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REFLECTIONS ON MY 78TH BIRTH-DAY.

I have not won the prize That comes in Mamon's costly guise: I've not the power so many seek: In civic glory I am weak; I've no ambition that would gain Eminence through another's pain; My praise's not sung at Fashion's rout: Nor is it heard in the masses' shout; No titles add letters to my name; I'm called simply by that which came From Mother's lips, and that I hold More precious than all deans have told. Critics, if you must judge, please try to find The thought that lies my acts behind. Test not by that I've left undone, But rate me by the goal I've won! Measure not by the unattained. But credit give for what I've gained. I seek not praise; nor fear your scorn, I'm simply the man of human born. Say "He was a lover !" My love blends This three in one,-Truth, Country, Friends! By this title and this alone Would I as Henry Brown, be known. Enough for me to have lived and loved. Enough that I by Life have proved That Wisdom lies in doing one's best; ene In speaking Truth. Fidelity's the test, I've tried to add to the thought of the race, My evolvent share; to have left a trace,-A gentle ripple in the clay Ral Of human character. If my way Has caused a spasm in the "unco good," 12. Twas that I might spur on true Brotherhood. This much from my life I've gained :---A deeper Consciousness-of-Self! I've attained A satisfaction to which heaven cannot add, Nor hell impair! Looking backward I am glad I've lived! I've loved! I've suffered! Wrought

Freedom I've -----L.

I've looked above for happiness In the Soul's decision. All is well !" So, friend or critic, if you must tell Aught of me, say this: "He won his Souls release Through Faithfulness, and he's now at Peace !" HENRY HARRISON BROWN. Camp on Umpqua River, Oregon, June 26, 1917.

I LOVE MY WORK.

My Father worketh hitherto and I work. -Jesus

No happiness without employment. Expression must be. Soul presses outward in unfoldment. Work of some kind, even if it be that which goes under the names of "play," "vice," "excitement," etc., must be. Whatever manifests mental or physical forces in expression, is work.

The difference between Labor and Play lies in the thought which accompanies the expression. Work is expression under a thought of necessity. Play is expression under choice. One is expression under, "I must"; the other under, "I desire to!" Under, "I must," there is weariness; under, "I desire," there is gain.

The secret of happiness is to eliminate "must" and "have to" from life. You are to do at all times that which you desire to do Google

Man is a Center of Life in the One Life. Somewhat into act my Thought. - Conceious Law, He

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The weariness of labor comes from the mental friction caused by the necessity under which it is done. Therefore, we eliminate the thought of "must" and "have to" from our life. We work because we love to work.

This is done by treating the demands of the physical life as we treat sun and rain, wind and wave. We have fretted at rain and complained of heat. We have learned to change our mental attitude toward them and enjoy them. When we love the wind, it loves us. The draft that we love will not give us a cold. Treat work the same. When we love it, it loves us, and becomes pleasant. Affirm:—Work is a necessity of my being that I create. I love that which I create. I love my work.

This is the position one must take toward his labor would he be happy in it. No matter at what you labor, LOVE it. Be it manual or mental, be it on the ranch or in the office, at the desk or cook stove, it is yours. It is for you, or you would not have it. You have drawn it to you by your needs, by your thought or want of thought. It is yours by Divine Law of Mind.

Says Emerson in "Self-Reliance":—"A man is relieved and gay when he has put his heart into his work and done his best; but what he has done otherwise, shall give him no peace." And he also says:—"Accept the place divine providence has found for you—great men have always done so!"

What will you do? Will you go at your task like a slave whipped with a "must," and thus repine and fret and wish? This is on par with the effort of the child, diving to the bottom of the brook to catch the moon. It is fighting the inevitable,—battling with the Omnipotent. Stop fighting! Drop antagonism! Change your mental attitude! You cannot change the weather, but you can change your thought of it; can change your mental attitude toward it. So is it with your labor. It is yours. You cannot change it, or you would. Love it. What you do, do with love. Every fret makes a necessity for vacation, drugs, and doctors. Affirm:--I Love what I do!

You can affirm this as you think of the Principle of Life that enables you to labor. You can say: "I am part of the Universe that worketh. Because I am a part of that universe, I work and am one with it. The Universe needs my hands. My hands need the labor. Therefore, I love labor. I love my work."

I LOVE MY WORK! This Affirmation makes any labor pleasant and easy. The habit of considering labor as work is the heaviest task imposed upon labor. The same labor, when called "play," is easy. The baseball and football games, golf, tennis, and other games are as much work as in shop or on farm. What makes this work play? The thoughts with which it is done. These players unconsciously obey Thought and are carried as a leaf with the current.

They do not choose their thought. Events and custom choose it for them. You can choose yours. You can think play while at your work and thus convert it into play, making happiness for yourself. Affirmation demonstrates that we can control our thoughts, choose them. We are responsible when we allow any unpleasant thought to come into our work. To think, "How pleasant!" is to make it pleasant.

Your attention is called to some disagreeable work that another is doing. What of it? It is not your business to think for him. Attend to your thoughts about your own life and know that the same mental laws abide in him that abide in you.

Emerson has a good Affirmation to use here:—"What I must alone concerns me! Not what people think!"

Use your power to make yourself hap-

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

-Edith M. Thomas.

py and the radiance from your life will lead others to recognize their own powers. To be happy, love your work. In this love, if it is not for you, it will soon drop away. Antagonism holds it to you. Thousands of unpleasant conditions will fall off labor when we cease antagonism.

Let this be your Affirmation:—I Love my Work. I work at that which I love. Work loves me and comes to me to be done.

A BLUE GRASS IDYL.

Cyrrs Shultz, a farmer near Rapids, Ky., refused to sell a kernel of corn except to those who needed it for bread when the price of corn was \$10 a barrel and then he would accept only \$2.50 a barrel for it. He could have sold the entire amount for \$1000, but already has allowed many of his poor neighbors to cart away a bushel upon their promise to pay.—Boston Globe.

Talk about patriotism! Off hats to Cyrus Shultz. When the "leading men" are leading the country into paths of starvation for private gain this Kentuckian is putting the temptation for gain aside and, by helping others, is helping his country. Too many are crying with Col. Sellers: "Hurrah for the Union, with an appropriation." Sultz is not in that class.

Talk about religion! Shultz has the best brand we know of. No swinging censer, no chanting choir, no flowing robes, no bells, just plain religion. What is his creed? We neither know nor care. He grows a tree that bears the fruit of love, and is better than any creed. Shultz is the Golden Rule. He an swers the old question "who is my neighbor?" in the same way as did the good Samaritan of the parable.

He is putting into practice the teachings of the highest spirits constantly given us.

Business men will call Shultz a crank. He is unbusinesslike but truly human. Honor to Shultz. May his tribe increase.

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THE ATTITUDE OF SUCCESS.

There are certainly a thousand ways to fail, but most of them are summed up in this: A failure is a man who does the wrong thing without learning from it; the man who does the right thing, but quits before it is finished; the man who finishes, but does not get it right; and the man who does not do it at all. Underlying all those is the same attitude of mind—a sort of uncertainty; a feeling of being a folundering fish in shallow muddy water; a half-hearted disposition to let go whenever the pulling is hard and wait for a lift. The attitude of success is:

First—An agreeable self-possession; a mental state that enables you to meet all clases of men on a level—knowing you can be neither persuaded nor bullied into changing your plans against your judgment.

Second—An open mind; a mind that will quickly take in the details of any problem presented and can look round it and under it and over it, and come to a conclusion after—not before !—full consideration.

Third—Resourcefulness. If your wagon breaks down on the road and you invent some way to mend it, and get in with your load, you are a success. If you go off and sit on a rock and wait for a ride back to town, you are a failure.

Fourth—And this is the biggest of all: A success is a man who will not quit until he does what he sets out to do. He may not do it at the time he hoped—may not do it in the first or tenth way he tries; but if he starts to climb a mountain and finds the way impassable he goes off and finds some other way that is not impassable. He does not stick always on a project that he finds foolish. But whatever he starts he carries through m one form or another—even if it is nothing more than kicking a piece of pastehoard off the sidewalk.—II m. II. Hanly in "Ladics Home Journal."

A Wisconsin M. D. writes to NOW a letter so good you must share most of it with me: "I think you are one of the strongest New Thought writers we have. I was glad that William Walker Alkinson paid you such a well-deserved and glowing tribute in a recent issue of Advanced Thought. I read and re-read those copies of last year's NOW. They are all marked and re-marked up, and underscored, and every time I read an article Trust thyself! Every heart Vibrates to that iron string.

-Emerson

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HELL-AND-HEAVEN OF TODAY.

Who are they that dwell in Hell? What is Hell? Hell is the absence of joy. To be alive and yet not to live; to fear mankind; to fear death; to try to conceal crooked methods, thinking by supporting churches and giving liberally to charitable institutions one can atone for past mistleeds; to go to church for selfish ends, for false impressions; to put into the contribution box gold gained at the cost of womanhood and near-starvation, from vile tenements and places of degradation. And then to think that God will look with favor, or that one's conscience can be truly satisfied!

To be afraid to die and leave it all; to sit sometimes in silence and see the ghosts of despair; to see those who have been crushed by the steam-rollers of wealth; to look on the haggard face of suicides, of women and children dving in squalor and want; to call one's self a Christian and yet wear, knowingly, the mask of hypocrisy; to be a good church member,-ave, even to almost own a church and yet not dare to be left alone to think; to feel the hatred of those one has robbed, and even as church bells ring to feel them change into funeral kneels,-ves, even though warden of the most fashionable church on the Avenue! If I dare not think I am then in Hell, a fiery Hell, breathing the fumes of the brimstone of hatred, burning in the fever of my own fears, surrounded by bodyguards, in terror of the assassin, a prisoner in a palace,-Hell on earth following me to the grave and, after death, the spirits of those I have wronged haunting me! To still crave the things I have left behind and yet go hungry; to see the gold I have hoarded thrown to the winds by spendthrift heirs; to sometimes visit old haunts and hear my name spoken in disgust; to be called a skinflint and a miser; to go day by day,

and night through night, only to encounter clouds and darkness; to search constantly for Heaven and to find it never; to remember childhood days and long to be a child again; to dwell in remorse and sorrow for those I have wronged; to weep blinding tears, to sense a faint light that grows stronger each day and to hear a voice within my Soul that breathes a word long dead that word is Love!

And then to know that Fame's wortaless badge and crying greed for gold were but the essence of Hell, and that Love is the seed from whence grow the flowers of Heaven, whether Heaven be on earth or in a boundless space beyond; that Love is the great transformer making the unreal, real, and that Heaven is only in the human soul! To be a dweller in Hell no more! To commence at the beginning, to start all over again and just LOVE!

"Love ye one another" and ye shall dwell together in the *dwelling place* of the *Most High*!

HAROLD F. PALMER.

THE REALIZATION OF FREEDOM.

In my previous lessons I have dealt with the general application of principles to life of the individual. This lesson is intended to instruct the student in the proper use of thought, under the right ideal for successful demonstration.

It has been shown scientifically, under the law of evolution, that man, by philosophical deduction, can consider himself to be a Son of God. The Universal Power that we see in active operation in all things has incarnated itself in man, and when man realizes this to be a truth, then the possibility of his living as an Unfolding Soul becomes a reality. I take it for granted that all who read this lesson are convinced of this truth, i. e., Man is the highest expression of

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

Universal Power. That it is in man only that Universal Power or Mind finds Conscious expression.

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Lack of the realization of this power within is the real cause of unhappiness, sin, disease and death. The only way that these conditions can be destroyed is by the individual wiping out old thoughts and conceptions, and establish within himself a new consciousness, from this new conception of Power that has been born in his conscious mind. It is in this conception that the beginning of all unfoldment sleeps. In this thought there is wakened within the individual the realization of the infinite possibilities of unfoldment.

To one schooled to thinking along orthodox lines this may seem an unwarranted statement, yet when the powers of the Universal Mind that is manifesting within each individual are but partially understood, the individual who so perceives cannot in any way place upon himself any ideal of Limitation. His first affirmation as to his self-hood is, I AM; and he sees that unto that conception of the self all else can be added, as he unfolds into greater consciousness of power.

The realization of infinite possibilities within is the beginning of Freedom. The knowledge that we have been using but a small percentage of the power we have at hand to use, opens up a new universe of possible achievement to an individual.

I am a conscious unfolding soul from the first moment that this realization dawns upon my consciousness.

Every effect has an underlying cause.

the reward of true life and thought is peace and power.

-Julia Ward Howe

No one can make you a man of power but yourself. It is up to you. You, and you alone, are the master of your own life. Have confidence in the power that is within yourself. Impose your WILL upon the power that you are, and direct it in the way you desire it to go. This is done by building a definite ideal and determining to live every day as if that ideal is a present reality. Am I sick? Very well-I will live the life I am in reality-back of my life is all of the Universal Life; I will turn on the mental faucet of directive will and manifest more of the life I am. Am I a failure? It matters not; I will profit by my past experiences; I will forgo all self-pity; I will not live in regret, but from this moment assume an attitude of Success, and become that man I desire to be, NOW in my thought and faith life. I can free myself from all bondage. I have the confidence that sets the chisel of will against the restraining influence of an indifferent attitude of life and living. I have faith in God in my own Soul. The secret of true freedom is to believe in the Self as one with power, under the thought of "I Can."

SAM E. FOULDS.

My dear Mr. Brown:

Thanks for that dear treasure "Dollars Want Me." What a beautiful edition! Everybody should have a copy; it is the greatest little book for the money in the world. Those who have read the former edition will all want this enlarged and beautiful book full of vitalizing, nowerful practical thoughts for the ev-

I will not dream in vain despair The steps of progress wait for me.

- Whittier.

THE SUPREME UNIT.

A Lesson Pertaining to Permanent Success.

PART II.

The Supreme Unit may be symbolized as follows: Here is a large reservoir of water with many pipes, like long lean fingers, stretching away from it through the many streets of a great city. Although the pipes seem so widely separat-.ed from each other, as they run through the different streets and avenues, yet one knows that the water in each pipe continually flows forth from the main body of water in the reservoir, and that through it (the reservoir) the water in one pipe is connected with the water in every one of the other pipes; in fact, ALL the water is back of each pipe. The water in all the pipes and in the reservoir constitutes the Whole, and when water is drawn from a single pipe, water is really drawn from the Whole. Now let us personify the water-pipe, giving it the self-conscious power of a hu-Will it not be almost cerman being. tain to say, "O, how fast my supply is going! I shall soon find myself completely exhausted, if things go on this way much longer, and then what shall I do? O, this is terrible!" And then will it not be more than likely to commence to worry and sigh, stew and fret, and thus work itself up into a great "nervous" state, and maybe spring leak? But now, let us suppose that by the miracle of an expanded consciousness, the pipe perceives its true relation to the great reservoir, will it not soon come to know that until the reservoir itself runs dry its (the pipe's) supply will remain unfailing? Worry and fear must then take French leave.

ive, when he said, "As the Father in himself, even so gave he the Son also to have life in himself." The Son's life is the life of the Father, and the Father's life is the life of the Son. As the water in the pipe is also the water in the reservoir, that is, one and the same, so is the life of God and the life of Man One and the same, and that ONE constitutes the Supreme Unit.

As this idea of ONENESS penetrates your consciousness and sinks into your subconsciousness you will begin to see evidences of oneness on all sides. You will see (with your "Eyes to See") that One Blood flows through the veins of the race. You will see that One Life lives in all. You will perceive that One Intelligence thinks in all brains. You will know that when Emerson said. "There is one mind common to all individual men. Every man is an inlet to the same and to all of the same," he spoke the truth. You will know that LOVE itself is the Great Lover who loves in all. You will understand that One Word is speaking in all and to all. Good and evil will vanish, and you will come to know that there is but ONE. and that ONE appears to you as you conceive it to be.

With the Supreme Unit as the basic principle underlying the attainment of your ideal, whatever that may be, you may travel straight to it in your mind (whatever you do, you always perform first in your mind), without the shadow of fear or failure; and as the external must always follow the lead of the internal, your body and environment will arrive in due season.

I cannot present this idea of the Omnipresent, All-inclusive, Unifying Power too strongly or too clearly to your mind, for upon it must rest your faith in the certainty of your attainment. You must gain the perception that the ONH POWER is the ONE, and that there is none other beside IT.

in the mud and scum of things, There alway, alway something sings

-Emerson.

We are acquainted with this POWER as "Life," as "Health," as "Intelligence," and as substance or "Supply," and since this Power is All-Present, Now, Here and Everywhere, then Lite, Health, Intelligence, and Supply is never absent from any of us at any moment. Then the question arises; if this is so, why is it that we are not all enjoying Abundant Life, Health, Intelligence and Supply? The answer is that it is all a matter of consciousness. We know and are all things according to the measure of Consciousness. Great Knowing is great Being. We see by the faculty of perception; we know by the sense of Feeling.

Jesus Christ said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." How was he to accomplish this? By directing Man to the Source of All Life and by showing him his relation thereto. And that is just what he did by precept, parable and living example.

The aim of this lesson is to set before the attention of the student the Great Principle of Unity so definitely that he cannot fail to gain a clear intellectual perception of that Supreme Unit whose offspring in truth he is, and by whose Absolute Wisdom and Power he accomplishes all things. Let him quietly read this lesson and then again, from time to time, until his Teacher from Within gives to his consciousness the True Idea which the writer has sought to express through the words of this lesson, the unity of that Life, Intelligence and Power the tide of which rolls uninterruptedly through all things forever.

WILLIAM MORRIS NICHOLS.

But then most Godlike being most a man.

-Tennyson.

TRAINING FOLDER FOR SELF-MAST-ERY.

"The Indwelling Mind Does the Work." I am to resolve:---

- 1. To be master.
- 2. To rule and direct self with a hand of steel.
- 3. To be an inspiration to everyone about me.
- 4. To be absolutely free from all that is undesirable.
- 5. To have absolute liberty.
- 6. To inspire the finest and best.
- 7. To make friends who have self-control.
- 8. To naturally avoid all that is undesirable.
- 9. To have great distaste for all that is undesirable.
- 10. To have every cell in my being Divinely contented.
- To have every cell in my being Divinely satisfied.
- 12. To have every cell in my being Divinely peaceful.
- 13. To be thoroughly normal and conscious of health and strength.
- 14. To love to be known as a temperate person.
- 15. To be free from all troubles and forget them.
- 16. To have a pure, clean mind.
- 17. To have high ideals and live up to them.
- 18. To have most radiant health and strength.
- 19. To be temperate in all things pertaining to eating and drinking. HELENA J. MARTIN.

Look into thy heart, and write! Yes, into Life's deep stream!

All forms of sorrow and delight,

- All solemn Voices of the Night,
- That can soothe thee or affright-

Be these henceforth thy theme.

-Longfellow.

PRACTICAL TELEPATHY.

Transmution of Emotions to Thought.

Human Consciousness begins in Sensation. Whatever consciousness the brute may have, so begins. He is entirely controlled by his sensations. The vegetable world manifests sensation, and scientists also declare that there is a manifestation of sensation in the mineral. Somewhere from mineral to man consciousness begins, and in man it becomes Self-Consciousness. In this Self-Consciousness he may no longer be controlled by his sensations, but may control them.

The brute feels and acts. Man, as far as the brute remains in him, feels and acts: as far as he is man, he feels, thinks, *chooses* and acts.

Man feels, and knows that he feels. The brute does not know.

Adam in the legend could think and name the animals. They could not name themselves.

Being guided by these feelings, animals are more reliable than man in their actions, being in fact automatons under Nature's law of obedience. No choice have they, and their instincts are as reliable as the law that crystallizes the diamond.

Because man has choice, he can make mistakes, and every mistake reveals his divinity, his manhood. His reason is falible because it is a new development of Life. The brute acts as the water flows. Man must have a reason, must know why he acts. He learns to think by thinking.

Thinking is the changing of feeling into Thought, through the same law of transmutation by which gravity is changed ander water-wheel to motive power, and by which electricity is changed to light. Logically, the more one feels the more he can think. Yes, can! But the majority of people do not. They stop with feeling. Note the feeling in crowds, political gatherings, etc. Feelings run away with them. But no great thinker, on any plane of expression, who was not capable of deep feeling, was a great lover.

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Emotions radiate as do rays from the sun. All brute life is very sensitive to them. A knowledge of this explains the conduct of animals. They sense our feelings to them. Vicious animals allow children to pet them. We had a cat on this ranch, which we decided must be shot. She felt the thought and kept away from the one who was to do it. Finally after a week had passed, seeing him, she ran into a building and acted wildly. He followed her there and shot her while she cowered in fear. Every person familiar with animals realizes this sensitiveness. But man is not less sensitive would he pay attention to his sensations. This sensation in the animal is the secret of the power of the animal tamer and the snake charmer. A young friend of mine had perfect confidence in himself and would think to the rattlesnake on the prairie, and the snake would let him fearlessly handle it. The fearless bee-keeper is never stung. This power in man we call Psychometry. Every person realizes the difference in his feelings in different places and as he comes in contact with different people. To cultivate the recognition and interpretation of these feelings, is to extend one's universe; is to live above the limitations of the sense life. We all feel enough, but do not express it. Often we do not know the origin or the meaning of our feelings. Says Walt Whitman :- 'Walt, you contain enough, why do you not let it out?" "I feel enough but do not know how to tell it." we often hear Ah: that is the Digitized by GOOGLE

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To the receptive soul the River of Life Pauseth not nor is diminished.

-George Eliot.

rub! We need to transmute feelings to language. The lover finds himself writing poetry because he feels so much, and poetry is the language of the emotions. Never a poem that did not come as the expression of a warm heart. Didactic rhyme, like the "Essay on Man," is not poetry.

We feel so full offtimes that we think we could make a speech, or write a book. But a single sentence is all we can utter. We mistake a sudden emotion for a continuous stream.

"Silent, as we stand when feeling most," said Byron by Lake Leman. But his feeling was later transmuted into a canto of "Childe Harold." There may be philosophy and theology without feeling. Often a person has trained himself to transmute all his life to thought and live in pure intellect, as did Darwin, to his own conscious loss-as does the average business money-lover. Self-Control consists in controlling our emotional nature by our thought: or a more scientific definition is: Self-Control lies in transmuting deep emotions into noble thoughts. We should be governed by our devotions to a noble ideal.

These practical exercises are bringing you to consciousness of the fact that you are sensitive to the vibrations of thought and emotions, and also to the greater fact that you can educate yourself to recognize them and translate them; that you may outgrow the ammal in you and live conscious of the higher and finer vibrations of Spirit (or Man) here and now; may live conportant of all studies, i. e., How to live as Spirit.

Continue previous exercises. Begin to notice your sensations wherever you may be. If you feel pleasant or disagreeable in any place or with any person, learn whence these feelings come. To do this, be passive. Put aside reasoning, ask not whence or why. Let--simply let-these feelings come back to frontal brain; in this transit they wil! be transmuted into thought, and through some experience you will interpret these feelings, and will know if it be jealousy, anger, or some similar reeling that causes you to feel disagreeable, or if it be joy, health, success or good news that brings the pleasant feeling. Listen to the feeling and it will become vocal.

Let every feeling you wish to interpret flow over you as waves over a rock. Be unmoved by it. As if you were an observer and reported of another person, observe and report of yourself. In this way you can study and learn; in this way interpret. "There is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed."

Revelation is of the soul, not in detail, but in principles and in conditions. You may realize a discord in the life of another and not be able to locate it; may realize a sense of shame and not be able to tell of what he is ashamed. But here you pass from mere Telepathy into the broader faculty which includes not only Telepathy but clairvoyance, intuition and inspiration, and that is Psychometry, which is "soul-measuring," Soul-Persention Google

Every time you are with a stranger.

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I am not fighting my fight: I am singing my song.

-Archie L. Black

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some others repel, why you like some and do not like others. You are finding below appearances the Real Man. You will soon learn to be immune to all that is unpleasant and to feel only the good.

That you may demonstrate this fact of feeling the vibrations of persons and things, try these experiments.

Be blindfolded as you are out of a room where several people are. Now return, let them touch you hand, you trying to tell whether they are male or female, ou or young, and all that you feel from them.

Next try holding articles which persons shall give you, and tell who owns them.

Then take letters and see how much you can get of the writer. Sometimes by telepathy you will get the thought in the letter, sometimes will feel the writer and get his character. Sometimes you will clairvoyantly see him, or the place he was in, or what was in his mind. In this way, if you will continue your practice, you may come en rapport with any person or any place, for in that universal ocean of vibration, where we all are, you may select any radiation you choose. Also, past is as present reality, and you learn that time is but an illusion. Coming events often cast their shadows there. To read those shadows is prophecy. And here, where we have no experience to guide us, we so often fail that the vast majority of prophecies are failures.

NOW will not be increased in price, nor reduced in size, if its friends will rally and increase our subscription list. I can support it by my other work if necessary, but I know that those who love its independent position will never allow me to do this, so I expect a full house of newcomers for 1917. Note this.

Shall sharpest pathos blight us, knowing all Life needs for life is possible to Will? —Tennyson.

A WORD FROM INDIA.

A native Hindu who has the titles "A. B. and LL. D." and who is Judge in the English courts of Bombay, is one of my oldest subscribers; has all my printed lessons and books; is well versed in the Sancrit literature and familiar with European and American Metaphysical literature. He writes in a recent letter renewing his subscription, and one for a friend:

Have just been re-reading NOW's for the past, and have been desperately driven to put reliance in Self and practice right thinking of spirit, forgetting body, eyes, and disease. The Self must make me over as a young man with your help, and the study of NOW. . . . A few brief Suggestions for NOW are sub-mitted. My first wish: May God be God, and Brown be Brown still! Let us have a letter in which you answer the doubts and troubles of your patient. These answers will supply a body to your teaching. Such will carry conviction to every like complaining brain and induce a practical "chanting of the beauties of the good" and lead to ignoring of the "barking against the bad." May change the peaks of torture that frown upon us into shelters of re-generation to rest us, soul and spirit-you will draw me more and still more to deep convictions and make out of me bread for service of my fellows. Here is my thought-"NOW Affirmations must crown me with success."

(2) Let us have your articles upon Sex till we have all the 25 you proposed. I wonder why you have stopped. (Ans. Because they have not met with the financial success sufficient to warrant greater investment. They will be resumed at the right time later on.)

(3) Never omit your Affirmations, your own articles, and your poems.

(4) Mr. Fould's "Lessons" are so beautiful, pithy and to my liking. . . .

I have had 25 years service, am 55 years old, and am earnest in my desire to retire in the "NOW" work, convinced that it will bring me health, joy and youthful vigor, which will be a sufficient recompense. I am a permanent component of your Philosophy. . I feel proud to be writing this letter to you, for it brings me into contact with NOW people, for whom I feel a great reverence. My respectful and kinds regards to Mr. Foulds, and to the band of such good and noble souls as Gannon, Nichols, Palmer and Martin. May God bring Brown and Palmer to India! (II'e'd like to go?)

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

-Irving Rachelor.

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Not all the tomes of men up-piled thro' time Can wisdom give the secker; Not all the verse, sweet melody or rhyme Can fancy make the fleeter; But deep within the Soul all waits :— The Homer-strain, the David-string; O. brother, open wide the gates That prisoner holds thy God-like traits, And give thy Soul its freest wing!

SAM EXTON FOULDS.

THE MODESTY OF SCIENCE.

Theodore W. Richards, Noble Prize man and Director of Memorial Laboratory of Harvard University, in an article in the Youth's Companion shows the modesty of the real Knower in contrast with the pseudo-scientist and superficial thinker. In speaking of the now almost universally accepted "atom" he says: "The theory of atoms is altogether the best way of explaining how things are made. . . each chemical element is supposed to have its own special kind of atoms. . Evidently atoms are too small to be weighed. .

Another remarkable thing about atoms scems to be, as the ancients guessed, their durability. . . Within the past few years a number of facts have been found that seem to foint to a possibility that even the smallest atoms may be made up of smaller particles called 'corpuscles' or 'electrons,' although the interesting evidence concerning them is by no means as certain as that about the atoms themselves. . The later theory does not destroy or affect in any way the atomic theory of Dalton, which remains the best method of explaining chemical change."

I have emphasized some words and phrases that the reader may contrast this modesty with that of the dogmatic theologian and some metaphysical teachers, who, in the field of pure speculation, are cocksure, while in this field of demonstrated science the real observer and thinker speaks with reserve. The field of positive Truth is very small.

THE GATES OF PARADISE.

- The gates of Paradise are double, And they are blue; Blue as the shies when no cloude trouble
- Blue as the skies when no clouds trouble Their perfect hue;
- Blue as the calm face of the ocean When winds are still,
- And sunlight only is in motion To work its will.
- When skies are dull, the sea is lonely And moans or sleeps;
- The quick winds or the warm sun only May stir its deeps.

The gates of Paradise are double, And they are blue:

- They ope to love, but cold, gray trouble Will clang them to.
- Lord, give me strength that I who love them May live aright,

And spread no tristful clouds above them To dim their light.

- By other paths may other mortals Win Paradise.
- But keep for me its clearest portals In her pure eyes.

-T. A. Daly, in Unity.

Rev. T. Parker Boyd, worker in the Emanuel movement and pastor of St. John's Tpiscopal Church of San Francisco, was arrested some time ago for violating the medical laws of the state, by his practices of healing. Recently he has been tried and acquitted. NOW has no report of arguments used, but Mr. Boyd says:

I regard the outcome of this trial as a vindication of the methods which myself and many others have been pursuing in the United States. I anticipated that there would sooner or later be a fight on the subject, and I am glad that it has come, because the medical status of the whole manuel movement is now defined. This is the first test of the Emanuel movement in America.

Christian Science and the Emanuel

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

-Ingersoll.

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"The Lord's Prayer," by Henry Harrison Brown: "NOW" Co. The author calls this "A Vision of Today," and it is indeed a very attractive vision of what man may become when the Lord's prayer is truly prayed and truly lived. There are 223 pp., and one can hardly think of any aspect of prayer that has not been dealt with, and much helpful light given.—Spiritual Journal, Boston, Mass.

NOTES FROM A NEW THOUGHT AUTO.

Portland, Ore., July 9, 1917.

We left San Francisco in the P. M. of June 19 and up to date have made 1149 miles at an expense of less than one cent a mile for power. Less than \$2 for repairs and accessories for the machine. This is far less than R. R. rates, with the enjoyment, the health, and the opportunity of *absorbing* the scenery multiplied a thousand fold.

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I do not expect to make these "Notes" a guide book. I will simply record the phychological and esthetic effects produced upon me.

God *in* Nature and God *as* Nature, I am seeking. I wish to *realize* the Infinite Presence that "fringes the sunsets and the hills"; that sings in the birds and brooks; shines in sun and star; smiles on me from sky and flowers; commands me in the power of mountain and waterfall; embraces me in breeze and light; protects me every moment; supplies my every need; and whose love I sense in the presence and the memory of friends. In the city and the crowd I sense God *in* man; God *as man*. But under the blue sky at night as my-only capepy and

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

-Browning.

at day in presence of varied landscape, I feel the Power-behind-phenomena, and know my consciousness of it as God.

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So here I am for a long tour, a religious tour, of communion with the Unknowable-but not the Un-fcelable-One.

The impressions as one leaves the vallevs of California and climbs the tortuous roads over the mountains is that of elevation of spirit, humility of aspiration, to clean myself of the limitations and the impurities of the artificial life and become one with the freshness of Nature. Bathing in the ice cold waters fresh from the ice-clad mountains seems to remove the stains of civilization and allows the Adamic purity, that lies below all the cultivated selfishness and egotism, to express itself. I awaken in the morn after a sweet sleep under the sky with the pure mountain air bathing me all night, feeling an Edenic newness. I come as a man new from the hand of God; made in His image: a child in His image.

All day long I feel the inspiration of a new birth in the wonders and newness of Nature. Especially did this newbirth sense fill me as we viewed the greenness of Oregon as we crosed the divide into the state. The contrast between the brown season of California and the green season here is pleasant and cheering but does not lessen my love for the bronze of California. It is pleasant as a change only.

Among all the scenic attractions none have equalled those along the Columbia Boulevard from this city eastward along the shores of the Columbia. Bryant and no poet's pen, painter's brush or photographer's camera can portray the beauty and sublimity of the stupendous mountain palisades, bastions, parapets, fortresses, that guard along each shore, fringed and decorated with a great variety of forest. Near at hand millions of flowers add ever increasing charm. The air is filled with the odor of wild lilac and syrniga, and wherever there is cleared land with the delightful fragrance of the most luxuriant clover I ever saw.

Multiply the beauties of the Hudson a thousand times and you have some idea of this region.

Its waterfalls are only equalled by some in the Yosemite.

As a little child on lap of parent tires of the new picture-book and falls asleep unable to see or sense more, so did I rest the night of July 3rd after 60 miles of such sense marvels as I had never seen before.

I will not make these "Notes" a guidebook: therefore, of the many waterfalls and points of interest I speak of that which most impressed me-Multinona Falls. 620 feet high. The water starts down an inclined plane seeming far on the horizon, then jumps down a perpendicular descent. Soon the upper surface becomes dissolved in mist as it slips over the less rapid descent of that strata which moves next the rock, and in a shower of mist-centers, like the rockets that break into a shower of stars, rocket after rocket bursts from white centers till, like the veil of a bride, it faintly hides the rividets that were re-created from the mist driven by the wind upon

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The conception of Unity has always been a difficult one to realize. Here all was plain.

Far away on the summit of cloud-piercing Mt. Hood in its snow fields this fall had its origin, but out of the *invisible* vapor that fills all space the snow was condensed that in its melting gave this water, thus in its fall to be dissolved to mist again. The invisible and the visible are one. From the invisible is the descent into the visible; from the visible is the ascent again to the invisible.

So with the Indwelling Spirit of the Universe. Invisible it descends into matter, into the phenomena of manifestation: the cause of the effect, Nature.

Then it dissolves back into itself again. Matter and Spirit are One. The One *is*. These phenomena are but expressions of the Invisible and Eternal IT.

Spirit only is. It is Cause. Matter is, but is the Effect. These two must be that either may be.

So as I lay there I saw the Truth of all philosophy that has attempted in its solution of existence to deny Matter. To do so is to deny All, but behind the statement is the fact of great importance --Matter is but an expression, a temporary expression, a changeable and variable expression of God-Mind, Spirit, Energy, Power-whatever word we choose to express our conception of the Great IT that is thus expressing IT-SELF.

We passed one night within 8 miles of the snow-line on Mt. Hood, enjoying the beauty and magnificence of this rarely surpassed mountain for its beauty of form and color, and the lesson of the waterfall was repeated o'er and o'er. The descriptive adjectives of the unabridged are inadequate to describe it. I can only say—He overpowered me. In silence I worshipped, adored and enjoyed.

I lectared four times for Dr. Minard's

society on the two Sundays I was here. But New Thought matters must wait for my September Notes. Nature worship holds my pen this month.

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