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From all Life's grapes I press sweet Wine. —Honry Horrison Brown.

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MISTS AT NOON. O'er southern hills, from Ocean's breast, Rolls in the mist, obscuring all. The land that late by sun was kissed Is hidden as by funeral pall. And in the hamlet at their base

I've not of tree or home a trace.

And yet I know, within that cloud, Are happy homes and friends who love; And hearts are there in gladness bowed, In prayer; I also know, above The cloud, the sun in radiance glows, While about me now the wet wind blows.

Full well I know 'tis not for long That cloud will lower o'er yonder peaks! Flower and fruit will grow more strong For the mist that every leaflet seeks. The blessing hidden within that gloom, Makes yard and field in beauty bloom.

So do I know that trouble comes And life's bright hills are shadowed o'er! Beyond the mist God moveth on, And Faith sees Light as ne'er before. I sense the blessing now, nor wait For cloud to rise—Trust conquers fate!

My Faith will seize upon the fruit And taste its joys while winter snows Are mantling warm the orchard root. I scent in winter the springtime's blow. Faith is to me like yonder cloud— Mantling a cradle, not a shroud.

So blesses me yon misty hills,

Bringing me Peace in perfect Trust! And with yon rose my spirit thrills. As it springs fresher from the dust. Thus when the clouds in Silence roll, God's Peace encompasses my soul.

Henry Harrison Brown.

Age is to be parried and annihilated to thee, O Son of God! by wrapping thyself in God's Eternal Youth. Cast thyself frankly as these sweet children do into the beauty and the joy of this moment: do not addle the egg without thought, but generously sleep in thy sentiment, in thy act, the arms of the wise God being around thee, and thou shalt take thy being again from his presently, refreshed and exalted.—Emerson (Journals). "BLESSED ARE YE!"

In the fifth chapter of Matthew we have Jesus' idea of the happy person, of him who is blessed. Is it not marvelous that he does not include among the conditions of Blessedness one thing which the world deems necessary to happiness? Nothing external is mentioned. He does not include wealth, fame, position, intellectual or scientific culture. Beside inward conditions, the only conditions mentioned are revilement, persecution, and slander: with these we are also to be also blessed.

It is one of the parodoxes of prevalent theology that it seeks the opposite. The convert, the proselyter, the expounder, represent those mental conditions which are all the opposite of the Beatitudes. They wish notoriety, power, wealth, crowds, success. The exceptions are fanatics, enthusiasts, maniacs, who find a few followers through eccentricity. Often these establish a sect which once established seeks for conditions the opposite of the humility of the founders. Note the results in the followers of Wesley, Fox, Ann Lee, etc.

Even Quakers are proud of their garb and the quiet of their lives. The Universalists have not the humility of Murray, nor the "Chrisians" the simplicity of Campbell. Trust thyself! Every heart Vibrates to that iron string.

All these had at one time the blessedness of slander and persecution. The magnetic power of externals soon draws any organization from the spiritual side of the movement, and the intellectual side becomes the test of fellowship rather than that of life and character. The building up of a sect is of more importance than the building up of the kingdom of God within the individual.

Said John Robinson to the Puritans as the Mayflower sailed—"All God's revelation is not complete. There is more to follow." But when these revelations came through Quaker and Baptist, the Puritan had lost the blessedness of persecution; and by it blessed the new prophets.

Blessedness in the mind of Jesus was entirely a personal matter; a matter of condition and life. Each of the Beatitudes relates entirely to the spiritual conditions. There is no "worldly wisdom" in them.

These promises refer to the individual's inner life. They are universal Truth. General statements; eternal principles of conduct.

Then there follows this personal application: "Blessed are ye." Ye, my hearers. Ye, my disciples. When? When reviled and persecuted, because of your adherence to Truth. When persecuted for saying and doing what you decide is best and right for you.

-Emerson

"Falsely"—It is not persecution when people live falsely. Error is nothing. It is the absence of Truth. Error cannot harm. Persecution only makes truth the more clear; in this we are blessed. To be persecuted because one lives an honorable life is to be blessed. For all these blessings we are to rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is our reward in the kingdom of heaven" within.

A wondrous promise. A valuable lesson this. The lesson and the promise is peace, mental harmony; this alone is heaven.

Whence cometh the blessing? From within! Who blesses? One's self! Nothing without can either bless or ban. As Will, I decide whether I will think rightly. As Will, I decide how external conditions shall affect me.

The whole lesson of the Beatitudes is this: He who truly lives is happy. The more one is called to overcome, the stronger is the "I am". Consciousness of this power is blessedness. The more I conquer self, the happier I am. I may endure conditions, and be miserable; or I may overcome them, and rejoice.

There is practical New Thought in this. As a son of God and a Son of Man, I am Power to overcome. As Mind, as Spirit, all possible wisdom is mine. The more I trust this Son, which I am, the more do I be-

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Henceforth I seek not good fortune: I am good fortune.

- Well Whitman

come conscious of Power and Wis-The more faithful I am to dom. myself. the more blessed am I. The more faithful I am to Truth and Love, the more do I bless the world. Whenever for this faithfulness I am antagonized or persecuted. I am to manifest that which I am, by patience, peacefulness, courage, love, and truth, and in this find my opportunity for blessing.

This is purely scientific. No power can be manifest, nor can be developed unless it contacts some other form of power. I can never know myself save as I come in conscious contact with that which is not myself and overcome it. Psychology and biology simply echo the words of Jesus. He perceived principles and taught from his perception. He lived above the limitations of sense and saw and knew Truth as we see and know light.

This is the privilege of the human. We all may reach that plane. Temptations, persecutions and revilings are opportunities. Through overcoming them we master the limitations of sense, and rise to that spiritual eminence where we know Truth, and are governed in our conduct by the expression of Infinite Love.

Those who reach this eminence do not recognize these conditions, and therefore they to them do not exist. As by ignoring physical conditions we overcome disease, so by ignoring these social conditions, they are not, and in this consciousness are we blessed.

Science recognizes as the opposite of evolution the fact of degeneracy. It is stated thus: "Any condition that makes life easier for any individual animal, causes that animal to degenerate." The "Survival of the fittest," means those who use their power, master, and those who do not so use. die.

This is true psychically as well as physically. Those persons who use their soul-forces develop, and in growing are blessed. Those who do not, degenerate, and dying pass to conditions, unseen and unknown to sense, where we trust they sometime learn to say, "I can," and through overcoming to find heaven. We bephysical beings come stalwart through physical overcoming; we become stalwart saints through spiritual overcoming. I am consciously "I," because I am consciously overcoming. Consciousness of this is blessedness.

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Who spells it backward from achievement's height-WONI

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Fold her, O Father! in Thine arms, And let her henceforth be, A messenger of Love, between Our human hearts and Thee! -Whittier.

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The deeper I drink of the cup of Life the sweeter it grows.

-Julia Ward House.

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON-REVISED.

In illustrating his teachings, the most beautiful of all the stories Jesus told is this of the Prodigal Son. Yet theologians and ecclesiastics have made it to teach the most repulsive dectrines. Revolting theology has used it to intensify the fears of the Hereafter and to develop in man the most destructive and disease-creating of emotions those of self-condemnation, of remorse and fear of death.

As I let the rays of truth shine upon the story and feel the Spirit of Jesus actuating me, these old thoughts pass away and I see in it the same Trust and Faith and Love that inspired the Twenty-third Psalm.

Here is the tender, compassionate. loving provident and Fatherthought that inspired the words, "I will fear no evil, for thou art with me!" The same trust in the needed Supply that found utterance in "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures!" And the same confidence that inspired, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies!" It is a perfect illustration of that most beautiful of all songs which begins, "The Lord is my shepherd". The thought and trust of the Psalm is here made real, telling of a soul awakening to the fact of Omnipresence, and of Omnipotence. The necessity of Expression that we may find in consciousness the realization of the fact that "THOU ART

WITH ME!" The necessity of experience is nowhere else more finely and positively expressed as in this parable. The fact—I AM UN-FOLDING SOUL—is distinctly set forth in beautiful language.

Even at the risk of spoiling the simplicity and naturalness of the story by unworthy language, let me revise it, and in twentieth century thought and style, tell it over again, that being freed from tradition and the psychological effect of pulpit utterances and of commentarics, it may so reveal its beauty that its perception of Omnipresence may become clear as a crystal in the brook.

On the shores of the Sea of Galilee dwelt a rich farmer. He had two sons. They had been carefully nurtured; were industrious and obedient. The father had carefully exercised his authority over them; they had never been taught, and much less had been allowed to take the initiative. Neither had they any share in the property. Father held all, and the sons depended upon him for their supply.

The eldest was content to drudge; to accumulate; had few companions; was cold and mercenary; content to remain at home; to economize and to save for the future. By and by he would inherit it all. Starving his intellectual and moral natures for the sake of material gain and so miserly that he stifled his affection for his brother; had no desire to enjoy himself, to be good to himself, nor for any experience that would reveal himself to himself.

But the younger son was of a different temperament. A broader and a deeper life was demanded by The world beckthe urge within. oned. As he came of age he asked of his father a share of the wealth he held in trust for him. Receiving it, he went out into the world, ignorant of its opportunities-many of them miscalled temptations; ignorant of its business methods and its schemes and wiles. He had never been trained in business dealings; had never seen its vices, nor knew its virtues. He was an innocent boy, ignorant as all innocence is. But he went out to learn. He went out to find himself. He went out to expend his fortune in education; to graduate in the University of the World, whose only Professor is Experience.

At home all his needs had been supplied without care on his part. He had not learned the value of money; knew not its cost in labor; had not developed the ability to adapt himself to conditions, nor of changing conditions to fit his desires and needs.

With this lack of preparation for growing and knowing, he soon found himself penniless—a blank sheet upon which Life now could write in letters of manhood.

He became a tramp, looking for a job. He took one for which his past had fitted him. He went to feeding swine. Wages were poor, and being hungry, he fed himself with the grain which he also fed to the swine.

Here was his school. He had necessity and time for thought. He began to learn through this necessity to compare the difference between the past and present. He realized now what he had had and what he now had. Little did he understand the richness of now. But it was this he went out to learn. He contrasted his limitations with the freedom of home. An appreciation was his now that could only come in this way. Amid his hunger he said: "Father has enough and to spare! Aye, there is Fulness at Home!" He had tested life and had learned the hollowness of boon com-There was in father's panions. home enough of companionship. He had learned the falseness of harlotry. and in father's "Enough" was the pure affection his soul craved. He had found the coldheartedness of the world, and in father's "Enough" was the warm heart upon which he would lean. Then began self-condemnation. "I've done wrong! I've committed the unpardonable sin, and father will not forgive me!" Blind to the greatness of his own Soul, he wept in selfcondemnation. But that greatness acted for the decision. Decision saved him. He not only said. "I will," but he went. Once there was awakened intelligence, he hesitated not. By obeying the urge, he found what all will find when, like him, they learn in hours of doubt to trust the urge of soul within.

But why condemn himself? What had he done? Whom had he obeyed? Whom had he disobeyed? The

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paternal surveillance was over. He was now his own master. The Inward Monitor alone was to decide. He had no experience to aid him. Father had denied him the only expression that would fit him for contact with the world. Now he must decide: must take the road that seemed best. As the race had learned, he must in himself repeat the race experience and learn as all have. He found the prize Experience always brings, i. e., Wisdom. Instead of putting the money his father gave him in a bank that it might accumulate and pay a money dividend, he invested it in Life and the dividend in knowledge, in unfoldment which is eternal and everlasting.

In the first case he would increase his purse at the expense of a starved soul. As he depleted his purse he grew rich in faith and wisdom. He won imperishable riches where banks do not break nor thieves steal. Not till long afterwards did he know what he had earned. Not till father welcomed him could he measure his gain.

At present all he could see was the empty purse and a wrecked life, because he had departed from conventional standards. "I am nothing. Not worthy even to be a son! I will be an alien, a servant, where there is bread enough." Physical conditions force spiritual growth. That is the reason of their existence.

Through physical agony he came to a decision—"I will go to father!" That decision voiced in "I WILL!" was worth all he had passed

through. "I will arise! I will go! I will say!"

The latent forces of manhood were awakened. He was willing to earn, where before he had been an idler: to be a man where he had been a parasite. He was ready to be submissive to the voice within: was willing to be disgraced and ignored. if only from father's bounty he could earn his bread. Pride, selfishness, passion, exclusiveness, arrogance, all had passed away. He was ready now to say "Thy will, not mine, be done!" The conceit of youth had ripened into manhood's wisdom. He was ready now to be a useful citizen. "I've been a receiver, a beggar. Now I'll be a benefactor, a giver."

It was worth all he had paid for this consciousness. The awakening of himself as WILL inspired him, and he went home; went as a supplicant, a beggar, a tramp.

O, that the lesson was learned by all the boys who today leave home! The lesson of life the world only can teach them is: Home and the hearthstone are always ready in love to welcome. A false pride alone keeps them wandering. While a great way off, Father's Love felt his approach. He ran and welcomed him with an embrace and a kiss. Probably it was the first time father had ever kissed him. If Hebrew parents were then like the parents of today, it was the first time either had shown affection each for each. This was reward enough to both for the sorrows of the past. Home he came, not the dead boy that had

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Call this God: then call this Soul: And both the only facts for me. —Browning.

gone away—dead to love and to noble ambitions; but awakened and alive to all that was noble in man. He had received coldly, as his right, the money, and had proudly left the love that had provided. He returned spiritually awakened—a resurrected son. Spiritually dead; resurrected in spirit.

He had left home thinking wealth was all. He returned to learn that affection was the acme of life. Heart-hungry, but ignorant of what possessed him, he returned to receive and rejoice in the new life. He went away apostate; he returned a worthy son-so worthy that he was clad. adorned. feasted and made socially welcome by all his friends. And he returned to learn that Love. Supply, Enjoyment, Friendship, Labor and Manhood were his; that all that the father had was now open to him. He learned that his great mistake was in asking, "Give me my portion!" No portion was his to thus receive. All he was entitled to was his daily ration. That was from the "Enough and to spare" always. He put a limitation upon himself. He should have asked. "Give me each day my Supply, for I am going away." This should have been his prayer: "Give me each day my daily bread!" Then he could not have squandered, but would have used each day's Supply during the day. No matter how he used, the Supply never failed. The Experience compensated for all he suffered.

To learn, he had not taken the father's way; nor the priest's, nor the

rabbi's way; neither the way of public opinion; but his own. No condemnation did the father have. "My son is alive; he has been found; he is my love now; he came home from school." Individualized, he was now a companion of the father, and was ready to take up the serious duties of life.

Love never measures. The boy had asked for a measure from that which is measureless. Soon was the "portion" exhausted. **Enough** is God's Supply. It is NOW; it is here; it is for use as Soul in me wishes to express.

From the fulness of that Supply he was clothed, adorned and fed. He had taken God's way rather than man's. Now he received the welcome due to an honest endeavor to reach Spiritual Manhood. He had drifted under Absolute Law till he learned that he was through This is Choice, Conscious Law. Life's supreme lesson. He had found himself as the Law within the law-as the Law above the law: had learned that "in my Father's house is Enough and to spare. But. better still. Father and I are one in Life's Love. A glorious Realization; a marvelous example of the Law of Unfolding Consciousness. The Prodigal was now home, born to Love, Wisdom and Supply,

How about the other brother? Little does he matter. He had remained, merely adding to the patrimony that would be his-a bigger purse each day, but a smaller soul. The "good" boy, the "thrifty" one, the

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"economical" one, the "model" boy, he remained and worked for the end of working; had saved for the end of saving; had become selfish, unsocial. "Thou never gavest me a kid that I might make merry with my friends"—content to be a drudge; grown so miserly that the loss of a few pence in a kid that might have been sold, that he had no room for gladness over his brother's return; had lost growth in manliness, wisdom and love through his home-staying and money-making disposition.

Leave him as we leave all nonprogressive men as simply lacking the initiative, "filling" in the economy of life.

The key to the whole story is found in the words of the father: "This, my son, was dead, and is alive again; was lost, and is found". Here the wondrous lesson of the resurrection is taught. Dead, not conscious of himself as spirit. Lost, not conscious of himself. Living in sensuous thought and desires. into consciousness of himself.

He returns a man, "born again" This, I believe, is the lesson Jesus desired to teach. Jesus was an Essene, and poverty was their habit. "Sell all thou hast and give to the poor," he told the young man.

"I have found myself. I know my Father's love; his kindness; his charity; his patience. I know myself; where I stood and where I now am. I'll go where I have each day my daily bread. I'll earn it. I'll be no longer a parasite. Enough! that is all I want. There is at home

ENOUGH! There is love, tenderness, protection and material supply. Enough! I'll go!"

Decision is the climax of human endeavor. "I'll go to the One! I'll labor and trust. I'll go where there is enough and where I claim no portion, but will have each day enough!"

To the elder the Father said: "Son, all that I have is thine!" The boy had not known this. Yet out of the all that was the elder's the Father had taken robe, ring and fatted calf. What right to give to the younger that which was the other's?

But how did it belong to him? Just as Enough belongs to each of us. Out of Abundance each has daily enough to enjoy! Enough for use! As an Essene Jesus had no idea of material possession. But it seems to me that he wished here, in addition, to emphasize the spiritual awakening; to teach the reliance upon "Our Father" for Supply. He had taught this reliance in the petition, "Give us this day the bread we need." In the "Enough" of the son; in the promise of the Father in welcoming him; in the words to the elder we have no other meaning than this: when one's spiritual consciousness is awakened, and his faith developed, there will be each day "Enough" for needs and for enjoyment, but nothing to hoard. Such is a lesson received from the Parable. I do not know what Jesus

with those of fear, remorse, selfcondemnation; they have no more place here than they have in There is no darkness but ignorance,

the career of any man who, through experience, has found himself and his place. Instead of pain, he has reason to rejoice over manliness, self-control, self-reliance and selfknowledge and to congratulate himself that all this has come here and now.

> AFFIRMATIONS.

I am conscious of a constant struggle within me, between the demands of the Spirit and the demands of the flesh.

The Divine Reality and the illusion of sense struggle for dominion.

I AM Power, but sense says, weakness.

I am Life, but sense echoes. disease. I am wisdom, but sense affirms ignorance.

I am Faith, but Fear claims dominion.

To one I must give allegiance.

To one I must be loyal.

To one I must be faithful.

One is eternal! One is ephemeral! One is to increase! One is to decrease!

Which shall I serve?

I cannot serve two masters.

I must make my choice.

Love Divine, I choose you!

Eternal Life, I choose you!

Wisdom Infinite, I choose you!

I am Life! I am Love! I am Wisdom!

In faith I make these affirmations. In fidelity I hold to Life, Love and Wisdom.

O Thou in whom all these are One, thee I serve!

One may risk his eternal salvation in choice of priest, but may not risk his physical salvation by choice of his doctor. Personal liberty is a farce and is growing less real every day.

Shakespeare,

The Supreme Court of New York affirms the conviction of an authorized practitioner of the Christian Science Church. It was held that the words of the statute were broad enough to cover this practitioner where it said, "holds himself out as being able to_____treat____any human disease," and he did "undertake to treat." The language of the statute is "by any means or method." This the Court held covered the means used by him.

The one question presented the Court was whether he was permitted to practice under the clause of the statute which privides that "This article shall not be construed to affect____the practice of religious tenets of any church." The question was, "Is the commercialized use of prayer for the avowed purpose of treating all persons seeking cure, for all kinds of bodily ills, the practice of the religious tenets of a church !" The Court declared that it has "no right to pass on the faith, belief or religious tenets of the Christian Scientists, or the efficacy of their methods____Its sole concern was "whether the practititioner was properly licensed and registered, and whether his practice came within the exception as to the practice of religious tenets of any church. 'Digitized by GOO

Minute a man stops looking for Trouble,happiness looks for him. —Irving Aschere.

The Court decided that a man might hold and express the opinions of any sect, "but when he advances from the realm of thought to that of action he must obey the law." The Court reached the conclusion "that the acts complained of did constitute the practice of medicine, were not the practice of the religious tenets of any church, and to authorize the defendant to administer his treatment he must first be duly licensed and registered in accordance with the provisions of the public health."

"O Liberty, how many crimes are committed in thy name!" O Public Health, how many tyrannies are committed in thy name!!

Note well the statement that the Court had nothing to do with the fact of the ability, honesty, or the success in healing. Had nothing to do with the "efficiency of the methods." He must be licensed that he could practice, and then he could let die on his hands every patient. But unlicensed he could not cure all that came.

It is a fact established by the U. S. Courts, that Mrs. Helen Wilmans and Prof. S. A. Weltmer did cure a much larger percent than any licensed practitioner. Christian Science practitioners cure a larger proportion by far than any registered M. D. What of it?

Why! Calling ourself a Christian nation, a Christian civilization, we could imperson the ancient prophets, and Jesus and his disciples. Were they to-

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day practicing their RELIGIOUS TENETS in the United States, they would be prosecuted. Calling this the land of the Free, the laws make us the slaves of prejudice and of ignorance. Judges are roused to believe in the "commercialized" "practice of medicine!" "The practice of medicine," for not an honest physician will dare to call it even an art, much less a science. It is the Art of experimenting with human life. The doctor who would today attempt to treat his patients as they treated my parents, and myself when a boy, would find no recognition in any medical society. The medical practice of today fall into equal desuetude will within the next twenty-five years. despite laws, courts and judges, for Truth is mighty, and does prevail. Ever lag the courts the farthest of all in the march of Truth. But by and by civil law will recognize the right of the individual to die without "suffering many things of physicians," or he may call in one who may pray him well. Prayers are all right today, if uttered by a "commercialized" exponent of church tenets, but not by one outside the monopoly of theologic dogmas. New Thought people have no fears. SI-LENT POWER OF TRUTH WILL ANNUL SUCH DECISIONS AT THE RIGHT TIME. NOW, these decisions show the power of Truth in the FEAR the regulars have of losing their field, if this law limitation is removed. We'll now jump the fence and declare it does not ex-

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Whene'er 1 meet my sailing peers, "ALL'S WELL" I to their hail reply.

-Edith M. Thomas.

ist in Truth. This decision teaches us to watch the legislatures and the courts. Since woman has the ballot they form the bulk of New Thoughters. Soon they will be felt in preserving the liberties the fathers won. Among these rights are "the right to Life!" Even Doctors or State have no power righteously to come between the individual and the Source of his Being-GOD-by insisting upon any examination, law or court. DOES HE HEAL! Then he has God's sanction. And God will protect. Courts, read Pilate's decision and history's repudiation of it.

AMERICA FOR PEACE.

Richard Henry Lee wrote to Washington in 1794 the following words, which show that he at that time foresaw the place America would hold in relation to Universal Peace: The success and happiness of the United States is our care, and if the nations of Europe approve war, we surely may be permitted to cultivate the arts of peace. And it is really a happiness to reflect that if war should befall us, our government will not promote it; but give cause to all who venerate humanity to revere the Rulers here.

Emerson, in his address at the meeting of the Peace Society in Boston in 1838, foresaw the position of America as the inspiration of Universal Peace.

After enumerating the various reforms, all looking to the uplift of humanity, he said:

If the universal cry for reform of so many abuses, with which society rings,—if the de-sire of a large class of young men for a faith and hope intellectual and religious, such as they have not yet found, be an omen to be trusted; if the disposition to rely more, in study and in action, on the unexplored riches of the human constitution,-if the search of the sublime laws of morals and the sources of hope and trust in man and not in books, in the present and not in the past, proceed; if the rising generation can be provoked to think it unworthy to nestle into every ambition of the past, and shall feel the generous darings of austerity and virtue; then war has a short day and human blood will cease to flow. It is of little consequence in what manner, through what organs, this purpose of mercy and holiness is effected. The proposition of the Congress of Nations is undoubtedly that at which the present fabric of our society and the present course of events do point. But the mind, once prepared for the reign of principles, will easily find means of expressing its will. There is the bicket funce in the place and the time in highest fitness in the place and the time in which this enterprise is begun. Not in an obscure corner, not in feudal Europe, not in an antiquated appanage where no onward step can be taken without rebellion, is the seed of benevolence laid in the furrow, with tears of hope; but in this broad America of God and man, where the forest is only now falling, or yet to fall, and the green earth open to the inundations of emigrant guilt; here where not a family, not a few men, but mankind shall say what shall be; here WE ask, "Shall it be War or shall it be Peace?"

HELP THOU MINE UNBELIEF.

- Because I seek Thee not, oh, seek Thou me! Because my lips are dumb, oh, hear the CLA
 - I do not utter as Thou passest by,
- And from my lifelong bondage set me free! Because, content I perish far from Thee,
- Oh, seize me, snatch me from my fate and try
- My soul in Thy consuming fire! Draw nigh
- And let me blinded, Thy salvation see!
- If I were pouring at thy my tears,

- If I were clamoring to see Thy face, I should not need Thee as now I need, Whose dumb, dead soul knows neither hope nor fears,
- Nor dreads the outer darkness of this place-
- Because I seek Thee not, pray not, give Thou heed!

Louise Chandler Moulton.

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Obstruction is but virtue's foil. The stream impeded has a song.

-Ingersell

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Typographical errors rarely trouble me, but two in my poem, "Dreams that Failed." in last NOW, made me cringe. In second stanza, seventh line for "great" read greater. In fourth stanza, eighth line, for "worn" read won. In some way these got into the revise proof. Were not in first proof. It seems impossible not to have some errors. All we can do is to have as few as possible.

My readers will remember that this is in addition to The CONGRESS which is held the first week of September. The Congress is under the auspices of the International New Thought Alliance, of which Mr. James A. Edgerton of Washington, D. C., is president, and Harry Gaze of Los Angeles is secretary. This Exposition Committee has the pleasing duty of entertaining that Congress, and is making wise preparations for it.

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i will not dream in valn despair The steps of progress wait for me.

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J. J. KERRIGAN. My commission expires Aug. 27, 1918. The Mid-day Conferences at Kohler & Chase hall are a marvelous revelation of the public interest in Truth. The Editor had the rare pleasure of talking there recently at the noon hour to an audience of perhaps 200 different persons. Some come for the hour and some for only a few minutes, to get the benediction of the Silence and the united influence of thoughts there centered in the All-Good.

- Whittier.

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I have had as good typographical work done on the book as can be

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- All day with my heart and spirit In fear and awe,
- I strive to feel out through my darkness Thy Light and Law.
- And this, when the sun from his shining Goes sadly away,
- And the moon looketh from her chamber Is all I can say-
- That He who foresaw of transgression . The might and the length,

Has fashioned the Law to exceed not Our poor human strength.

-Alice Cary.

THE UNDERCHORD.

By Mabel Earle.

- Where the great waters gather up their glory,
- Leaping out headlong from the canyon wall,
- With rainbows circling on their foam-crest hoary.
- And choral trumpets pealing as they fall, There, if one stay his step and hush his spirit.
- Beneath the torrent's crashing thundertone-
- Murmuring, vibrant, marvelous he shall hear it-
 - The underchord no mortal harp has known.
- But whoso hears the chord may never claim it,
- Nor capture it on sounding strings or keys
- No music known of man shall ever name it, Nor solve its interwoven harmonies.
- Linked with the waves it dwells, apart and under,

One with the flying spray and rainbow gleam,

- And none may know it save amid the wonder and mystery of the mountain and the stream.
- There is another stream beside whose sweeping
 - Men stay their steps and hush their hearts again,
- While the vast mingled voice of human weeping
- Rings out across the rock-bound heights of pain.
- Sad with the sadness of all vain endeavor,
- Sharp with all suffering, deep with sob Yet through the mighty surging voice forever

Thrills up to God a glorious undertone.

- Not elsewhere than in bitter tribulation
- Is born the music of that mingled strain, The harmony uplifted in oblation Of love and faith victorious over pain.
- And whoso passing by shall pause to hear
- it.
- Lo, let him know the Presence of the Lord,
- And the immortal splendor of man's spirit Wrung out in triumph through that underchord.
- It may be that the choiring angels yonder Have caught the strain no mortal harp

Archia L. Black.

-Whittier.

may hold;

- The glory of that music and its wonder May yet be heard within the gates of gold.
- And on the altar-stairs of heaven ascending It may be that God's white-robed sera-

phim Shall sing among his praises never-ending

The song of hearts that broke and trusted him.

-From Sunday School Times.

SELF-HYPNOTISM.

There is but one law governing force, whatever that law may be. That law is actionmotion.

If a pistol shot be fired in a given direction, whatever is in line with that shot will be hit by the bullet. The force that expels the bullet from the socket does not ask whether it is aimed in defense of life or with murderous intent. The electrical energy that supplies us with light and heat and motive-power kills people every day. It is a force and as such obeys inviolable law.

The force that produces hypnosis can not differ from every other known force. It may be used constructively or it may be used destructively. Again there is a distinction between hypnotism and mesmerism, which is not generally understood. However, as this fact has nothing to do with our present consideration of the question, we will not go into it. The results are much the same in both cases, the difference lying in the methods. There is a phase of hypnotism or mesmerism, as the case may be, that is not dealt with by other students of the phenomena. The first stage of hypnotic or mesmeric influence is "overconcentration upon one line, or subject of thought,"

Thus, I hold that persons who give all of their time to the consideration of one thing, whether that thing be business or pleasure, vice or virtue, are hypnotized by that thought, or thing, as the case may be. It becomes the all-absorbing thought in his mind.

Under this head come religious fanaticism; the various hobbies or manias (according to their violence); jealousy; revenge; and all intense ambitions. Thus, to my mind, persons who blindly follow any so-called leader, prophet, or re-incarnated mahatma, are hypnotized. They have become absorbed in that one idea, by over-concentration upon it. Sometimes this result is due to the mesmeric influence of another, and sometimes it is purely hypnotic. That

is, the subject itself has absorbed the attention without the element of personal magnetism, or personal influence.

This stage of hypnotish, it is needless to say, is not generally recognized as such. The followers of Christian Science, for example, who accept without question the most absurd hypothetical reasoning, are as surely hypnotized in this degree, as are persons under the spell of one who admits himself a hypnotist.

All results obtained and manifested through hypnotism, are brought about by suggestion. Sometimes it is a suggestion given by an operator and sometimes it is selfsuggestion. In either case, the thought contained in the suggestion is allowed to sink into the mind. It is dwelt upon, and the mind becomes absorbed by the suggestion.—McIvor Tyndall.

There is strength in the soil;

In the earth there is laughter and youth.

- There is solace and hope in the upturned loam.
- And lo, I shall plant my soul in it here like a seed!
- And forth it shall come to me as a flower of song;
- For I know it is good to get back to the earth

That is orderly, placid, all-patient!

It is good to know how quiet

And noncommittal it breathes,

This ample and opulent bosom

That must some day nurse us all!

-Arthur Stringer.

The first lesson of life is to burn our own smoke; that is, not to inflict on outsiders our personal sorrows and petty morbidness, not to keep thinking of ourselves as exceptional cases.—James Russell LowelL

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