease, and that under this law, by suggestion, all diseases are amenable to relief and cure.

By suggestion in the treatment of disease we mean the presentation of thoughts to the mind of the patient in a manner and under conditions that will result in the functional and organic changes necessary to restore conditions of health.

That Christian Science, Divine Science, Mental Science, and other mental cure methods have relieved thousands of people nobody can deny, and we should give them credit for all they have done, and for what they are still doing. But Specific Suggestion is away in advance of all of these; it not only takes in all other methods of cure, but it simplifies them, and shows that they are all under the operation of one common, positive law, and that all people and all diseases can be reached and cured under this law provided, however, that a cure be within the bounds of possibility.

But, notwithstanding we can demonstrate the truth in this law of cure, and are able to assert that we can, absolutely, relieve and cure diseases by this method, when we attempt to make an application of it in the treatment of any case of disease, people first want to know *how* suggestion or mental influences can relieve pain and cure disease. It is not sufficient for us to simply assert the fact that we can cure them by suggestion. People insist upon knowing *how* suggestion cures.

Here is the explanation: Man is possessed of two minds. One we call the "objective mind," and the other the "subjective mind."

The objective mind is the mind which results from organization, and it may be regarded as the function of the brain. It is the mind with which we do business; the mind that operates through the five physical senses. It comes, develops with, and finally dies with, the physical body. It controls all voluntary motion.

The subjective mind is a distinct entity. It occupies the whole human body, and, when not opposed in any way, it has absolute control over all the functions, conditions and sensations of the body. While the objective mind has control of all of our voluntary functions and motions, the subjective mind controls all of the silent, involuntary and vegetative functions. Nutrition, waste, all secretions and excretions, the action of the heart in the circulation of the blood, the lungs in respiration or breathing, and all cell life, cell changes and developments, are positively under the complete control of the subjective mind. This subjective mind can see without the use of physical eyes. It perceives by intuition. It has the power to communicate with others without the aid of ordinary physical means. It can read the thoughts of others. It receives intelligence and transmits it to people at a distance. Distance offers no resistance against the successful missions of the subjective mind. Its memory is perfect. It never forgets anything. It never sleeps. It is capable of sustaining an existence independent of the body. It never dies. *It is the living soul.*

I presume, if we might only know ourselves aright, that hardly anything were impossible to us. But so much do we tie ourselves up in the trivial and merely transitory things of existence, that the real and only vein of gold in our being is unrecognized by us, for the most part. That we are of the divine is seldom, for us, a vital, ever-present verity and experience. Working up through cycles wide, the All Being comes to flower in the human. Does it seem to us that the "God" comes to consciousness anywhere but in the human? How little we know about the secret of the Whole!—*James H. West.*

There is one mind common to all individual men. Every man is an inlet to the same and to all of the same. He that is once admitted to the right of reason is made a freeman of the whole estate. What Plato has thought, he may think; what a saint has felt, he may feel; what at any time has befallen any man, he can understand. Who hath access to this universal mind is a party to all that is or can be done, for this is the only and sovereign agent.—*Emerson.*

With psycho-mental development we overcome all abnormal conditions, and come to live near and here is peace, joy, force, harmony and melody.

## Before Communion

If we could see as the Great Spirit sees, if we could see even as those exalted souls regard us who have attained the greater heights of the spiritual world, we should doubtless learn that a wealth of wisdom, a world of peace and a great heart of love await us; but we are too active to receive. Let us listen as we never listened before, in community of spirit, in oneness of aspiration, with renewed dedication to the promptings and ideals of the Spirit.

Peace, be still! Let all problems go. Let anxiety cease. Be not so eager. Be trustful, restful, contemplative, gradually passing beyond all that troubles the heart and disturbs the mind to that abode where the soul feels its oneness with eternity, looking before and after as if time were naught. Become centred there. Live and breathe in that purer region. Open the entire being in the attitude of assimilative listening.

For there is a living water which shall quench the thirst of the soul. There is a living food whereof the soul may eat and be truly fed. All about us here to-day, in and around every heart that beats and every soul that thinks, there is a power, a wisdom, a love ready to fill and to guide the soul, if only it be approached in that childlike attitude of perfect trust which opens the faculties and prepares the way for its coming.

Each and every one of us may become centres of distribution of that one Life, so that we may carry it to the sorrowing and the afflicted, to the ignorant and the darkened who cannot see. Each and every one of us may give that food which nourishes and that water which quenches. But each must say, as he enters the eternal abode to be filled with this quickening power: "Not as I will, but as Thou wilt, O Father! I know not. Thou knowest. I leave all. I offer all. I am willing to endure all. Only quicken and guide me, that I may be Thy holy messenger."

There is a prayer which no words can utter, there is a sermon no lips can preach, a service which never assumed a form. It is the aspiration of the soul, the power of a dedicated life, the presence of a quickening love. When that power speaks through the soul, although it finds no utterance in words, it reaches far and wide. When that power speaks, there is no question in regard to the effect of one's doctrine, no doubt whether one shall be provided with daily bread. Obstacles vanish, persecution ceases, critics are silenced, all the world gives ear. For, when that power speaks, the Spirit speaks, too.

We must live a simple life if we would be thus quickened. There must be ample time for unpremeditated listening. There must be measureless unselfishness.

The singer, listening before he sings, may pour forth in soulful song that transcendent harmony. The poet may suggest its presence in his verse. The author, writing only when the Spirit moves, will find that a greater than he has written. The speaker, turning aside from his audience in renewed dedication, will lose all self-consciousness, and find that his hearers are touched where no foresight of his could have touched them. The clergyman, casting aside his books, will be moved to utter those sweet messages of peace which really comfort the bereaved heart. The artist may paint its beauties. The pianist may play as never master of technique has played. And, noblest of all, the father and mother may make the home a Christ home, a centre of that creative love whence springs a nobler generation.

Each of you has some gift like those I have named. Each of you has a message for the world. Reverence that gift, believe in that message, then trust all else to God. You are trying to solve the insoluble, while you regard your work from the merely human point of view.—*The Cosmic Review.*

Are you deficient in taste? Read the best English poets, such as Gray, Goldsmith, Pope, Thomson, Cowper, Coleridge, Scott and Wordsworth. Are you deficient in power of reason? Read Chillingworth, Bacon and Locke.

Are you deficient in judgment and good sense in the common affairs of life? Read Franklin.

We must find our duties in what comes to us, not in what we imagine might have been.—*George Eliot.*

As man evolves and comes into the conscious state the mysteries of life cease; when he reaches the superconscious state, the supernatural is natural, and much of what has been considered natural becomes abnormal, and opposed to the Eternal Law of Life and Progress. We now have, in the more conscious state, a more loving reverence for a nearer and better known God, and we are certainly building an Universal Religion that is not an "hallucination." Glory be to the omnipresent God!—*The Blissful Prophet.*

## The Brotherhood of Man

No man is born unto himself alone. Who lives unto himself, he lives to none. The world's a body, each man a member is. To add some measure to the public bliss. Where much is given, there much shall be required; Where little, less.

## Studying Disease, Not Hygiene

The teaching in the medical college is most paradoxical and perverse. Disease is treated in its various aspects and details, but hygiene is never touched upon. The idea which seems to prevail among professors and students is that the sick man is to be the prey of the young saw-bones, and sickness is all he studies. Health is no part of his business, and he is not instructed concerning the natural environment, attributes and characteristics of that condition. Disease fills the doctor's purse, and the longer he can protract a case without being found out the better for him. Search any medical text-book on the origin and prevention of Bright's disease, cancer, blindness or consumption, and you will gather very scanty information. Medical science has not fathomed their origin, and that is why it is inadequate in the treatment of these afflictions. Volumes could be filled with quotations from medical writers of the highest standing, all purporting that the nature of disease is quite unknown to the drug dispensers. What, then, does their treatment amount to? It is blind, selfish experimenting on life and health. We use this harsh and strong language in the faint hope of arousing a few of our readers from the indifferent attitude humanity manifests toward the way health is ill-used and destroyed by perpetual drugging. Those who turn a deaf ear to warning and remonstrance will suffer in their own persons, not we in ours.

Examine and think for yourself. That is the only just course in a free country. If one is too lazy to read, too dull to reflect, that is another matter. If the world is progressing, the latest ideas must be the most mature. The medical advocates are averse to innovations because they do not possess new thoughts; they walk in the old ruts of their predecessors. They persecute new ideas, and by this act place themselves in the same class as the murderers of Socrates and the persecutors of Galileo.—*A. P. Reinhold, M.D., in Physical Culture.*

## A Prayer for the Times

Oh, Spirit of the Coming Time,  
Be with us day by day;  
Guide our weak steps in every clime  
To walk in Wisdom's way!  
When long and labored seems the night,  
And hope grows faint, we pray,  
Oh, Spirit of the Coming Time,  
Be with us day by day!

Oh, Spirit of the Dawning Light,  
Bid sin and suffering go;  
Dispel dark doubt; put fear to flight;  
Make health and hope to flow!  
Disease and dismal death shall cease  
When to Thy laws we bow!  
Oh, Spirit of the Dawning Light,  
Be with us day by day!

Oh, Spirit of the Golden Age,  
Let Love and Mercy reign!  
Keep blot of blood from future page!  
Free bonded beast from pain!  
Stay killing custom's cruel decree  
Whereby mute things are slain!  
Oh, Spirit of the Golden Age,  
Let Love and Mercy reign!  
—*T. S. Adamson, in Advance Thought.*

## All is Good

In the last analysis all is good. Even that which at first appearance seems to be very evil unfolds to usefulness and into the good. The purpose of all life, in all spheres of existence, is to harmonize and purify and put in place the raw material.

Transformation is the Universal Law—transformation of so-called "evil" into good, good into better, better into best.

The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the houses we live in, the things we use—in fact, all the comforts and blessings we enjoy—are due to transformation of the crude into the useful.

The transformation of the crude to use is Nature's work eternally.—*L. A. M.*

It is the doctrine of the Samian Sage that whatever food obstructs divination is prejudicial to purity and chastity of mind and body, temperance, health, sweetness of disposition, suavity of manners, grace of form and dignity of carriage, and should be shunned.

Especially those who would apprehend the deepest wisdom, and preserve through life the relish for elegant studies and pursuits, abstain from flesh, cherishing the justice which animals claim at man's hand, nor slaughtering them for food or profit.—*Bronson Alcott.*

Knowledge, and not Belief, gives man force and power. Man must *know* and *realize* to be free. A belief may be universal and false. How many persons actually *believe* that the sun "rises" and "sets"? The day has dawned when man will *know*—must *know* and be free.

We limit our powers to live, to do, to have, as we hold any thought of envy, greed or hate.



# TEMPLE TEACHINGS



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

**A**GAIN cometh thou to the Temple as a refuge, my child. Come freely and with open face. Knowest not, dear one of my heart, that the place and time alone are ever ready for thee? Tremble not, nor doubt thou e'er again thy Father's love. Have I not loved thee with a love surpassing that of men? Hast thou found e'en an instant when my arms, tender and all-encircling, were not outstretched to thee? Ah, beloved! Despite thy many provings thou art still prone to judge according as thy mortal eyes do see and as thy human mind declareth.

List! Hast thou not heard the Temple words of one whom thy soul trusteth? "*I (Truth) came into the world that those seeing might become blind, and those blind might see.*" Ah, little one! little one! My heart yearneth over thee, that thou mightest learn speedily with what surety the law worketh, and how many a time e'en in the short circle of a day thou art blind to things that seem, in order that thou mayest see things unseen. Look o'er the broad fields locked in the cold embrace of winter!—the dark and leafless forests that moan with piteous sighing for their lost garments of leaf and flower. Is thy heart heavy with desolation? Art thou, too, bewailing the death of beauteous summer because thine eyes see only cold, forbidding death triumphant? Nay, thou art blind—willingly blind with the outer eye because in the deep soul of thee where My life toucheth thine, thy clear unerring eye of the Spirit causeth thee to see the meadows clothed again in robes of velvet green, starred with buttercups, daisies and lilies; while in this same view thou seest the forest trees large and small glistening with new-flung banners, veined and delicate, spangled with diamond dew and singing songs of rejoicing for the resurrected life and the ever beauteous Spring, and lo! in sure evidence, but a little time, and smiles of green touch the brown hillsides, the valleys and plain. Then doth the swelling buds appear, and thou art assured that earth hath again received the sun's warm kiss, and will as surely send forth the children of her bosom to their sweet new life in the golden sunshine of another summer.

Why art thou disquieted, my heart's own? Is not this the universal law, that all things in time and season have their mood of choice, rare gifts? Doth not e'en the arid desert show forth alluring beauty, peculiarly its own? Where such silver clouds or such azure blue? Such mantling misty haze of sun-shot violet and deepening purple as falleth upon the grim and rugged hills and beetling mountains or the grassless desert?

Hath not the dark and dreary night of the frozen North its compensating splendor of the midnight sun, its auroral curtains of the heavens gorgeous with an unmatched loveliness? Hath not the tropic climes, with all their threatening dangers, wonderful birds and fruits and flowers, untold wealth of gold and precious gems, woods and spices, and nameless, unsuspected wonders of the deep?

Yea, yea, my child, hath not e'en the tiniest insect at thy feet its jot of beauty, and as well its innate wisdom?

Art thou, Beloved, alone of all my multitudinous creation the only one unsharing of my bounteous gifts of mind and soul, of beauty, talent, time and opportunity?

Consider how thou of all, bath in thine own being not alone intelligence, but faculties which by use may bring thee to thy Godhood, as thou hast already come to show thy manhood. Thou art the crown and apex, the rare and glorious flower of my creation. Beloved, yet undreamed of within thee lieth marvels which I implanted from the first, that thy growing soul might, in its wholesome happy life, discover and bring forth.

But when thou'rt filled with sadness or repining, when thou lookest alone to earthly seemings, how canst thy soul be happy or thy mind free from blight of darkness? With all thy heart stirred because of this, how canst thou e'en remember who thou art or what thy glorious destiny?

Ah, dear one of my heart, repine not, nor make comparison with others to thy detriment. Look to that diviner realm of light wherein thy darkness shall be dissolved. What and if thou hast thy nights of sorrow? Hast thou not also found the morn of joy?

In thy will exchange the ashes of sorrow for the oil of joy. Put on *in mind* thy garments of praise. Then shalt thou know the blessedness of being, the rare and heavenly privilege of understanding both the darkness and the light.

If thy days were but succeeding joys unclouded, or as the perfect utterance of thine every wish, what then?

Ah, Beloved, then couldst thou say indeed I had *defrauded thee!* Thou wouldst have *naught to do!* Like a child with every want supplied, with every wish fulfilled before expressed, with ne'er an opportunity to see the lacks of poverty or to know the splendor of achievement, thou wouldst be a *nothing*, a sad and colorless reflection of the world about thee, knowing naught, nor caring for that wondrous *Germ of Being*, that seed of *Mine Own Self*, that only waiteth for thy recognition, and thy conscious willingness to *do and dare and suffer* (for a brief and fleeting season) as a human that thou mayest *prove thyself Divine*.

'Tis this, my Heart's own. Thou couldst not know *without experience in the earth*, therefore in my Law 'tis written every soul shall to the earth descend in order that through knowledge of the earth and all its manifold diversity the veil may be removed and heaven revealed; in its return to heavenly light the soul doth then ascend, not as one driven, but as one conquering and triumphant. Is it not written, *he who ascended is he who first descended?* Ponder well o'er all these things, Beloved, and

Having found that mastery within  
Which comes thro' soul-illuminated will,  
Thy being gathers and gives forth again  
New forces, that find for thee  
Thy place and thine allotted work.

Peace be unto thee, and bring thee joy!

HELEN VAN-ANDERSON.

The ills and burdens of life are many until we come to love God and the Angels.—A. Z.

My soul, like all else, belongeth only to God.—A Mystic.

## Talk Happiness

TALK happiness!  
Not now and then, but every  
Blessed day,  
Even if you don't believe  
The half of what  
You say;  
There's no room here for him  
Who whines as on his  
Way he goes;  
Remember, son, the world is  
Sad enough without  
Your woes.

Talk happiness every chance  
You get—and  
Talk it good and strong!  
Look for it in  
The byways as you grimly  
Pass along;  
Perhaps it is a stranger now  
Whose visit never  
Comes;  
But talk it! Soon you'll find  
That you and Happiness  
Are chums.

## Powerful Vibrations

IF YOU WOULD HAVE YOUR PROSPECTS BRIGHTER READ THIS MAGAZINE WITH PERSISTENCE. IF YOU DESIRE BEING SPIRITUALLY STRONGER AND HOLD A MORE EVEN MENTAL AND PHYSICAL POISE HAVE YOUR MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES AT HAND WHERE YOU CAN TAKE IT UP AT ANY MOMENT WHEN DEPRESSED OR DISCOURAGED. YOU WILL FIND IT A SPUR TO YOUR AMBITION TO PUT FORTH GREATER EFFORT—AND A TOWER OF STRENGTH TO UPHOLD YOU IN YOUR MOMENTS OF WEAKNESS AND INDECISION. THE THOUSANDS OF HAPPY AND GRATEFUL LETTERS WE RECEIVE CONVINCED US OF THE GREAT POWER FOR GOOD THAT IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY US ALONG THIS LINE.

## Acquiescence

THOU knowest I would serve Thee, Lord,  
And in deep silence wait for Thee,  
To learn the mystery of Thy word  
That heals from sin, from death sets free.

For Thou dost fill me with Thy love,  
No help denied, no fond hope vain;  
When I Thy wisdom fain would know,  
Thy light resplendent maketh plain.

Unto my soul's expectant call,  
Unto my faith, on prayerful wing,  
Thine omnipresent voice of truth  
The living waters ever bring.

Thou heedest all my heart's desires,  
With promise of diviner day,  
And folding me within Thy care,  
Thou turnest earth's dark hours away.

Then teach Thou me to know Thy will,  
Unfaltering let me seek Thy face,  
For in Thy sight is strength renewed—  
Thy love crowns with immortal grace.

Shall the World be made the better  
For our having journeyed here?  
Shall the world be made the better  
Day by day, and year by year?  
Oh, the answer is for us to say.

# NIGHT DANGERS

BY BLANCHE B. COX, DETROIT, MICH., IN THE WAR CRY

Not always in the fiercest strife  
The sternest dangers lay;  
Not in the place where woes are rife  
Are the shadows darkest gray.  
The bravest heart may face them all,  
Be strong to answer duty's call,  
Yet 'neath a secret burden fall,  
To mar a life.

Since this is true, to watch and pray  
Is no mere vain command,  
For though we fight through battle's day  
In the night we may not stand;  
When hand of friend and comrade's voice—  
The weakened spirit's longing choice—  
May be denied to make rejoice,  
Or soweth the way.

Stand firm in God, the aid of man  
Is good, but not enough;  
The soul, beneath temptation's ban  
Oft finds her accents rough.  
But in the presence of the King,  
Where saints may sleep as angels sing,  
There is a room for every thing,  
Where each began.



## America and the Affirmative Intellect

By Charles Ferguson, in Mind

**T**HE real battles of history—those that have issues—are those waged between the men of affirmative and creative intellect on one side and the men of negative and passive intellect on the other. The creative intellect is that which is dominated by the ideal—never for a moment abandoning the heart's desire and the inner law of humanity. The passive intellect is that which is cowed by the appearance of things and prostrated to an external law. On both sides there are those called *a priori*ists and those called *a posteriori*ists—on both sides men of letters, men of science, and men of affairs.

On the side of the creative intellect there are craftsmen, and there are men who spend their lives over microscopes and in laboratories, side by side with the makers of statutes and sermons. And on the side of the negative intellect may be found theologians who postpone to a book the authority of their own souls, listed in common cause with biologists who would govern society by the motions of bacteria and statesmen who would buy an archipelago and slay a nation for the sake of the necessities of property law.

The "original sin" of the world is, as we have been told, the rejection of the human ideal and the going in search of a non-human law of good and evil. The world's redemption is in the Man who is utterly true to his humanity—in whom it is discovered that the depths of a man are real freedom and creative power. So it may be said of the poet, the artist, the man of science—any one who lives and works on the strength of the creative mind—he is *begotten*, not *made*; he is not of the substance of the creation, but of the Creator.

The history of the world is a struggle—on the whole a successful struggle—of the creative intellect against the terror and the discouragement of the external law. It is the progressive endeavor of the human spirit to make itself at home in the universe, and to fashion the stubborn things of Nature according to the uses of the soul.

The central drama of history is Christianity, which in its broadest aspects simply the attempt to supersede the old world social order, governed by an external authority and the prepossessions of the passive intellect, by a new world-order governed by an internal authority—the faith of the affirmative spirit.

The meaning and use of the historic Church are that it has served as a mighty causeway between the old order and the new—between theocracy and democracy. It belongs to both the old and the new. For a thousand years it gestated the soul of the West in the womb of the East. The very nature of the Church, in its medieval constitution, was contradiction; it could not otherwise have done its work. Every dogma of the Church was a proclamation of liberty couched in the language of slaves. Every sacrament was a pledge of equality, making its difficult appeal in the acceptable symbols of privilege and caste.

The inner logic of the Church's great system of administration was not the permanent separation of the sacred from the secular, but the winning of a new polarity of social organization. The social ideal of the modern world was born out of the bosom of the Church. Americanism is the evolutionary product of historic Catholicism; for the quintessence of the old Catholicism was simply the attempt to establish a great social order, not by external authority and the compromise of interests, as in the "kingdoms of the world," but by the purification and the concurrence of wills.

In the last analysis there are but these two possible forms of social order—there are these two opposite and contradictory conceptions of the sanction of social law. The sanction, the force of the law, is either outside of humanity or it is within humanity. Either it is in the nature of things and the arbitrary will of God, or else it is the will of the people—the heart's desire of humanity.

The idea that the will of the people could be the source of social law was born into the world with great travail. It was for ages difficult, even impossible, to conceive such an idea. The wills of the people seemed so shallow and weak, or else so irrational and contradictory. But real Christianity is the discovery of the infinite depth of the human will. And so for nearly two thousand years it has been possible to imagine that a multitude of men—the controlling element of a population—might be brought to desire and to will with steady insistence things that are beautiful and just. The Church of the Middle Ages stood as a provisional plan of such a social system. In the midst of a world-order based upon an opposite principle—the principle of the external law—the Church wrought into concrete forms and the solid structure of institutions the democratic ideal. It was a marvelous achievement—this magnificent rough-sketching of a new world in the oppugnant materials of the old.

In the sixteenth century the idea of the social law as proceeding from the sanctified and consensus-wills of the people was fairly born into the secular world. The Church had breathed out its very soul of liberty in the breath of the modern spirit. And for four hundred years a democracy has

wrestled for the spiritual order—for the sovereignty of the human ideal—in the open arena of the secular world. The issue has commonly found a statement in terms of politics and the forms of government, but that is superficial. The issue reaches to the intimacies of life; it is revolutionary in the spheres of morals, law, art, science, and economics.

Despite the political forms of democracy, more or less espoused by every nation of Europe, the trembling scale has nowhere in the world fairly turned against the old regime save in one country—the United States of America. In England the scale balances in an unstable equilibrium, but with a marked tendency toward reaction and a return to the past. In every other country of Europe the social centre of gravity still rests unmistakably in the old order.

Everywhere a State-supported Church stands as the symbol of the unbroken sway of dogma—the preponderance of the passive intellect, the rule of a non-human and external law. America stands alone for a Church-supported State—a faith-supported commonwealth. She has burned her bridges and cannot go back. We have openly discredited here every semblance of external authority, and have removed all the symbols of dogma from the forum of our common life.

If there be only a God of Sinai and no God of the Soul of Man, certainly we are in a way to find it out with cost—for we have rested the stupendous weight of a vast social system upon the chance that a controlling majority, or minority, here will *wish* for what is fine and *will* a law that is fair.

The law of America is not static, but vital. It rests upon no tradition, no code, no perfected system; it undertakes to win and dominate the world by the sheer kinetic reasonableness of the creative intellect.

America—standing alone among the nations in the morning of the last cycle of two millenniums—girds herself to the fulfilling of the ancient faith.

Home is where the heart is; in the heart are the issues of life; life is divine; the divinest known manifestation of Life is the human; we find this human life beginning in the home. Home, then, is the innermost sanctuary—the holy of holies; and no cathedral dedicatory rites, no array of dignitaries, nor organ pealing, nor voices choiring, nor censers swinging, nor incense burning, nor splendor of robing—none of these ceremonies, however imposing, can invest any place with that sacredness which the birth of just one little child brings to the home: for in the child-soul we have, indeed, the real Presence. Thus the home of little children, whether in mansion or hovel, is alike holy ground, and none require preparation and the consecration of holy rites more than those who here assume control.—*Abby Morton Diaz.*

## The Aim of This Magazine

THIS Magazine strives to present truth, in the spirit of truth, which is the spirit of broad tolerance and charity. Of necessity it is independent in thought, and is in no way trammelled by any dogmatic or sectarian limitations. We love *all*, and see in *all* beings ultimate perfection and freedom. Growth, expansion and progress of each and all is what we aim to bring about, and our plan is to print cheering and hopeful words that will fire and inspire all souls to aspire to become normal and optimistic. We consider optimism sane, natural and normal, and not the extreme opposite of pessimism. Pessimism is only an abnormal state which can be overcome by right thinking—pure and high thinking. The human race always needs more mental-culture and more soul-culture, and more sunshine, and more light than darkness.

"Let knowledge grow from more to more,  
But more of reverence in us dwell,  
That mind and soul, according well,  
May make one music."

Success depends upon temperance, industry and integrity, and these all depend upon being spiritual and not sensual. So the remedy for all vicious and abnormal tendencies is to live in the Spirit and not in the senses. All the legislation in the world will not make men temperate. Force and legislation in this respect have been tried and have failed, and always will fail. Men become sane, sober, temperate, industrious and dignified when they once live in the Spirit, and can become such in no other way. You cannot threaten nor force a man to be moral, any more than you can threaten and force him into the kingdom of heaven. Spiritual regeneration is the great and lasting cure for all ills. Once turn the mind inward to the God *within* and a miracle is worked—the brute and animal man becomes the angel.

Extend the warm and potent thought of brotherhood to all beings, and then you will come into peaceful and harmonious relations with the ALL.

Heed the impressions of the moment; weigh and consider them.

## Man is Like Old Shoes

How much a man is like old shoes!  
For instance, both a soul may lose;  
Both have been ranned, both are made tight  
By cobblers. Both get left and right;  
Both need a mate to be complete,  
And both are made to go on feet.  
They both need healing; oft art sold,  
And both in time turn all to mold.  
With shoes the last is first, with men  
The first shall be the last; and when  
The shoes wear out they're mended new,  
When men wear out they're men dead, too.  
They both are trod upon, and both  
Will tread on others, nothing loth.  
Both have their ties, and both inclined,  
When polished, in the world to shine;  
And both peg out—now would you choose  
To be a man, or be his shoes?

Don't look for flaws as you journey through life;  
And even when you find them  
It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind.  
And look for the virtue behind them.  
For the cloudiest night has a hint of the light  
Somewhere in its shadows hiding;  
It is better by far to hunt for a star  
Than the spots on the sun abiding.

## Heaven on Earth

THE consideration of a heaven beyond the skies has been for man like the reversal of the telescope, writes L. Clarkson. He has always been looking in at the wrong end, and seeing everything in this reversed order until now, that the true science of being is better understood by the few, the telescope is sure to swing clear round and will soon sweep with its broad and powerful focus the whole mental horizon. And lo, and behold, what is this? So strong and mighty is its lens that it will soon bring heaven clear down to earth, or rather will show man that it is already here and needs no bringing down. It is here close at our elbows, but we have been elbowing it away by our ignorance and blindness.

It is as if we had been living in a home with big windows reaching to the very roof—yes, and a skylight overhead—but so crusted over with prejudices and doubts and false beliefs that the light could not penetrate at all. Now brigades of bright people are at work cleaning up these windows and the light is breaking in most beautifully. We don't sit down in the cellar-like darkness and gloom any longer. We have come out into the radiant light and sunshine, which the knowledge of true being has brought us, and we are at once lifted into the regions we used to consider, "beyond the dark valley," "over the river," "in the sweet bye and bye," etc. There is no dark valley or river of death to the awakened ones, and as for the "sweet bye and bye," it has suddenly emerged into the sweet *now*, the to-day experience, which makes all life heavenly, all localities heaven. And here is the revelation of this latter-day glory in this one bit of understanding. "My mind to me a kingdom is"—the kingdom of heaven. We need no other power, for the mind is the creative power, and when this is understood, straightway the heavens are opened; the environment changes and the building of the new heavens and the new earth is begun. Yes, right here in this beautiful, grand old world of ours we can find heaven, and I doubt very much if we ever find a better. Man is not only "the architect of his own fortune," but also of his heaven, for what is heaven but a state of happiness? and I am sure that his capabilities and opportunities for that state are limitless, if he would only open his eyes to the fact that it is his privilege to be happy, a duty he owes not only to himself, but to the whole race. Paul says to "rejoice always," and I think that is the right thing to do, to be ecstatic in our enjoyment of the good things, for to believe in the good, and to enjoy it, is to draw it to us in still greater abundance. So let us enjoy our heaven here below, and let the long-faced, grunting and groaning ones have theirs in anticipation if they will persist in groaning and grunting indefinitely. I believe in reaching out and taking here and now what is rightfully ours by simply claiming it. Let us affirm constantly that heaven is now here, live in the good; bask in its sunshine, and not only enjoy it ourselves, but flood our whole world with it, till others flock to us saying, "Open to us also this door into Paradise."

Truth makes man hope! The positive light of Truth that is shining in these blessed days is transforming this planet of ours into a heavenly sphere. The deep spiritual hunger that is in all men is just beginning to be fed. For ages the soul has been fed on the husks of fear and ignorance and superstition; but now, in the New Age of Light and Truth, the soul has a banquet—a feast. Praise the Most High! The Twentieth Century has begun a new Great Cycle—the real Golden Age. So cheer up, sweet soul, if thou art in darkness and doubt. Look upward! See the blazing star of Truth! She is shining for thee!



# The Iron Bed

By HENRY WOOD

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It is related of Procrustes, a celebrated highwayman of Attica, that he tied all his victims upon an iron bed, and stretched those of short measure, while those who were too long he cut off. Would that the operations of that iron bed had been confined to Attica! Paul, in his second letter to the Corinthians, speaks of those "who measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves with themselves are without understanding."

As well thrust an active, vigorous animal into a cast-iron mold as once for all to define truth in external formula. In either case life is extinct. A tortoise carries his stiff habitation with him, but as it has been grown from within it is a graceful and perfect fit. Its size corresponds to the proportions of the occupant. If the unseen cages in which men live and carry about with them were once made visible, there would be a marvelous revelation. And it is common not only to insist upon wearing our own cage but we are inclined to urge it upon everyone else. We may safely assume that the iron bed of Procrustes was fitted to himself.

A fresh interpretation of freedom is now possible. Two external forms of slavery which have oppressed humanity in former times are substantially abolished. With rare exceptions, the servitude of the body to an outside master has ceased. Human dictation and persecution to fetter the aspirations of the soul by imposed religious forms through coercive measures has also vanished from the domain of civilization.

Turning from the past to the present, it becomes us to inquire if freedom is yet complete, and if not to find what is lacking. Is there still a disposition, even though not outwardly and forcibly enforced, to cut people off or stretch them to bring them to our own length? It requires but a glance to see that many regard it even in the light of a duty to shape others to their own special and dogmatic proportions. It is far better to hold aloft the truth of spiritual ideals, and it surely will attract men and at the same time measure them. Rather they measure themselves by it, and are conscious of an inner righteous judgment, and this takes the place of the comparative judgment of the self with others. Attempted impositions of measurement are mainly composed of limitations, but to commend general aspiration is always wholesome.

But, on the other hand, strangely enough, many seem to strive to be like everybody but themselves. They carefully avoid any semblance of originality, and only move in the deeply worn ruts of others. Only he who is original can be free. Individual liberty must be based upon higher development. One must make a daily flight among ideals, otherwise he will be in danger of becoming "cabineted, cribbed, confined." Conventionality finally solidifies into a veritable prison-house. Who can afford to linger in a cell, self-incarcerated, until he takes on its color and loads himself with its leaden gravity? Those who dare to cultivate mental and spiritual freedom in the light of an elastic optimism ever find larger realization. Hope is a divine human faculty. An intelligent faith brings future good into nearby view and even present possession. But the world usually characterizes the uplookers as visionaries. But where would it be to-day had it not profited through the visionaries of the past? In his beautiful essay upon the education of hope, James Freeman Clarke says of Columbus:

"His expectations were considered extravagant, his schemes futile; the theologians opposed him with texts out of the Bible, and he wasted seven years waiting in vain for encouragement at the Court of Spain. He applied unsuccessfully to the Governments of Venice, Portugal, Genoa, France and England. Practical men said, 'It can't be done.' 'He is a visionary.' Doctors of divinity said, 'He is a heretic; he contradicts the Bible.' Isabella, being a woman, and a woman of sentiment, wished to help him; but her confessor said, 'No.'"

The servitude from which men suffer is within themselves. Fashion is a social cage, and few dare

to beat against its bars, much less to break them. In many ways it is a tyrant. It often demands a tribute which robs one of health, comfort, usefulness and even life in the vain attempt to do exactly the correct conventional thing. While none of us can be entirely free from this kind of slavery, we may increasingly assert our liberty and strive in some measure to emancipate both ourselves and those around us. It is important to hold up the ideal of freedom, even if the same be not at once fully realized.

Prejudice, in its various degrees of rigidity, is another oppressor, but it is so common that we take some measure of it quite for granted. How little openness to truth and calm judicial temper do we find! How few can see more than one side of a many-sided question! How Truth, instead of being sought as a pearl of great price for its intrinsic beauty and value, is colored and misinterpreted until it becomes deceptive in its conclusions! How our sect, our party, our union, our nation are expanded until they cover the whole field of vision! The world appears in fragmentary and shattered proportion. Freedom is found only in the well-rounded truth.

Pessimism is a short iron bed, and one must shrink or cut himself off to lie upon it. The pessimist kicks against the pricks which he sets up around him. He paints his own world black, and then wonders that he sees no light. He thinks God made it that way, and thus cheats himself out of every good that is rightfully his own.

One may add spikes to his iron bed by coming into servitude to some bad habit, physical appetite or propensity. The spikes are not apparent at first, but they are invisibly forging themselves. What untold thousands of bright young men are gradually enslaving themselves by the cigarette habit! How many persons tardily awaken to the fact that they have slowly but surely bound themselves by the influence of some drug through its insidious temptation! These are but specimens. Servitude subtly presents itself in innumerable forms and each should awaken to his own particular oppressor. Once for all break the bond and the freedom will bring you untold joy. No one can deliver you but yourself. If you reply, "God only is able to break my chain," remember that it is *God in you* more than outside. He works in you "to will and to do." The divine strength is only available for you as it flows through you. The infinite life in you is *you*—that is, your deeper and higher self. As it is developed temptation is left stranded, behind and below. It cannot lift itself higher than its own plane. Through the spiritual consciousness you pass up higher. It is when man separates himself from God that he becomes weak. To be strong the soul must live in and from its own divine centre.

To free ourselves from the Procrustean beds of slavery, in all their forms, is the supreme accomplishment. Through the intelligent exercise of the creative power of thought we are to put away weakening beliefs in the power of slaveholders, seen and unseen. We must make beds for ourselves that will expand with our growth and refuse to be bound. Rigidity of every kind prevents the entrance and activity of the Spirit. The province of freedom is where the soul deals with and interprets the Divine Mind. Conventional thought and logic become veritable iron beds unless freed and uplifted by spiritual optimism.

But perhaps the most subtle and unconscious bondage consists in the homage which is centred upon *things* in the place of God and the inner spiritual life. There is a disposition to blindly adore the Bible, the Sabbath, the sacrament and the creed as though they had a holiness aside from their elevating influence upon man.

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**NOTHING TO FEAR**

By HELEN WILMANS POST

It is thought that quickens; it is the intelligence that makes alive; it is thought that emancipates us from fear; fear, the mighty slave-driver of the age.

The thing that I feared has come upon me. It is always so; the thing we fear is our master. But the quickening of thought, through the ripening of intelligence, is even now whispering to us that there is nothing more to fear.

Fear is the result of ignorance; we are ignorant of Nature and her laws, and therefore Nature has terrors for us. In times past we were afraid of lightning, but a practical acquaintance with it not only disarmed our fear but proved our mastery over it.

We are afraid of sickness because we are ignorant of the mighty powers vested in our own bodies; powers relating us (unconsciously) to the unerring, unchanging and undying law of Vitality, a knowledge of which would render us as strong in our sphere, as potent and as deathless as the law itself.

Fear, which is only another name for ignorance, is all that ails us. Fear is not a thing that one can drop in obedience to the will; it can only be overcome by an intelligent investigation of the thing feared; an investigation that leads to a full understanding of it. That which we understand we no longer fear. Understanding alone conquers fear.

There is a bugaboo called death, before which we are all so abjectly helpless, so full of terror. Death is the acme of ignorance; it is the closing out of the last vestige of intelligence; the total abnegation of a belief in Life—the great Vitality—to understand which makes a man master of death and of every avenue leading to it, such as disease and old age, and accident also.

A constant denial of fear, even when denying without a full understanding of the truth concerning it, places us in an attitude that leads gradually to the understanding that there is nothing to fear. To reach this understanding is the most tremendous conquest of the age.

We know so little; we hope for so much! But this fact of our hoping is the greatest thing of all. For as certain as we live it is hope that proves our power to conquer. Hope is the growing thing within us that always points to that which is not yet attained. But as sure as hope exists that toward which it points is in the realm of the attainable; there is nothing unattainable in the horoscope of hope. Hope is always the unerring prophecy of its own fulfillment. Nature cannot cheat us, cannot mock us. Such a thing is not possible.

And what do we know? We know, at least, that we are here; that we have cast off the baby-clothes of a baby race, and are expecting the new garments of a more mature humanhood. Just what this ME is, or who it is, I do not know. It seems as if I am standing before a mighty sphinx-riddle in the contemplation of it; and as if it would take eternity to unravel the whole of its mystery. Waiting here before it, and throwing off the race beliefs concerning its God-bestowed weaknesses, it appears to lengthen out backward into a marvelous past.

I seem to feel it drawing itself out from a thousand strange scenes; mighty waters, uncouth sun risings and moon risings distorted by vapors of varying density are a portion of the long, mental record; awful forests of mighty trees, whose dark shadows no warm rays penetrate; animals whose bodies loom up like the hills, and whose sluggish

motions disgust and horrify; these are a part of the record. And, farther back still, when all the days were of sullen gloom, broken only by the volcano's glare, and the lurid flashes of murky light that hung aloft, and dumbly terrified my soul.

Man is the condensed extract of all the past. Every record of its every hour is bound up in his body—his body that he ignores and despises and tries to escape from.

Why, if I knew my body I would understand this ME that I am trying so earnestly to get at. Some learned doctor—I forget his name—says man's body is far too wonderful for him to comprehend. He says that it will require the concentrated wisdom of the ages to give him even a faint appreciation of it. There is no doubt at all but the body represents the very cream of all the wisdom of past ages; it has been built through the action of the law of attraction as expressed in individual desire. Individual desire has always called for the best, and always got it while operating on the unconscious plane. And our bodies are the records of all that is best in the past. The study of these wonderful bodies will cause their unconscious wisdom to become our conscious knowledge. In learning what these bodies are we shall learn the law by which they came to be what they are, and unconscious growth will develop into conscious growth; in other words, when we know the law of our previous growth we will have the power to do our future growing; to re-create ourselves into diseaseless and deathless and ever-progressing minds.

And so, though the future of our growth is a sealed book, yet it is a wonderful thing to stand even upon the verge of it, in the full assurance that the ignorance which conceals it will gradually give way before patient, faithful and hopeful waiting.

And with every anxiety banished! Think of this position. Nothing to fear, and a knowledge that there is nothing to fear. Of course this is the reposeful condition of assured growth. I am not afraid that I will not grow; I am not afraid of hindrance, and, therefore, do not feel the need of hurrying.

And now, to the earnest student of Mental Science, one short paragraph of great importance: If you will drop every fear, every anxiety, all good will flow to you. The great truth of truths is: *There is nothing but good.* Drop your fears, your anxieties; open your intelligence and you will perceive it. It has always been there, but your fears obscured your vision so that you could not see it. Are you diseased? Disease is one form of fear. Drop it. Are you trembling before the dread of poverty? Throw your fear away and wealth comes. Does death menace you? Look it boldly in the face and summon the fact that there is no active force in it, and no power but that which your fear gives it; then it, too, will disappear, leaving you in the full bloom of fadeless youth, and rich in the consciousness of ever progressive personal strength and ability.

Knowledge has an irresistible corrosive effect upon the beliefs of ignorance; hence a new firmament of intelligence over our heads; and a new philosophy of life; a new solution of all life's problems; a new aspect of truth. Man is no longer owned and guided by a power outside of himself. He is becoming his own master and the master of every one of his environments.

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For many years I believed in Luck, both good and bad, but I have outgrown the fetich, I am happy to say, and I merely spell Luck with a capital to catch your attention, not by any means to invest it with importance.

In some country, I will not say which, the soldiers are so diminutive that they have to wear towering helmets, in order to inspire respect, and a literary wag has remarked that writers use capitals to dignify words otherwise unimportant.

Possibly that is true, but it is not my intention in the present instance, for I could not add to the stature of Luck, preferring to let it be seen as the pigmy which it is in reality. Let the capital therefore simply emphasize its paltry insignificance to your mind as it does to mine.

In the long ago past, when people believed in fetiches, I do not wonder that they also believed in Luck, though, even then, they, in a way, disclaimed the belief, for they thought that, by making the proper appeal to their gods, Bad Luck could be driven away and Good Luck attracted to them; and if this could be done, why, then Luck was not Luck at all, but merely adverse circumstance, subject to law of some kind, though they knew nothing of that law, and could not imagine what the gods did to work their spells.

Sometimes the gods failed, when their worshippers, it is said, whacked them soundly for their failure, and, although I do not approve of whacking anything, I think, in such an event, it was not only excusable but even admirable, for it indicated a glimmer of common sense and a dawning idea of self-reliance.

For my part I think it is a great credit to man to have done as well as he did in those early days of his existence, when he was but a child in knowledge and experience and when nature's crude and terrible forces hurt him cruelly at every turn. If his courage and his strength had not exceeded his fears he could not have held out against such monstrous odds; but he did hold out, and he grew in wisdom the while.

It really seemed the only way in which he could develop his growing powers, for, without resistance and even antagonism they would have lain dormant and unused forever, so what looked like Bad Luck, was, in times past, even when so little understood, a beneficent means for the increase of intelligence and power.

It was in times past and it is now. Back of it we see the Law of Good ever working, if our vision goes far enough into the meaning of things, and when it goes that far Bad Luck shrivels up and blows away, entirely out of sight.

And what a blessing that it does, for who has the heart for anything when he believes that a spell of Bad Luck is upon him? It paralyzes every effort, and the only thing that saves him from despair is that he hopes the spell will pass. Fortunately this hope for better days is in every human breast. Someone has said, and very truly, that the whole, long line of evolution is based on HOPEFUL ENDEAVOR, and that appeals to me as absolutely true, for without that hopeful endeavor I am sure man would have been vanquished and driven from the earth long ago.

Pain and adversity have been our educators, but we need not be under such tutelage forever. We are done with them when we learn the lessons they have to teach, and not till then. It were well therefore to apply ourselves to our tasks, however difficult they may be, for the reward of accomplishment is great, and it is not far distant.

From the weakness of the fetich worshiper to the power of the Christ stilling the waves by a word the stretch is a long one, but it has been compassed and its results are with us to-day. All that the Christ did, and even greater, shall we do, for His words and our experience stand as proof.

Once I found it difficult to reconcile the promise that we should do greater things than the Christ, with the idea that He was God and we were not, but, after thinking over the matter for a long time, I concluded that if He were God, then He must know and utter the words of infallible Truth and Wisdom, and that left but one issue open to my reason. If the Christ were God manifested in a human body, and his power over the winds and waves and over sickness and death were proofs of His divinity, then He, being God, His promise that we should possess the same powers or even greater was proof sufficient of our Divinity.

The fetich worshiper made the mistake of placing his gods outside of himself and suffered thereby, because he understood so little of his own power and did not know that he, himself, was the outflow of the One Supreme Power. His mind was not capable of so large a conception as that implied in an Infinite Spirit, Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient; therefore he saw God, as it were, in sections, and, fixing his thought on his section of God, he was obliged, by the very constitution of

his mind, to embody it in an image of some sort.

Just a child, you see, in his thought, and we are children a little older in mind, but still seeing more or less in fragments, unable to grasp the whole and see ourselves as one with it. We are actually afraid to claim oneness with Divinity, lest there be sacrilege in the idea, but it is no more sacrilege than to believe the ray of sunlight to be one with the sun.

The power of the Infinite is within you; it therefore follows that if you know how to set it in operation you can do so, otherwise it will seem to be non-existent because it finds no expression.

The entire end and aim of your existence on this earth is to learn how to look through the veil of materiality, which screens you from God, and to see your oneness with Him, and until you get this realization you are beaten and buffeted by what seems like Bad Luck, but which is the greatest good that could come to you, since it drives you nearer the place of realization.

All that happens to you comes through mental attraction, the quality of your thought reaching out with unseen arms and drawing it to you by unerring law; therefore to merge your consciousness in that of Divinity is to see and attract that which is highest, purest and best and which will bring you real, lasting happiness.

It is possible, by the law of mental attraction, to bring a lower good to you, because if you place your mind firmly upon anything you can draw it to you; but in getting the lower good you get also the buffeting which drives you up to the higher, and will not let you rest short of its attainment.

That attained, your peace shall flow with the serene majesty of a mighty river.

Pray, open the gates of the higher world,

Where the angels walk in white;

Pray, use the lever the Master used,

That led to the realms of light.

Say ye, "That prayer is all in vain?"

Too long have we heard that sad refrain.

It is not true—for prayer is might;

It is not true—for prayer is sight;

It is not true—for prayer is work—

And no angel above will this duty shirk.

Pray—a golden thought sent sweet above  
Is caught and held by a spirit love.

Pray—the blossoms of heaven stoop to hear,  
When the child-angels of prayer draw near.

Because your eyes are held to earth,

And ye have not felt the "higher birth,"

Ye spurn the "Key of Truth" once given

By Him who was the "Light of Heaven,"

And in your earthbound chains declare,

"Behold! we have no need of prayer."

Pray—turn ye back to your cradle path,

When ye felt no power of "sin and wrath."

From brother man, and selfish greed,

Which of his neighbors gave no heed;

When your baby lips at mother's knee

Looked up in the eyes you loved to see;

"Our Father" were the words you said,

"Now I lay me," and you drooped your head;

But the waiting angel listening there

Caught your mother's thought and your childish

prayer.

Pray—no matter what the words ye say,

Lift up your heart from day to day,

And an incense sweet as a lily's bloom

Will sweep your soul above the gloom.

And tired hands and feet and heart,

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The present is a period of the vanishing monuments which have stood for thousands of years. The other day Venice lost one of her famous relics of past days, and many another building in the lovely Queen City of the Adriatic is threatened with destruction.

And now comes the news that an even more famous, an infinitely more venerable monument is likely to disappear. It is said that the Sphinx, which has stood on the banks of the Nile since the shadowy days of the Pharaohs, cannot long withstand the crumbling occasioned by modern conditions in Egypt.

Since the British have been in control of Egypt they have altogether changed the face of the country. Land that was once desert is now smiling with verdure. Irrigation has reclaimed thousands of acres, and the great dam at Assouan will result in a marvelous increase in the size of the region under cultivation.

All this has resulted in so modifying the atmosphere of the country that the dry air, which allowed the preservation of the Sphinx, no longer exists. Everyone knows that the preservation of the monoliths in London and New York, however carefully they be watched, cannot be continued indefinitely, and it is said that the same trouble which caused so much discussion here in regard to Cleopatra's Needle is threatened in the case of the famous figure that has inspired so many poems and pictures.

The Sphinx was built before the Great Pyramid, somewhere about 4,000 years before Christ. It is a recumbent man-headed lion, 188 feet long, hewn out of a natural eminence in the solid rock, some defects of which are supplied by a partial stone casing. There is a temple in front of it, but all efforts to prevent the sand from settling over the building have failed.

In front of the breast of the Sphinx originally appeared an image of a god, the weather-worn remains of which may still be made out. The head of the Sphinx was a work of art of the highest type known to the Egyptians, and finished with the greatest care. It is now greatly mutilated, but, in spite of all its injuries, its calm, majestic, pensive expression still appeals to the most thoughtless of travelers.

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THE constantly growing interest in nature study is shown in no way better, perhaps, than by the flood of books on mammals, birds, fishes and insects which comes from the presses of the publishers. These books find a warm welcome among adults and children alike, and unquestionably do great good. Yet, after all, while they are awakening an interest in natural history they tell about them only a part of what a child wishes to know. The untechnical personage obtains a very unsatisfactory and often an entirely mistaken idea of the object about which he is reading from the description as it appears in type.

To learn what this description means he must see the object or a representation of it. Pictures, of course, are good, and help very greatly, but they are not to be compared with seeing the actual thing, and in these days the actual thing is usually to be found in some form or other.

The country child, passing much of his time abroad, in fields or woods or on country roads, sees for himself many of the common things of nature and comes to know them. He learns what they look like and what are their ways. He can name the birds, the flowers, the trees and the insects, though the names that he gives them are, perhaps, of his own coining, not those of the books, and not understood by others; but they serve his purpose.

The city child's opportunities are far less. Everything that comes before his eyes is artificial, a part of civilization, something in which nature has no share. Yet, on the other hand, a city child has opportunities which are denied the youth of the country. In most of the cities there are museums that he can visit, where a thousand things are displayed that the country lad never sees; there are zoological parks, where are confined strange beasts from foreign lands, such as perhaps Livingstone or Du Chaillu saw when they traveled through the swamps and jungles of Africa with their friendly negroes.

The country youth, if a book be given him on the birds or the mammals or the insects of his own locality, will speedily teach himself about them more than most scientific men know. The city boy should have a like chance, and it should be a part of the schooling of every class in the schools of our city to have a local museum and zoological garden, and to be told about the things that may there be seen.

Such plans are being adopted in most all of our cities of any note, and cannot fail to do great good, and it is not to be doubted that this method of teaching the children will spread as soon as its advantages become generally understood.

The pupils of the public schools at Washington visit the Smithsonian Institution, the National Museum and the National Zoological Park, and in these visits learn a thousand things not taught in books that it is yet well to know. In the same way, by the London Board of Education, visits to museums and instruction in outdoor life are reckoned as school attendances, and in many schools are now regulated as a part of the plan of education.

In country districts where collections are inaccessible, school excursions into the fields and woods in charge of competent persons might well take the place of museum visits, and might awaken in many children who have no special leaning toward natural history study a desire to know more of what is going on in this beautiful world about them.

Politeness

POLITENESS and civility cost nothing, but they constitute important links in the bond of association, and their cultivation is a matter of necessity to any and all who would preserve that bond from disunion and disjunction. I am not by any means upholding a false pride, "rotten to the core," which weakens and detracts from individual nobility of action, but I am supporting and asserting with a strong conviction the claims of mutual civility and politeness consolidating and building up character in its highest and truest aspect. The origin of politeness probably arose from the necessity of it, for no man or woman who should be lacking in this respect would be able to be tolerated in any intelligent and respectable society of our community.

Having spoken a word about pride, let me assert honest pride is an incentive to higher effort and a potent factor in character development. It has openness, frankness and candor envying it.

But let us consider how advantageous politeness is, as well as necessary to everyday social intercourse; it equalizes all classes for the time being, and removes every barrier of prejudice or bias, and diffuses the spirit of common brotherhood and reciprocal regard and good feeling toward one another.

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Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

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You will not bore people by constantly talking of yourself and your affairs. You will never, under any circumstances, cause another pain if you can help it.

You will not think that "good intentions" compensate for rude or gruff manners. You will be as agreeable to your social inferiors as to your equals and superiors.

You will not have two sets of manners; one for "company" and one for home use. You will not sulk or feel neglected if others receive more attention than you do.

You will never remind a cripple of his deformity or probe the sore spots of a sensitive soul. You will not gulp down your soup so audibly that you can be heard across the room, nor sop up the sauce in your plate with bits of bread.

You will let a refined manner and superior intelligence show that you have traveled, instead of constantly talking of the different countries you have visited.

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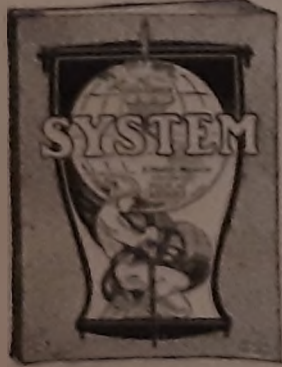


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GOD IN ALL ELSE AND THEE!"

"A broad, generous man will adore his God, and leave other men to honor theirs." How many blessed brothers there are in the world who silently and alone adore and worship the great God, because they cannot worship the little god of some sectarians, who claim that their god is the only god and their way the only way! This is a blessed New Age of Love and Light when God is known to be greater and mightier than mortal mind ever conceived. Man can never rise superior to his conception of God. A small, narrow-minded man will have a small god, and a great soul a great God.—*Ananda.*

Throughout all nature, from the beginningless Past to the endless Future, that which is essential never changes, never dies, is never born. It is! And what is that one eternal changeless simple that is ever omnipresent, ever omniscient and ever omnipotent? It is SPIRIT. It is the eternal ever present, all-pervading simple Spirit that is in, back and through all nature, all matter, all mind and all intelligence; it is all of these and more, too; it transcends all nature, all matter, all mind and all intelligence; it is the eternal, universal blessed and changeless simple called God, and all Being is that. You, and me, and all beings, are that. Blessed truth! we are all eternal spirits.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

Celestial Radiance lights the face of the living, loving soul.—*A. Z.*

Our minds must be free from attachment, resistance and dualism before we may expect Freedom, to be non-attached and non-resistant we must fervently love God and the ALL. In a while, some time, somewhere, all come to Love and Freedom. But here and now is the best time to love and live and be free.—*A Mystic.*

Love and live in Righteousness and the whole world yields to you. You are a blessing to the world, and the world is a blessing to you.

NOW IS THE TIME TO LOVE.—*A. Z.*

His soul was led by Eternal Law.—*Lowell.*

Love, like genius, obeys no law but its own.—*Andrew Jackson Davis.*

## Power of Prayer

PRAYER to the great God is ever profitable; at night it is our covering, in the daytime it is our armor. Prayer early in the morning is the key to unlock the day, and at night the bolt to shut in the night. Prayer sanctifies all our actions. Our actions are rightly directed by prayer. How to pray and what to pray?—in the Holy Silence and only for Love, Light, Guidance and Direction and a word or two of gratitude and adoration and a blessing to all beings. "Good when He gives, supremely good; not less when He denies."

O Almighty and eternal God of All! who art an eternal Father of Love to all, I love Thee, I love Thee, I LOVE THEE! Lead me, direct me and guide me. I ask for nothing but Love, knowing if I have that I have All. Thy Will be done, not mine. Amen.

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No one can affirm spiritual freedom until he lives with God and is led by the Spirit; the mind and will of man must become spiritualized before he can have real power. This is the hard lesson for man to learn—to give up his mind and will to the great God. But that is the only way to have divine power, divine MIND and WILL, and become God-like; it is a complete surrender and victory in one; it is an exchange of negative mind for positive mind. When we love and trust God fully and completely, and are perfectly docile, meek and humble, as Jesus taught, we can affirm:

- "I am strong in the Lord!"
- "I am wise, strong and free!"
- "I am Peace, Power and Plenty!"
- "I walk by faith and not by sight!"

There is but one eternal universal Spirit in all things, animate or inanimate, and it is Supremely Intelligent, call it God, Infinite Perfection or what you may. It is Love and holds things together by the law of cohesion, affinity, attraction, repulsion, gravitation, etc. The Seer sees this one eternal omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent force at work in an orderly and evolutionary way in the mineral, the vegetable, animal, man, spirit, angel, archangel or seraph.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

**How Did You Die?**

Did you tackle the trouble that came your way  
With a resolute heart and cheerful?  
Or did you hide your face from the light of day  
With a craven soul and fearful?  
Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce,  
Or a trouble is what you make it,  
And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,  
But only how did you take it?

You're beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?  
Come up with a smiling face.  
It's nothing against you to fall down flat,  
But to lie there—that's disgrace.  
The harder you're thrown, why, the higher you bounce;  
Be proud of your blackened eye!  
It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts;  
It's how did you fight—and why?

And though you be done to death, what then?  
If you battled the best you could,  
If you played your part in the world of men,  
Why, The Critic will call it good.  
Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,  
And whether he's slow or spry,  
It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,  
But only how did you die?

—Edmund Vance Cook.

Blessed is he who loves animals: the great and mighty Angel of the Animals serves that man.—*A. Z.*

The ultimate goal of each being in the universe, the "lowest" and "highest" form, is omniscience. "We begin with instinct; the end is omniscience," means that at a certain period of our existence, on any one planet, we come into consciousness through instinct; and from instinct we come into intuition; and from intuition we move upward to the super-conscious plane, or plane of Oneness with the blessed One where we become omniscient. Each organism or being, from the one cell organism to the billion billion celled organism, man, is an eternal Ego: the final goal of each and all is the same—omniscience. Oh, how great and beautiful is the Divine Plan!—*Ananda.*

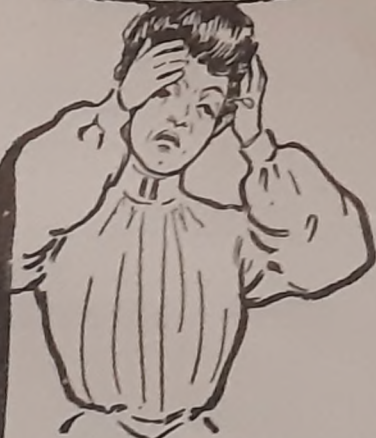
Essentially the great Emerson was a mystic. From first to last he looked into his own heart and trusted to what was written there.—*Rev. R. P. Frothingham.*

The great dignity and possibilities of man can only be comprehended through soul-culture; never through mental culture alone. Man attains to the fulness of manhood and then to the fulness of angelhood and Divine Sonship through the ever living Christ within his own soul and in no other way. Let man stand alone with God and open his soul, heart and mind to God, and He will speak to him fully—not before.—*Frank Harrison.*

The growth of vegetable life is governed by the inherited vitality received from its parentage and subsequent environments, and the same rule determines the growth of the average man.

Of what advantage, then, is man's superior mind, if he is not able to achieve more than his parents? A man cannot become greater than his gods, and when he worships the fickle weather-cock he need not be surprised that the world is not disturbed by his leaving it.—*Waltner.*

Character, character, is what the world now demands in men as never before; it is what the world needs. Each aspiring soul must strive to build character, and thus help himself and the whole. The strongest and best character is constructed when we do not ask of an act will it help self, but, is it a good and right act; is it a good and right act, that will injure none and help the All.



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O God! Thou dost love All. Thou dost even love the workers of sin and strivest by Thy mighty love to win them all from their sins, their aches, their woeful diseases and sorrows. But, O God, our poor sinful brother is *perverse* and *self-willed* yet, and ignores all Thy Healing, Saving Love. Yet, a little more patience, a little more Love, and He, too, will come unto Thee and be blessed. Then the Angels will sing, Glory, Glory, Glory be to God forever!—*Ananda.*

Serve God and man with Love, and thou wilt rejoice with tremendous joy.—*A. Z.*

Blessed are they who come to know God is not angry and wrathful, but is pure, fervent Love.—*Ananda.*

Silent contemplation of God, life, nature and holy things is inspiring and helpful. How we are fired with holy vibrations when we sit in holy places, such as the silent woods, churches, temples and the Silence Room. And if you are a home-maker, be sure to have in your house your sacred and holy Silence Room, dedicated and consecrated to the blessed Silent One. In a well-regulated home we find the Silence Room, a music-room, a library, a drawing-room, and family sitting-room; but of all rooms do not neglect the holy Silence Room and go there alone with God as often as thou art weary.—*A Mystic Adept.*

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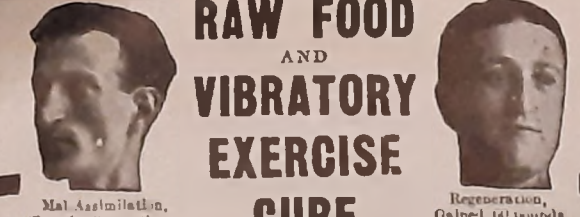
The religion that places creeds before Love places man before God. The religion of Christ was Love, and His life proved its power. Through all the world it rang, and it is still ringing. Through centuries it has lived, and it will live forever. Why? Because it was Love, and Love can never die. Because it was out of His soul He spoke; and the soul of man listens.—*Lavinia Hart, in The Cosmopolitan.*

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MAN'S body should be free from all that disturbs and annoys. The equilibrium of his divine poise should be perfect. Pain, distortion and disease should be unknown to him, and they would be if he understood the power of the Christ's Resurrection; but so long as the masses observe merely the historical event, taking no thought for its lesson in the soul, they must remain in their limitations and bondage. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profits nothing," and until we receive the Spirit we shall still remain in the thralldom of the flesh.—Francis Edgar Mason.

The man who is afraid to think searchingly upon his opinions, and to reason critically upon his position, will have to develop moral courage before he can acquire discrimination. A man must be true to himself, fearless with himself, before he can perceive the pure principles of Truth, before he can receive the all-revealing light of Truth. The more Truth is inquired of the brighter it shines; it cannot suffer under examination and analysis. The more error is questioned the darker it grows; it cannot survive the entrance of pure and searching thought. To "prove all things" is to find the good and to throw away the evil. He who reasons and meditates learns to discriminate; he who discriminates discovers the eternally True.—The Light of Reason.

If any man can convince me and bring home to me that I do not think or act aright, gladly will I change; for I search after truth, by which man never yet was harmed. But he is harmed who abideth on still in his deception and ignorance.—Marcus Aurelius.

It fortifies my soul to know  
That, though I perish, Truth is so;  
That, howsoever I stray and range,  
Whate'er I do, Thou dost not change.  
I steadier step when I recall  
That, if I slip, Thou dost not fall.  
—Arthur Hugh Clough.

Pride is a destructive internal ulcer in the very core of our lower nature.—A. Z.

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Mr. M. Woodbury Sawyer is quoted as saying that "All should take God at His word, absolutely, to realize the fulness of the words, 'Before ye ask (desire) will I answer, and while ye are yet speaking (thinking) will I hear,' is to know that through cooperation with the I am (God) do we, as individuals, instantaneously ally ourselves with forces which, directed to the cause of the unharmony, must, of necessity, check the further development of the inharmony; and, as we continue to use the 'I am' definitely, with the upward inflection, we correlate our entire being with those forces of God which tend to the fulfilling of the word, by bringing the prayer (the desire) as an actuality, into our lives." Let everyone try it.

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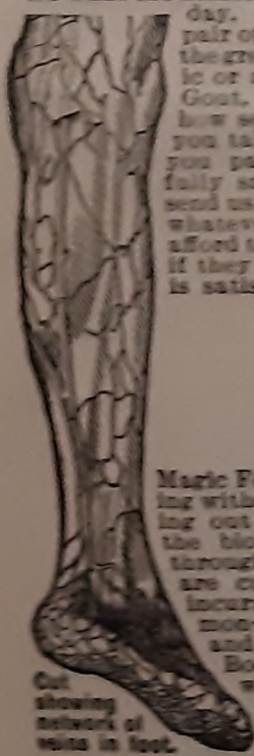
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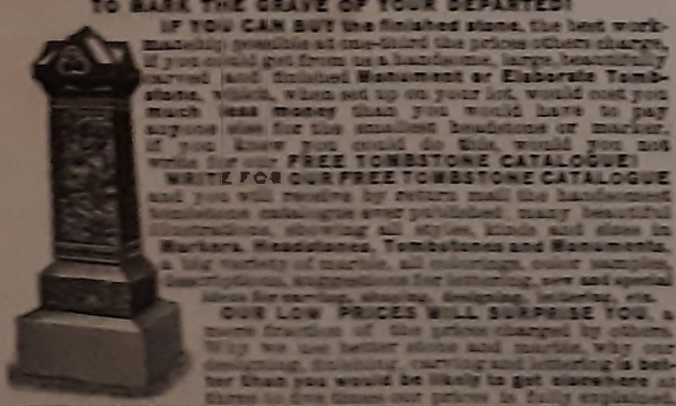
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 cubic inch of it contains an equivalent of not less  
 than 500 horse-power, each cubic foot more than  
 all the full working steam engines in Massachusetts.  
 This energy resides in what we call the ether, and  
 out of it come all the forms of energy we know and  
 employ—gravity, heat, light, electricity, etc.  
 The enormous reaches of telescopic space are filled  
 with ether and its energy in as great a measure as  
 that between the thumb and fingers, and of course  
 is inexhaustible.

For our purposes energy needs to be adapted.  
 We adapt the energy of coal by employing a steam  
 engine; we adapt the energy of the steam engine to  
 electric work by employing a dynamo; we adapt  
 electric energy to lighting purposes by employing  
 a suitable lamp, and so on. Each form of energy  
 requires some mechanism through which it can act  
 and be transformed, and without mechanism and  
 transformation no phenomenon is possible. We  
 need, therefore, some piece of mechanism through  
 which this ether energy may be adapted for our  
 economic wants, transforming it into mechanical  
 energy of the common type, a piece of machinery  
 which shall do for ether energy what the electric  
 motor does for electrical energy, for even electric  
 energy cannot be used directly; it must be trans-  
 formed.

There is nothing in the nature of things to dis-  
 courage expectancy of such a machine, and one may  
 look for it any day. Monopolies of heat, light,  
 transportation and other human needs will be no  
 longer possible when anyone may tap the universe  
 for energy for his needs. The Wilkesbarre coal-  
 beds will no longer be of importance and Niagara  
 may continue to roar. I submit that such an  
 invention or discovery as this is of greatest impor-  
 tance and is imminent.

**Love**

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 No matter what you do.  
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**What Makes a Man**

A TRUTHFUL soul, a loving mind,  
 Full of affection for its kind;  
 A spirit firm, erect and free,  
 That never basely bends a knee;  
 That will not bear a feather's weight  
 Of slavery's chains for small or great;  
 That truly speaks from God within,  
 That never makes a league with sin;  
 That snaps the fetters despots make,  
 And loves the truth for its own sake;  
 That worships God and Him alone,  
 And bows no more than at His throne,  
 And trembles at no tyrant's nod—  
 A soul that fears no one but God,  
 And thus can smile at curse or ban—  
 This is the soul that makes a man!

Little self-denials, little honesties, little passing  
 words of sympathy, little nameless acts of kindness,  
 little silent victories over favorite temptations—  
 these are the silent threads of gold which, when  
 woven together, gleam out so brightly in the pat-  
 tern of life that God approves.—Canon Farrar.

It is a pitiable desecration of such a nature as  
 ours to give it up to the world. Some baser thing  
 might have been given without regret; but to bow  
 down reason and conscience, to bind them to the  
 clods of earth, to contract those faculties that  
 spread themselves out beyond the world, even to  
 infinity—to contract them to worldly trifles—it is  
 pitiable, it is something to mourn and to weep over.  
 —Orville Dewey.

It is vain to think that we can love the Master  
 more than He has been loved in olden times; but  
 that love can become more intelligent with the  
 progress of our race, and it can be kindled in an  
 ever-widening circle of pure and gentle souls. To  
 fulfil this possibility should be the aim of the  
 Christian Church, as it is our best hope of the  
 spiritual welfare of mankind.—Howard N. Brown.

To me it seems that the soul, in all its higher ac-  
 tions, in original thought, in the creations of  
 genius, in the soarings of imagination, in its love  
 of beauty and grandeur, in its aspirations after a  
 pure and unknown joy, and especially in disinter-  
 estedness, in the spirit of self-sacrifice, and in en-  
 lightened devotion, has a character of infinity.

**And Renew Youth  
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 & Beauty**

**Throw  
 Off  
 The  
 Disfiguring  
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 of pleasure and capable of retaining its perfections  
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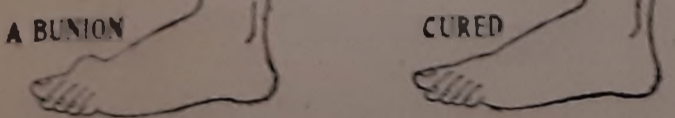
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The following, from the New York Sun of a recent date, shows how churchmen are thinking: "The guests at the annual dinner of the Methodist Social Union at the Hotel Savoy last night were heads of similar social organizations of other religious bodies."

"The Rev. Dr. William H. Ward, editor of the Independent and president of the Congregational Club, told of the plans for a great conference or Federation of Churches, to have regularly delegated representatives from every evangelical body in North America. It is proposed that the conference shall meet in Washington in 1905 or 1906, and assemble every three or five years afterward."

"W. E. Lougee, president of the Presbyterian Union, said that he thought the Young Men's Christian Association about the best form of church unity."

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Individually and collectively, the great human family are moving onward, forward and upward to one goal—infinite perfection.

No one holy book, no one religion, no one sect, no one church, has a monopoly in truth. These are only divine means to one ultimate—freedom. All of these are good and will exist as long as needed, and when not needed will perish.

Some so-called good comes out of all so-called bad, and some so-called bad out of all so-called good. Let us all get closer together in simple Christ-like love.

## Weakness of Pride

PRIDE corrupts the purity of every virtue. It is the ringleader of all our Inward Enemies. Fortunately for us, however, the passions that infest our souls are capable of rectification and eradication; and, seeing that pride is the parent of so many of them, let a man only master his pride and he will have gone a long way toward mastering himself and subjugating the most undesirable conditions of mind.—The Light of Reason.

When one has even a general appreciation of the beauties around him he enjoys much; but it is when he learns to recognize from the plane of friendship the particular birds, trees and flowers that he discovers a hundred new beauties and wonders and comes to have innumerable experiences, exquisite or amusing as the case may be. Such a one finds the pleasures of travel and vacation times doubled and many a period of difficulty lightened. Though a certain amount of change is beneficial to the mind, and therefore to the body, life in the country need never be commonplace or devoid of interest to one whose eyes are opened to the wonders about him, and who learns to read the Divine Thoughts of beauty, power and opulence written everywhere.

However, it is the busy dwellers in our cities who need especially to be helped back to Nature in thought. The city parks offer many opportunities for observation at all seasons of the year to one who knows where to look, and long quiet rides to the farthest suburbs give one a breadth of outlook and an expansion of sky at least. A little enterprise will usually discover a number of delightful country nooks within easy reach of any city. Why may not Nature and out-of-door clubs become more common than euchre clubs? Let us speed the day when Nature-study classes shall be formed at all of our summer resorts, and in our cities and towns where mothers, teachers and adults from all walks of life, as well as children, may, with the aid of competent instructors, become familiar with the natural features of the locality in which they live and be easily started on the road to independent discovery. Is there not here a new and delightful avenue for teachers? To the pupils such study will inevitably serve as a means of recreation and open a world of living symbolism full of spiritual significance, much of which will be felt even if not intellectually analyzed.

The greatest Master of truth lived much in the out-of-doors. When in need of rest, notably after having been drawn upon by crowds of ignorant and unhappy men and women, he would retire to some lonely mountain-side, and in that primitive freshness and purity receive renewed realization of the Divine Presence.

Oh, how precious are virtue, honesty and loyalty to the God-lover.—A. Z.

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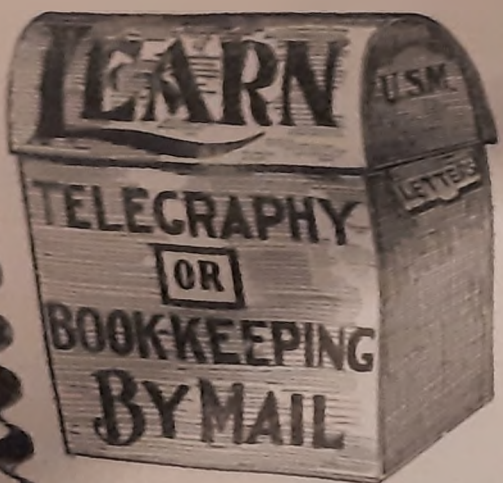
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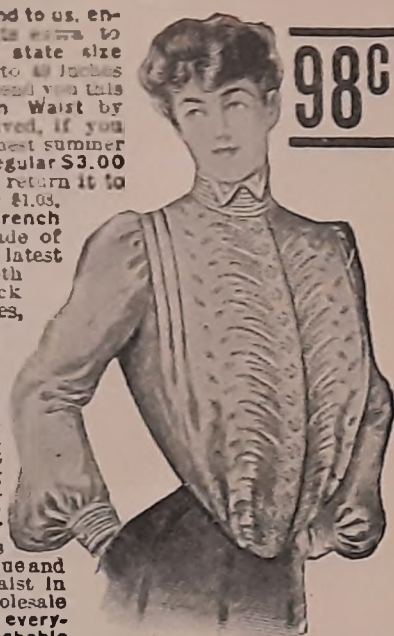
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When in deep Sorrow if we look to God for help, we are led to grave and rich conclusions: Confiding in Providence provides us with that peace which surpasseth all understanding. Life becomes bright, sweet and joyous with God as our sole help. The Guide is always true, and can be trusted; is helpful when all else fails. So sorrow and grief and pain are blessed, for ultimately, some time, somewhere, man becomes so wearied with his burdens that in agony he will cry out to God for help. Then a great mystical miracle is performed. Your sorrows come not from God, but from your own mind and will; God does not afflict; He consoles, comforts and saves Carnal mind. Our own thinking and willing afflict us, and in either ignorance or perverseness we put the blame on the great God of Love.—The Blissful Prophet.

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Angels, come and help me.—F. H.

Man must learn to love more broadly, more deeply and more fervently or else be a slave to Thought, to toil and toil, disease, misery and failures in his works.—Frank Harrison.

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If you've a tender message,  
Or a loving word to say,  
Don't wait till you forget it  
But whisper it to-day.  
Who knows what bitter memories  
May haunt you if you wait?  
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We live but in the present,  
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The chance that fortune lends to us  
May vanish while we wait,  
So spend your life's rich treasure  
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The letter never sent,  
The long forgotten messages,  
The wealth of love unspent.  
For these some hearts are breaking,  
For these some loved ones wait—  
So show them that you care for them  
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"Serve God and be cheerful." Live nobly,  
Do right and do good. Make the best  
Of the gifts and the work put before you,  
And to God without fear leave the rest."  
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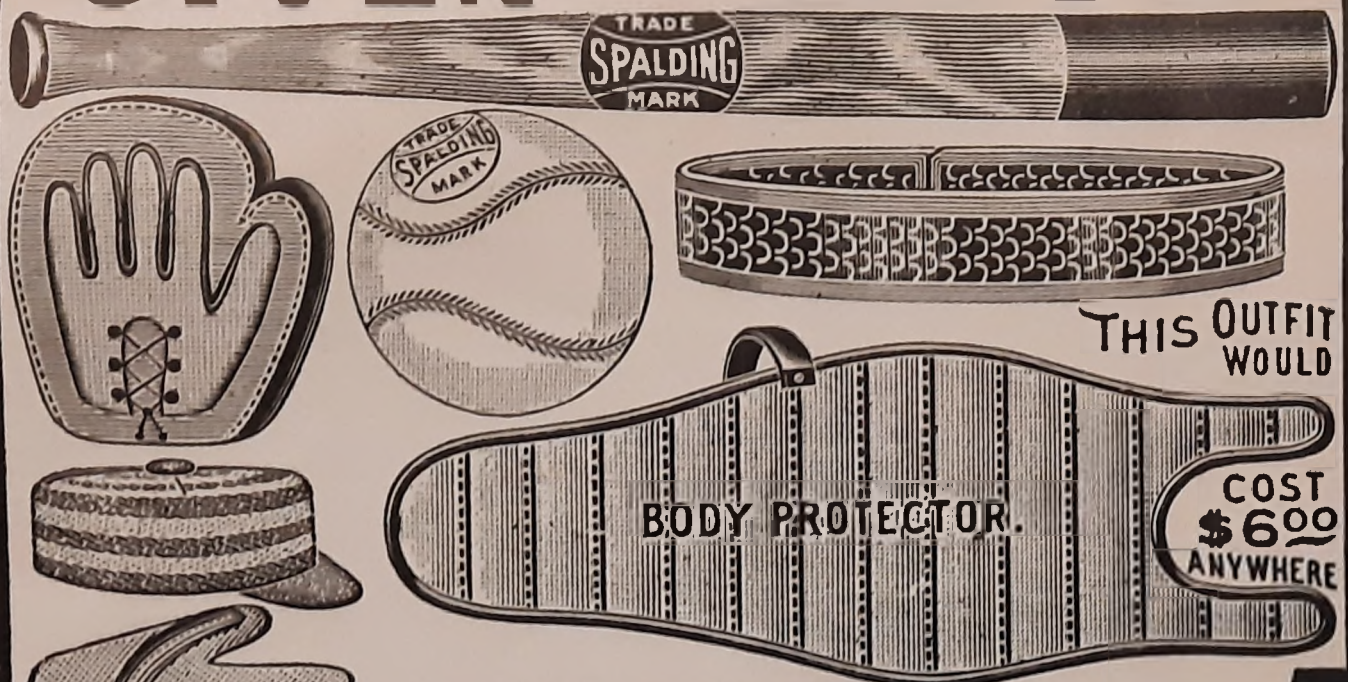
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LISTEN, O Christian, to the Master's voice:  
"Rejoice alway; again I say, Rejoice."—*Phil.* iv, 4.  
Yes, so I may, when all is bright before.  
Nay, but Christ says, "Rejoice for evermore."—*1 Thess.* v, 16.  
How, when the storm-cloud lowers darkly 'round,  
Under His sheltering wings may joy be found?—*Psa.* lxiii, 7.  
When tempest-tossed and driven far from land,  
Fear not; He holds the billows in His hand.—*Isa.* xl, 12.  
Can I rejoice when I my weakness see?—  
The Lord's own joy thy very strength shall be.—*Neh.* viii, 10.  
When harvests, flocks and fruits untimely die,  
Rejoice; the Lord will all thy need supply.—*Hab.* iii, 17, 18.  
Can I rejoice when other hearts are sad?—  
The upright heart may well be light and glad.—*Psa.* xlvii, 11.  
When pressed by busy cares that will annoy—  
Cares vanish in the fulness of His joy.—*Psa.* xvi, 11.  
Fulness of joy! Can this indeed be mine?—  
The Lord Himself has promised; it is thine.—*John* xvi, 24.  
When strength and senses fail, life's lamp burns dim,  
Yet will the Lord sustain; rejoice in Him.—*Acts* xx, 24.  
When waiting in death's dark and lonely vale,  
Rejoice e'en here: His presence will not fail.—*Psa.* xxiii, 4.  
Then in the glory of eternal day,  
With joy unspeakable, rejoice for aye.—*Jude* xxiv.

Our minds become benumbed by the labor of thinking too much about the Spiritual and not doing (acting and living love) works of simple love. It is in simple love for All and service that we grow spiritually and not so much in thinking and wearing and tearing the mind. Let the mind rest; open it wide to the influx of Divine Mind. Let the Holy Spirit work within and without. Anxiety about doctrines, dogmas, and speculations about God, wear the mind and keep us disturbed. Live in simple love and faith and prayer and works and quickly and simply reach the Most High without much thinking or worrying.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

God, in the spiritual man, holdeth his tongue; and also proclaimeth at times great thundering truths.—A. Z.

All that is beautiful, lovely, orderly and perfect in a man's life is born of the Spirit.—A. Z.

Man is not the true and noble Lord of Creation until he comes into oneness with God.—A. Z.

Cure of Habits

THE cure of habits which weaken the mind and body is in Spiritual Power; meditate and pray in the Silence and try to realize that the Spirit is the Supreme Master. Rouse the Spirit within. Rouse Love, and say to thy mind and thy will, "O Love, for Thee I can do anything." The Temple (mind and body) ought to be pure, clean, sweet, fine and strong. Come, let us build the living Temple strong, beautiful and enduring. Habits of filth that pollute and poison the blood, and destroy cell structure, are to be overcome by pure love of what is right to construct in beauty and durability. The body, or temple of the Spirit, cannot be made too pure or too beautiful. Much disease and early death of the body is caused by polluting habits.—*The Mystics.*

The eternal Path of Perfect Peace is found within the soul and not the head.—A. Z.

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The beast in man is selfishness.—A. Z.

Oh, how SUPREME is God! With Him I can do all things! Oh, how we enlarge our sphere of action, with God as our only love, our only strength, our only guide!—*Frank Harrison.*

All Power is in the soul! We move and do in an orderly and forceful way as we have Soul Power! Mental Power is good; Soul Power is the best and highest power! Let the soul rule supreme, if you would be peaceful, powerful and successful! Life is pure, forceful, purposeful and orderly when we live with God—the Spirit.—*The Mystics.*

Love, pure love, is the main factor of success. The old teaching has been otherwise, until many are sunk deep in the mire of failure.—A. Z.

What is all this discussion we hear now and then, from some alleged teachers of men, that they agree with this part and not that part of religious faiths; come, beloved, knowest that as we play with parts we can never live in the Whole. A great soul never dissects religions.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

You can learn little from any teacher who is prone to dwell on the "essential truths" of religions, as he is partial and not whole (holy) yet. Sit at the feet of him who has only time to sing glad songs about the great and blessed God; he is a great and wise teacher.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

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Do the right and fear no thought  
That another may express.  
Whom your conscience has not taught  
And your life may never bless.  
Do what conscience says is right;  
Then life's safest rule is yours;  
And you follow in the light  
That forevermore endures.

Men will differ and may change,  
And if them you seek to please,  
You may often think it strange  
That you find no path of ease;  
For no matter what you do,  
Some will think it is not right;  
So to your own souls be true,  
Then you'll follow God's own light.

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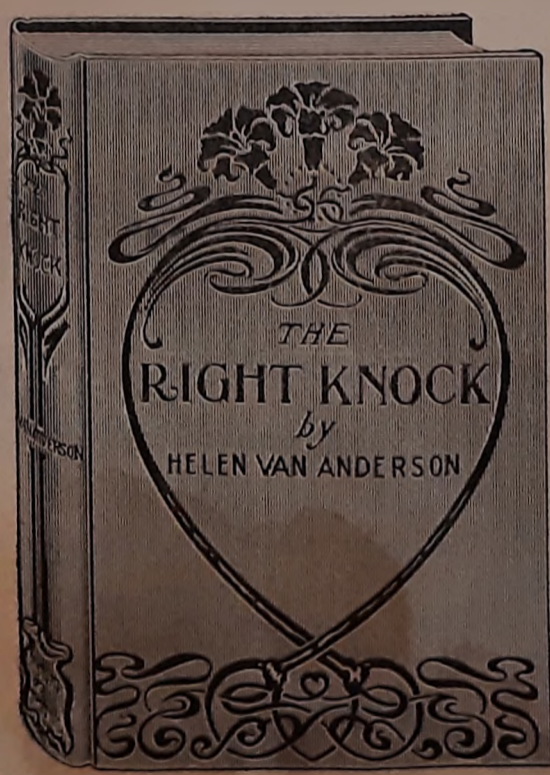
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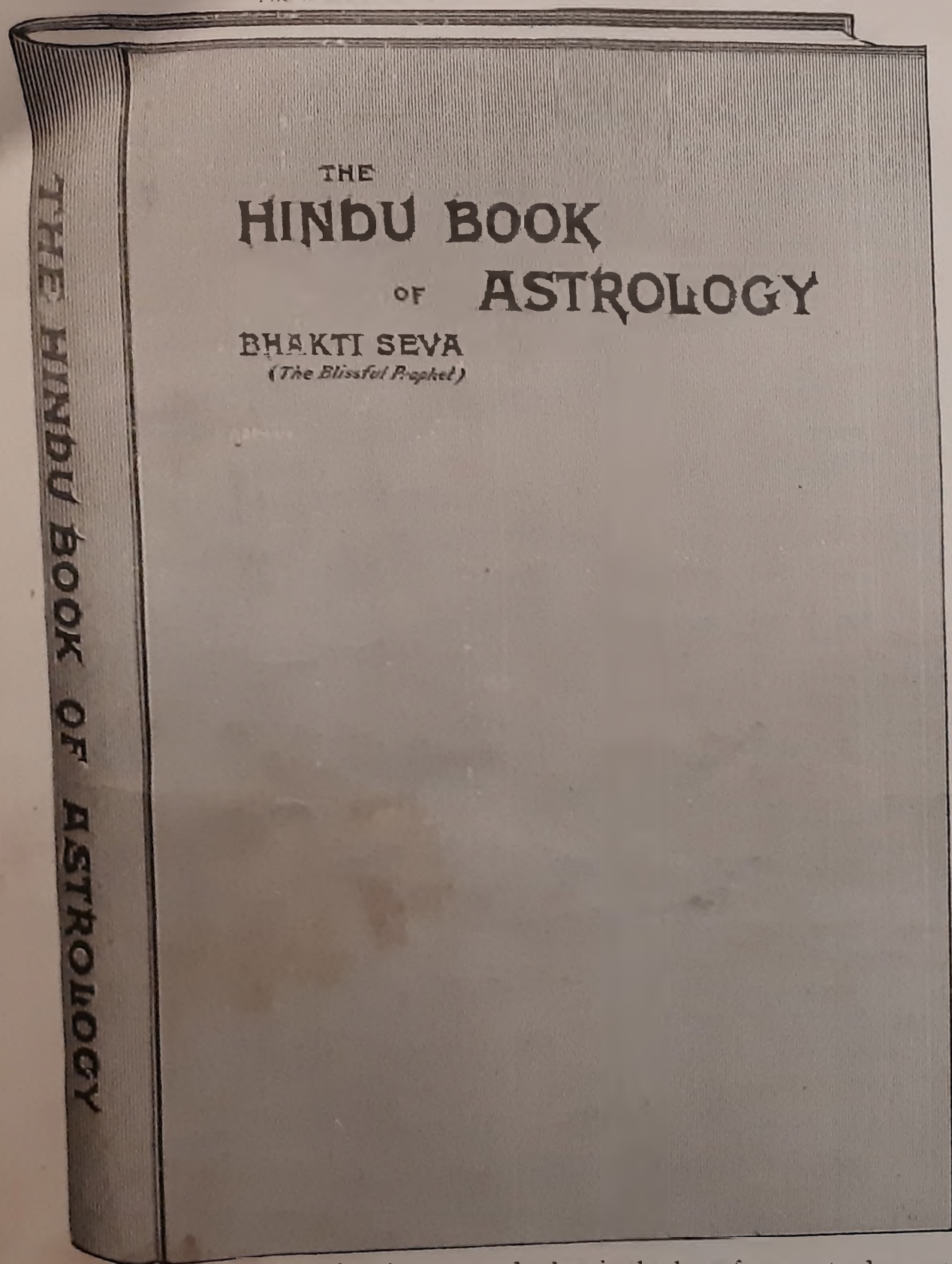
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## DOUBLE YOUR MONEY IN FIVE YEARS

In the May issue of this magazine I had a full-page announcement regarding my decision to sell a limited number of my fully-paid and non-assessable co-operative shares in **The Magazine of Mysteries Association (Inc.)**. If you have not already read this announcement, you will find it upon the back page, and, as I have said above, of the May issue. You will, I am sure, be pleased after you have carefully read the same. I am extremely gratified to be in a position to state to you that I have heard from many more of my subscribers and readers than I expected. Much to my surprise a great many immediately sent in their subscriptions for shares after reading my announcement. I had rather expected that my subscribers and readers would at first write for further information before sending in their remittance for shares. While this also happened in many instances, I was delighted to find so many who had the confidence to accept what I consider the grandest opportunity to invest a small amount of money that has ever been presented to my friends, subscribers and readers.

When one's efforts are backed up so promptly by their subscribers and readers it naturally spurs one on to the highest possible plane of effort. I can sincerely say to you, one and all, that I firmly believe that any reader and subscriber who buys the shares that I am offering in **The Magazine of Mysteries Association (Inc.)** will never regret it as long as they live and, on the other hand, will always be glad that they embraced the opportunity while it lasted. My sole purpose of parting with these valuable dividend-paying shares is that I want your individual co-operation. I am fully convinced that I cannot get this co-operation from you without having you financially interested with me, and by paying you large dividends. Just as soon as you become my Co-Partner, Co-Worker as a co-operative shareholder, and just as soon as you begin to receive large and satisfactory dividends every May and November of each and every year, just so soon will you really become valuable to me as a co-operator. You naturally say, "How?" There are so many, many ways that I have prepared an epistle upon this subject entitled—

## HOW YOU CAN CO-OPERATE WITH US

which I will be pleased to send to you by return mail if you will drop me a line. In this

## Receipts From Subscriptions

Year 1901—Last 9 Months	\$8,078.48
Year 1902	41,570.00
Year 1903	55,562.16
Year 1904—First 4 Months only	84,935.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$189,943.96</b>

## Receipts From Advertising

Year 1902	\$9,613.60
Year 1903	24,571.38
Year 1904—First 4 Months only	12,412.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,597.58</b>

You will thus see that in three short years, from the time we started, we have taken a grand total of two hundred and thirty thousand, eight hundred and forty-one dollars and fifty-four cents (\$230,841.54). During the year 1901 we did not receive any money for advertising. Now, if you will kindly give me your closest attention for a moment, I am sure you will begin to understand why I am so enthusiastic about the wonderful profits and the great financial success of **The New York Magazine of Mysteries**. At this writing, please bear in mind, we have only received subscription and advertising receipts for January, February, March and April (only four months), yet, in these four months, we received from subscriptions \$84,935.32, and from advertising \$12,412.60, making a grand total of \$97,347.92 for the first four months of this year, which is \$16,912.38 more than we received during the entire twelve months of the previous year, 1903. I consider this a marvelous showing, as we still have eight more months to hear from, which will add a great many thousands of dollars to the \$97,347.92. We have, during the first four months of this year received fifty-two thousand, three hundred and sixty-two dollars and thirty-two cents, (\$52,362.32), more than we received during the whole twelve months of the year 1902. You will agree with me that you have never witnessed a more phenomenal and healthy growth in any publication in this country. I am willing to part with a portion of my big dividend-paying shares. I want to have you understand

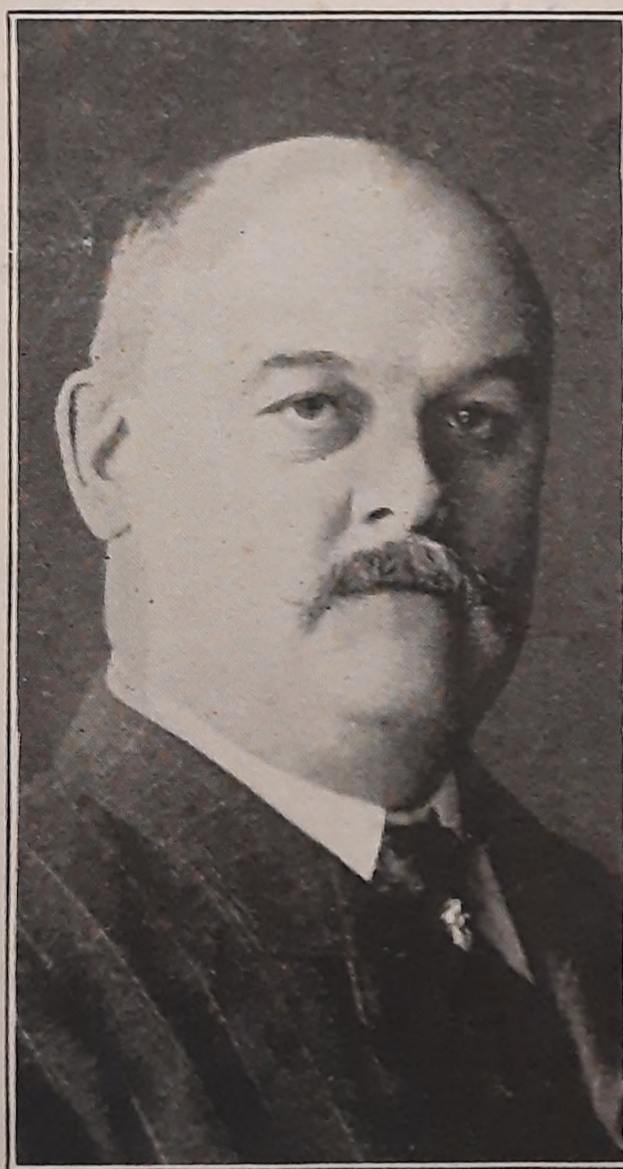
## MY REASONS

fully. Unless you know just why I am willing to let you share in these big profits, I shall not have half accomplished my object. I have great, big, convincing reasons. Reasons that will convince, satisfy and make both yourself and myself proud and grateful to be associated together as Co-Partners, Co-Workers, Co-Operators, as shareholders in **The**



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circular I have covered the matter so much better than I could possibly here in a limited space. I know you will find many interesting and convincing facts in this letter and you will feel that your time was well spent in sending to me at once for it. If you will act upon my suggestions you can invest your money as safe as in a savings bank, you can get far larger dividends and, I firmly believe, that your money will double itself in five years. It has always been my motto to make my promise good. You have read and followed the steady growth of **The New York Magazine of Mysteries**. You have been pleased, as have so many others, that we already have a circulation of over 150,000 copies each and every month. By getting the co-operation of my subscribers and readers we can, together, make this the largest, most influential magazine in this country; yes, in the world, to bring **Health, Happiness and Prosperity to all mankind**.

You can feel that you are a part owner of this publication, and when you hear your neighbors and friends speak of it and praise it highly, you will, as I have myself done many times, swell with gratification and pride to think that you are one of the co-operative owners that make it possible to produce such a fine magazine to bring **Health, Happiness and Prosperity to all mankind**, all this, coupled with the fact that you are also getting well paid in Dividends every May and November of each year. **The New York Magazine of Mysteries** has no competitor. It is the only one of its kind. It has passed all experimental stages. It is already successful and upon a paying basis. **The Magazine of Mysteries Association** is incorporated with 25,000 non-assessable and fully-paid shares at \$10.00 each.

## YOUR MONEY REFUNDED

I also want to firmly impress upon your mind that if you wish to have your money refunded, you can receive every dollar back, with not less than six per cent. interest for all the time we have had it. If you are interested to learn just how you can make an investment just as safe as a savings bank and have your money refunded, drop me a line and I will write you a personal letter covering every point about the Special Guaranteed Agreement and Contract we send you with your Certificate of Shares in the Association. I want your co-operation, and I am anxious that you should especially understand every detail about your money being refunded, so please write me; you will never be sorry. I am firmly convinced, however, that you will never ask to have your money refunded, that your dividends will be from 15 to 20 per cent., and under those circumstances not one person would part with a single share for less than from \$20.00 to \$30.00 each, although they only cost you \$10.00 each. I will now show you how our subscription and advertising receipts have grown.

**CHARLES E. ELLIS, President, 713 Temple Court Bldg., New York City**

**Magazine of Mysteries Association (Inc.)**. I want to take you into my confidence and write you a personal letter setting forth my reasons, as only can be done in a personal letter. Write me to-day, I will immediately answer you personally, giving you a full and complete statement of all my reasons, which will at once satisfy you that they are all based upon good, sound, business judgment. I wish again to ask you to kindly read my announcement on the back cover of the May issue of this magazine. If you have lost or mislaid the May issue, write me and I will be pleased to send you another copy free.

## OUR IMMEDIATE PROFIT-SHARING PLAN

I have a plan, which I send to our shareholders, whereby they may make a neat sum of money each and every week, and get the money at once. You will find this a most gratifying example of what co-operation can accomplish. The money that you receive immediately does not in any way interfere with your regular dividends, which will be sent you every May and November.

## MY OFFER TO YOU

I will sell a portion of my valuable, big dividend-paying shares in **The Magazine of Mysteries Association (Inc.)** at their par value of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per share. I wish to have your co-operation. I do not care how few shares you buy. No subscription is too small. Under no circumstances will I sell more than one hundred shares to any one person. It is not the money I care about so much as to have your co-operation, your influence in your neighborhood. A small number of shares will accomplish this just as well as a thousand. Before you invest in a single share, I want you to understand every little detail regarding the Association of which you are to become a valuable and respected member. Now, if you will sit down and write me at once, I will immediately upon receipt of your letter send you a long personal answer, and I will also enclose the circulars headed: "Your Money Refunded," "How You Can Co-Operate With Us" and "Our Immediate Profit-Sharing Plan." I am sure you will be pleased, after you have carefully read my long personal letter and these circulars.

You will be convinced that it will be for your interest and for my interest to become my Co-Partner as a shareholder in this Association.

On the other hand, if you feel that you are thoroughly gratified with just what I am going to do and just why I feel that I need you as a Co-Partner and Co-Operator as a shareholder, you can enclose in your letter the amount of money you wish to subscribe for shares. Send to me to-day for, say, one or two shares and see what co-operation will accomplish in the way of getting out the best paper you ever read and the best opportunities, I believe, you ever received on an investment. The price of the shares I am offering is to sell at \$10 each per share. Please let me hear from you to-day. Address—