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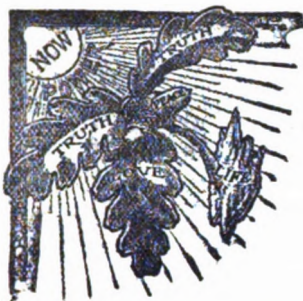
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From all Life's grapes I press sweet wine.

—Henry Harrison Brown.

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## *A Hope and Its Realization*

The Christmas joy has come again to earth.

Angels now sing their songs of peace and rest.

And cuddling close as bird in downy nest  
The Hope deferred finds in my heart its birth.  
Of fledgling nestling there God knows the worth.

I do not ask Him now, the Ever Kind,

If it will ever soar away to find

And bring fruition to my yearning breast.

I let the season's Hope my life now cheer.

I dream to clasp thy hand, thy presence know,

And we together joy when a new year

Has buried this year's hope beneath the snow.

Will my birds sing with thine, then dear

Or we gaze out on separate seas as now?

Christmas, 1901.

Again does Christmas add its annual cell

To this external Self of the "I am!"

We live! the Yet-to-be hath naught that can  
But brighter, richer, make the tenant shell.

Like nautilus I ride Life's fiercest swell.

Beyond the bounds of time and space we meet

And one is Golden Gate with "golden street!"

Thus God has wiser answer made than man.

I listening stand; thy gentle voice doth come

Across "the sea of glass" unto mine ear.

O Peace! It comes, as came to ark the dove,

With message clear of growth from thy new home.

Thy Presence causes doubt to disappear;

I know that now in real life we're one.

Christmas, 1902.

Again has come Love's glorious time, when men

Forget their pelf, and let Affection sway;

For memory doth recall the childhood day,

When Santa Clause encroached upon the realm

Of Her, our dearest and our Best! for Mother then

Companion was, and priest and king! She taught

Us how to love! Succeeding years have brought

Friends that revived my childhood's faith again.

And Thou didn't come! And with thy love  
didn't crown

A few brief years, and then for thee did  
open

A life, a work, a field of grander scope:

And left me sighing widowed of thy love,

Till once I felt thy Presence in my grove;

And now I know Heaven holds a friend I own.

December, 1912.



## *Want and Have--A Practical Thought Lesson*

Unity is the fundamental principle of our philosophy. Our consciousness divides this unity into the *Me* and the *Non-Me*. It divides the *Non-me* into those definitions that mean a more or less consciousness of any manifestation. Thus we draw a line between heat and cold, between good and evil, which line is but a recognition of the presence or absence to consciousness of a particular manifestation.

These distinctions are not in the reality, but are in the consciousness of the individual. I am not at all times equally conscious of the states of the atmosphere. The absence of this consciousness I call "cold," which is a *want* of consciousness, or I say "hot," which is a greater recognition than I previously had. When I have no recognition of the temperature it is neither hot nor cold. Temperate conditions are those of non-conscious states of mind. This distinction of *want* and *have* is simply degrees of our consciousness of Unity. Existence is to the individual, as Emerson expresses it:

"A constant feud of Want and Have." Having is a consciousness of Being, the individual is positive. In the lack of this sense of being is want; the individual is negative, to that which is Infinite Supply, a filling. "Blessed are they who



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

—Edith M. Thomas

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hunger for they shall be filled." Through hunger, are caused positive magnetic centers. These centers attract because they *have*. "To him that hath shall be given," says Jesus, and so says the Omnipotent.

Positive persons are those who know they have; and thus draw to themselves. Negative persons are those who are not aware that they have all and they bring little into expression. The magnet attracts the needle because it has. The needle comes because it has not that which the magnet has. It wants. So with Supply. The dollar wants the center, where there is power for it. So with *all things*. They have no power save that which human consciousness delegates to them. All is mind (or soul) and things are the bodying forth of this soul. Says Emerson:

Where IT cometh all *things* are.  
And IT cometh everywhere.

Soul is ever present, as much in one spot of the universal space as in another. For this reason, Have and Want are but states of conscious recognition of this Universal Soul, which is ALL.

The want is not in me, for I am Soul, am all. That want is in THINGS. They have no consciousness; are limited; need human consciousness to give them power, place, and use. Friends, wealth, things, want me. Change your attitude toward things and you draw them because you are power. You *have*. They are merely vacuum, wanting your recognition. Make yourself a positive magnetic center with a consciousness of having. Affirm: I AM! and thus draw whatever you desire.

Each individuality has opposite mental conditions, two poles, one positive and one negative. To some persons he will give and from some he will take. To receive, which is merely enlarging his perception of himself as all, he will be negative or receptive; to give he will be positive. Each person holds a middle rank in consciousness. Through this exchange, equilibrium is restored, and Unity preserved. When one grows into full

consciousness of himself as Mind, as an expression of the Universal, he then voluntarily and with determined purpose chooses his position. He will then be receptive only to that which he desires. Positive to that which he desires. Giving to the empty and filling himself from the Universal Reservoir. He is then a self-directed, a self-governed individual. When he becomes acquainted with the Real Self he will be positive to all external conditions, and receptive (negative) to Mind. Will always be a condition, through expression, for the Universal. He will then declare with Whitman, "Nothing external to me has any power over me!" This is a realization sadly needed at the present. To give power to externals, results in disease, insanity and death. And it is the error of too many pseudo-teachers and reformers, that they are giving power to stars, heredity, Karma, evil thoughts, malicious magnetism, and hypnotism, etc. Such teachings are responsible for more human ills than any other one factor. Millions think they are suffering from such power and no instruction is so much needed as this: *I am Power. I alone am responsible. Things have only the power I delegate to them. No persons have any power over me for ill, except that which I give them by my fears, beliefs and willing. When I assert myself I am free. No thought can affect me except my own. No magnetism has any power except that which I give it. No heredity do I recognize except that from God; any other is but a figment of the mind. Nothing is malicious but my own fears; my own evil thoughts harm me! I am Mind and nothing external has any power over me. I have, and things want the power I am. My affirmation is: Nothing influences me but my own desires.*

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My God hid himself from me  
Behind whatever else I see;  
Myself—the nearest mystery—  
As far beyond my grasp as He.

—John B. Tabb.



In the mud and scum of things,  
There alway, alway something sings.

—Emerson

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#### TO-DAY

I wake this morn, and all my life  
Is freshly mine to live;  
The future with fair promise rife,  
And crowns of joy to give.  
New words to speak, new thoughts to hear,  
New love to give and take,  
Perchance new burdens I may bear  
For love's own sweetest sake.  
New hopes to open in the sun,  
New efforts worth the will,  
Or tasks, with yesterday begun,  
More bravely to fulfil.  
Fresh seeds for all the time to be .  
Are in my hand to sow,  
Whereby, for others and for me,  
Undreamed-of fruit may grow.  
And if, the eventide shall fall  
In shade across my way,  
I know that naught my thoughts recall  
But life of every day.  
Yet if each step in shine or shower  
Be by Love's footsteps trod,  
Then blest be every waking hour  
It leads me nearer God! —*Exchange.*



#### A LETTER AND ITS ANSWER.

Often I receive letters similar to this one.  
"Oct. 5, 1912. Today I had the pleasure of reading NOW loaned by a friend. It has been such a help. When it was loaned me this morning, I was in such a depressed mood, but thank God, it has gone. Now I ask further help. I have been a Christian Science healer and did excellent work for several years. But I felt I was drifting for some time, into other lines. I have been reading some literature in New Thought lines. I find that I am perfectly attuned to it; it always fills such a huge void which occasionally comes up since I gave up my work in Christian Science. What would you advise me to do with the following questions, etc."  
My Dear Sister,—Truth is the only Healer and you can still continue to work in Truth. It is Truth in C. S. that heals. The only error that sect has is that of all organizations that follow the authority of a leader. It limits individual growth by the besom of Authority. The Principle is one no matter who heals or by what method. For Truth is one. Limiting yourself to a method you starved the Soul and it is that spiritual starvation through intellectual slavery which has sent you into a larger field where you are free to investigate and

judge of Truth for yourself instead of accepting a phase of Truth on dictum of sect, book, or person. In this freedom you lose no truth you had in C. S. You simply enlarge the horizon of your perception of Infinite Truth, and live in Freedom of Soul and Intellect.

To me C. S. lacks just this spirituality which Freedom alone can give. It imprisons the Soul in methods. It is only a successful Method of applying the Law of Suggestion under authority. It differs from Suggestive Therapeutics only that in the latter we are free to read, think and apply in our own way the Law and in so doing loosen all fetters upon Soul growth.

My basic Affirmation is—I AM DIVINE, and from this arises the practical Affirmation—I AM UNFOLDING SOUL. Mind is not "a soul", but the One Universal Soul. This gives me infinite possibilities and in the thought I find freedom to grow as He taught me who sent me to the lily and said "Consider!" You will simply find yourself in a larger field and where there is no fear possible. A clear conscience is God's impassable barriers to any evil thought or malicious magnetism, if there be any such things. Soon you will see that these are two bugbears and like the fears of the dark in childhood, are non-existent; are simply figments created to hold the timid in check and fetter the soul by an hypnotic prison of fear—the only spiritual prison there is. Read Emerson's "Self Reliance" and fear nothing. Trust yourself, and you shall find first yourself healed and next you will be a healer of body and mind to your fellows.



The first thing to learn in intercourse with others is non-interference with their own peculiar ways of being happy, provided those ways do not assume to interfere by violence with ours. No one has insight into all the ideals. No one should presume to judge them off-hand. The pretension to dogmatize about them in each other, is the root of most human injustices and cruelties, and the trait in human character most likely to make the angels weep.—*William James.*

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

—Ingersoll

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\* **AFFIRMATIONS** \*  
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"Blessed are ye when men shall persecute you for my sake!"

I am working for Truth yet men revile!

"Blessed are ye!"

I am working in Love and yet men slander me!

"Blessed are ye!"

I am full of sympathy for my kind, and yet I am misunderstood.

"Blessed are ye."

I am striving to better the conditions of the men about me and yet they mistrust me!

"Blessed are ye!"

I am trying to make glad the lot of woman and yet they will not fraternize with me!

"Blessed are ye!"

I am working to change the lot of little children. They alone seem to trust me.

"Blessed are ye!"

I speak words for my country's welfare and that causes me persecution!

"Blessed are ye!"

O Christ Spirit, how am I to meet these conditions?

"For Truth's sake!" and affirm:—I am Blessed!"

But the slander cuts.

"I am blessed thus to feel for Truth!"

The lie poisons my day.

"Blessed am I thus to suffer for Truth's sake!"

The mistrust of friends make unhappiness.

"Blessed am I thus to suffer for Truth's sake."

"But why suffer?"

"My child, do you suffer?"

Can suffering come with blessing?"

Ah! O Spirit of Truth, forgive!

I have been thinking only of myself.

I henceforth affirm:—

I am Universal in my Thought!

I am universal in my Love!

I am universal as Truth

"For my sake!" O Truth, thou art all I want!

No matter what it is naught can harm!  
Naught can make me afraid.

I would not know my power did I not come up against something to be overcome!

It is not the herculean that is blessed!

It is the overcoming that blesses me!

It is not the outward conditions but the inner sense of power and joy that blesses.

Thou, O Truth hast healed me!

I indeed am blessed in this inward Peace!

Blessed am I when through outward conditions I have found the peace that passes understanding!

I have found! This consciousness is the Rock of Ages.

Peace is mine and in peace I am blessed.



**NOT TEMPTATION BUT OPPORTUNITY.**

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will, with the temptation, also make a way to escape. *Paul.*

Of what value to the world is a young man who cannot cultivate and train self-control, who will not protect his morals from evil things, who will not first establish himself as a self-governed animal? *William Lee Howard, M. D. in daily press*

"Lead us not into Temptation!" Among all the petitions in the prayer this is to me the most difficult to understand. It harmonizes neither with the wisdom and character of Jesus, nor with the principles of life. Theodore Parker changed "lead" to "leave" but this never removed from my mind the mental reservations with which I uttered the words, I never uttered them without a feeling—"I don't want what I pray for, if it is what I think it is, but I want what Jesus intended me to pray for."

The very thought of temptation is repugnant to me. What is a temptation? An invitation on part of the universe, of the Non-me, to the Me to do wrong? This is an impossibility. All that is not myself says to me—"Here I am for you to use." There is in this invitation no thought of good or bad for Nature in

all her phenomena is Non-ethical. She never says "Do good." She simply says "Do!" I decide, after I do, whether what I do is what I desire to repeat or not, and if I desire to repeat it I say of it "Good." Therefore temptation under the old thought of its being a suggestion of anything external for me to do wrong, is a false conception. The correct definition would be, "Temptation—A desire on part of the individual to do that which he feels is wrong." This is locating the tempter within. The man tempts himself. He comes up against his manhood. He learns that he is man and not brute through this opportunity to choose between two acts. He learns that he can use conditions and circumstances either to harm or to benefit his physical body; to make himself happy or miserable; but however used he becomes through use more and more conscious of his power; of his manhood and of the necessity of self direction.

In the Eden legend there was no tree of knowledge of good or evil for the brute. Only man could eat—only man could know. Only man could tempt. Had there been no "tree" there could have been no man, no Adam for whatever form Life might have taken, it would have acted instinctively and automatically as the brute-life acts. Through desire man has been led from Eden of brute to the Thought of man. What has been called temptation has been his route of unfoldment. Constantly tempted to try something new and constantly tempted to repeat the old sensations.

"Overcome evil with Good," said Jesus. "To him that overcometh" are the promises in Revelations. Strength, courage, faith, manhood can come in no other way.

To pray "Lead me not into temptation" is to consent to remain in present weakness and ignorance; is to ask for stagnation and death. No wholesome person can ask for this. Every person who really lives realizes that "Life is struggle, combat, victory." To pray for re-

lief from temptation is to yield without struggle; is inglorious surrender.

Temptations are opportunities, are calls to come higher. Are commands to know one's-self. We may name them trials, lessons, temptations or what not. they are necessities of nature for unfolding of the human Soul. We may meet them bravely, manfully and find happiness, or may meet them as a coward and poltroons. May meet and overcome in faith and enjoy, or be whipped to mastery through fear and suffering. But in even the defeat by fear soul learns its strength and will sometimes rally its forces and win.

"O what a glorious record  
Had Angels of me kept  
Had I done instead of doubted;  
Had I warred instead of wept."

Sometimes the coward, the sneak, the liar will learn to be manly, honest and truthful, will come to trust himself. Sometime he will say

"But begone regret bemoaning  
Ye but weaken at the best"  
I have tried the trusty weapons  
Resting erst within my breast.  
I have wakened to a knowledge  
Of my-self so strong and deep  
That I dreamed not of aforesaid  
In my long inglorious sleep."

But for temptation that came and said "Try me!" this knowledge of Self could not come. No! We cannot pray to have temptation removed. That is cowardice. That is weakness. Many a time have I changed the petition, saying—"Strengthen me to overcome when tempted." This a prayer of strength; but even at best prayer is a weakness; it implies doubt. Let us use this:—"I overcome." "Lead us not!" does not harmonize with the stalwart character of Jesus. He never shrank from any condition. Never doubted. Boldly affirming and faithfully doing, he overcame even the cross and the grave.

In a recent article Ella Wheeler Wilcox says an eminent scholar told her that "not" should not be in the petition. That it was not in the original but was interpolated by the translators. If so we have a perfect prayer. But in the revised



**All outward wisdom yields to that within,  
Whereto no creed nor canon holds the key.**

—*Bayard Taylor*

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version we have no hint of this, neither does the American Committee record the desire for any change here, though they recommend changing "temptation" to "trial" in every place. "Trial" would remove a lot of theological errors. We know the revisers were conservative ever and were in many places cowardly and that the mass are wedded to the old version, no matter how erroneous it may be. But if "not" is an interpolation let it be known. Mrs. Wilcox's statement is now a challenge to Biblical and to Greek Students. It is time for Truth. The twentieth century demands, nay expects it.

Now we can pray "Lead us into temptation." It is a glorious petition. We desire unfoldment. We desire to know ourselves. It means "Give me opportunity to grow. Give me a chance to know my power." Every temptation deepens the consciousness of self. I am only as I overcome some new condition. When I go with the tide I am animal. For the animal goes in line of least resistance. When I move against the current, when I overcome, I am human. Blessed is the tempted for he shall know himself: is the sermon of today.

Remove nothing from my path: encourage, stimulate, teach, but never take away my chance to know myself. The protection theory of priests, teachers, reformers, legislators is one of the most grievous of errors. It weakens character. Relieve the boy of all temptation, take from him the necessity of overcoming and you have a weakling, a cypher. Present educative methods in home, society and school all tend to weaken the boy and girl. "Protection" in legislation has weakened the nation, stifled individual initiative and turned the government over to the monopolies and the trusts it has created. This all comes from the "Not" in the petition. Leave that out, and seek not to remove, but to protect, to strengthen so that one may exercise choice and self-control in hours of temptation.

"I'll not remove the saloon from you, my

son, but I will strengthen your confidence in your Self, so that you don't even see it." Said my mother often when I was a boy, if we saw a drunken man—"I never expect to see any of my boys in that condition." That was her exclamation. She raised four boys that never got in that condition. We were taught we could overcome.

"Lead us into temptation" is the only prayer a self respecting, self reliant and self governed person can pray. On such men are real men; needed men. Emerson puts this thought into the lines that introduce his marvelous essay on "Self-reliance":

"Cast the banding on the rocks,  
Suckle him with the she-wolf's teat  
Wintered with the hawk and fox  
Power and speed be hands and feet."



"A famous clergyman, whose eloquence stirred Boston a few years ago, believed he had paralysis of the lower limbs. The paralysis was apparent. For a year and a half he was attended by physicians of skill and integrity. Finally we located the real cause—his mind. By gradual, persuasive treatment he was brought back to a normal condition. He was on his legs again and now he is preaching in a Western State."—*Dr. Frank C. Richardson, professor of nervous diseases in Boston University.*



With all my deficiencies I am conscious that I may risk the chance of a lower world's disdain, seeing that the "Higher world without end" is open to me in its imperishable brightness and beauty, to live in both *now* and forever.—*Marie Corelli, "The Everlasting Life."*



Though deep in mire,  
Wring not your hands and weep;  
I lend my arm to all who say "I can."  
No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep  
But yet might rise and be again a man.

Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell.

Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven.  
Each morning gives the wings to flee from hell:

Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

—*Adelaid Lafetro.*

**UNDER THE REDWOODS.**

Nov. 7.—Election is over. We accept the verdict of the majority. But we never forget that it is the minority that is the saving power. "One with God is a majority!" That minority with Truth wins. No matter which candidate is elected, the Principles for the first time organized into a party have already won. Nothing can stay the tide as these Principles rest in manhood and not in \$\$\$. Having builded an organism they have already so planted themselves that they will grow like one of these redwoods towering above me. What difference does it make to Truth how humanity accepts it? It is mighty and DOES succeed. What difference to Truth when humanity takes it? Accept a perception today, there is another tomorrow. The nation has taken the greatest step towards freedom it ever took since the Emancipation by Lincoln. That paved the way for this greater. The People have emancipated themselves from the rule of caucus, convention, cliques in the primary. They have emancipated themselves from lobbies, legislative bribery and tyranny by the initiative and referendum. Soon no medical bill can be passed without the people's consent. Soon we will have a bill of Medical Freedom. O, there is no end to progress! I am glad that I live in a state that dared to be among the first. Massachusetts used to be in the lead. She has lost prestige under the \$\$\$ regime. Kansas is in her old place. But California leads the van. Come and see Her in 1915, if you cannot come before. The Pacific has gloriously answered the East and the Central West. If you will look up the first number of the first volume of NOW, for March, 1900, you will read this prophecy:—

Why San Francisco?

This city is the greatest center of trade and commerce on the Pacific coast. It will never lose its position. The future will know New York in the East and San Francisco in the West as the cities. This is the New York of the Pacific. Here center all the converging interests of the whole nation in its outlook to

the "old world" now becoming "the new." All lines from the Orient center here. . . . Here is liberty of conduct, a freedom from oversight and interference, from civil and individual restraint unlike any city farther east. This means much for the future of the Soul's expression. Says Emerson: "All reforms tend in some way to let the Soul have its way through us." Soul must have liberty that it may have its way. All liberty is in San Francisco of thought and conduct that I have found nowhere else. This liberty, too often recognized as license, means the unfolding of the psychic life of the world. . . . Behind every movement is Soul. Soul here has its opportunity. I have felt this to be the psychic field of the future. . . . All these and more, make it the one city where in the near future New Thought will, in some of its forms, crystalize. Then why San Francisco? Because it's the Psychic Center, and NOW is in the swim!

It is my habit to anticipate all great psychic changes—and all progress is psychic. Thus twelve years ago I foresaw the changes that have come to the Pacific Coast. But San Francisco and California are copying some of the unsuccessful methods of the past. The Upas of Protection is spreading. Under its shade Manhood never thrives. Medical Bills have been forced upon us within the last few years. Intemperate "temperance" (?) has succeeded in imprisoning the conscience in that disregard of Law and a contempt of the name of prosecution that injustice always creates. In many sections vineyards and wineries which the state has encouraged, have been confiscated by the state through the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of wine. No injustice can ever win success for a state or a community. Did these foolish people who think morals and self-control can come by any artificial method, feel it their duty to stop the growth of grapes and the manufacture of wine, they should have been willing to tax themselves to pay for the loss occasioned to those whom the state has encouraged to this investment. Then they would have sown seeds of respect and loyalty. Now they sow the wind and will reap the whirlwind. Self Control is nature's end in human development. It is the keystone of char-

**I thank whatever gods may be  
For my unconquerable Soul.**

—W. C. Henley

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acter. This over-protection undermines every element of character. Can a state BE great without self-reliant and self-controlled men? Can there be great men who have nothing to overcome; but who are protected from being small if they so elect?

Can there be manhood when all opportunity to grow strong through overcoming is taken away? Then our cities are in like manner working along already proved ineffectual lines with social vice and kindred evils. It takes a long time to develop a nation, still longer for God to make Himself a self-reliant and self-respecting individual, who minds his own business of unfoldment and lets others do the same. Each one must learn, suffer and cure himself of any condition of limitation. So here's Success to all who strive.

I went to the poles with Leona. The only woman who could this year register from the Home. From my teens I had been for "Woman Suffrage". I heard Lucy Stone; knew Mrs. Stanton; have spoken at the same meeting with Mrs. Anthony. I have met all the stock arguments against it for over fifty years. I know how it has been said that to vote would destroy womanly purity. How she would be insulted at the poles, and one thousand more cries as silly. I wish to tell the citizens of states still behind, how badly it worked in Scott Valley precinct, Santa Cruz County, California, Nov. 5, 1912. Herschell, Leona and I rode to the Scott Valley School-house where the polls were opened. Miss Chappell was received by three gentlemen. She felt as much at home as if she had met these men at church or hotel. Wonderful that men and women should be gentlemen and ladies at the polls because they had become used to being such elsewhere, isn't it? She was handed a ballot and told what to do with it; for it was a sheet as big as a wall map when I went to school. It had to be folded in a certain way. A cross from a rubber stamp had to be placed after each person voted for. The names were ar-

ranged in a column with the word "Democrat," "Progressive," "Socialist," printed after them! (There were no Taft electors. That they might cry "Fraud" and "Stolen", the remnant of the Republican State committee disfranchised themselves).

Leona went into a booth alone, and came out and was shown an error in the folding of her ballot. Think of it! Just as kindly and gentlemanly as if she had been in a store was she assisted. We came home and we have seen her no less womanly nor has she neglected her household cares, nor has it made any rumpus in the family. So my dear eastern friends, don't fear that wife, mother, sister or sweetheart will be less to you or to themselves by having the ballot. She will be more to herself, and to you. I have always felt that once woman had the ballot the first things she would do would be to attempt to legislate morals upon us, and we would have a repetition of old Puritan times. Man had to learn the place and power of law. Woman has the same right to learn and we must submit till she learns that the province of law is not to make men good but to protect each one from the encroachment of others. Blackstone defines the province of Law to be "To protect me in my rights and to punish encroachment upon them!" A man has a right to be either good or bad so long as his goodness or badness does not effect me for ill. I think we suffer more from "good (?) " people than from bad! Good folk are always meddling with us to make us good. Bad folk let us alone, only as we accept their invitation. Temptation is invitation and can lead to the good or the bad. The good drive; the bad draw! But through it all Truth and Love go marching on, and we have, that is a few of us have, learned, to keep out of the way of drawers and drivers and to BE OURSELVES. This is Liberty. It will grow to be the universal condition, soon now, for woman will learn that not emotion, but reason and judgment are needed with the ballot.



Some men have yet that to learn and both have to learn that personal selfishness is not political wisdom.

The rainy season has commenced earlier than usual, and it delays our grape harvest, but will expedite plowing. So nature ever has a compensation. We have had some frosty nights and Herschell has been smudging the vineyard. I got up with him at 3 A. M. and helped build of wood and stuff from the barn a smudge, the smoke of which settles upon the yard and prevents frost. I am sure we saved the grapes three mornings. It is fine experience to arise at that hour. The thermometer 32 and the moonlight clear. I enjoyed the crisp morning air. It reminds me somewhat of boyhood when before sunrise I was up feeding cattle, milking and bringing in wood for the day. But then it was cold. Now it is comfortable.

But "why are provisions so high?" Easily answered. Few to raise; many to consume. The handlers between the raisers and the non-raisers take the major part of the money receipts. I doubt if we get ordinary day's wages for the work done upon the vineyard. I wish that those who need could have from our orchard the refuse—perfect fruit save for some defect, or a slight worm hole. Only the best can get to market. Why not some "seconds," and "thirds" for people that cannot buy the first class? The selecting of the best is expensive to grower and consumer, profitable to the seller.

A friend who lives from land, and who understands farm and land conditions said—"The man who buys a farm is only insuring himself a steady job. That is all!" Yes, that is all. A job, with less income for the hour's work than the day laborer gets. And yet if he even wins a living from the soil he must use brains beyond that of the ordinary skilled laborer. The problem is really how to get more out of the city onto the land and make the land return a better livelihood, one adequate to the demands of American manhood. That problem

MUST be solved. And what MUST be, WILL be.

The open season for quail is now on. I have little respect for any person who kills for sport. I do not like to see the horticulturist's and farmer's friends and co-laborers killed by those who have no understanding of the economic value of the birds. All summer the coveys of quail have been gathering insects from our croplands. Have been eating seeds of troublesome weeds. Then when grapes ripen they take a few for pay. I would rather plant a few more vines than kill them. True I would rather they choose their food in a different manner. Take a whole bunch and not a few grapes from twenty bunches. But then perhaps if they had not been in the yard during summer insects would have taken in a worse way. So I let the little beauties live, and enjoy.

A covey flies up near my cottage every morning from where they hide for the night under the thick redwood branches. I like their whirr. Whenever I develop to make a world I wonder if I will know how to make one without any drawbacks in it? If I do what will I add to make man learn his powers? Perhaps I shall find that this is the best possible world, in which Man can be Man. Let us enjoy it as it is. All is Good! Here under the dripping boughs of redwood I will still affirm—This is the best possible world. This the best nation. This is the best home and I am the best man I know. I will so love myself that I shall then love my neighbor as myself.



Henry Harrison Brown will lecture in San Francisco Sunday evenings this month. See notice in Sunday papers. Mr. Brown will be in his San Francisco office three days in the week. See notice in Sunday papers. Phone:—Market 7534.



"Papa, is it necessary to whip me?"

"You ought to know."

"Well, I sometimes think you don't realize how little good it does me."—*Life*.

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

—Archie L. Black

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NOTE WELL!!! This is the last number of the year and of volume 11. I do not wish to lose a subscriber. Only One Dollar for twelve number of the Most Scientifically Progressive Journal in the World. Can you afford NOT to keep it?



Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in her regular contribution to the Hearst daily papers, gave the following tribute to Mr. Brown's little book, **HOW TO CONTROL FATE**:

The world is full of "New Thought Literature." It is helpful and inspiring to read. The latest to come to me is: "How to Control Fate Through Suggestion," by Henry Harrison Brown, "NOW" Company, San Francisco, Cal. It is worth many dollars to any one who will live its philosophy.

I showed it to a man who has been studying along these lines for some years. "Oh, I know all that book contains," he said; "it is nothing new. I am perfectly familiar with its philosophy." Yet this man was continually allowing himself to grow angry over the least trifle—he was quick to see and speak of the faults in others; he was demanding more of those he associated with in the way of consideration and justice than he was willing to give, and he was untidy in his person and improvident in his use of money.

Now it is an entire waste of time for this man to read New Thought literature or practice deep breathing, since he will not put into daily and hourly practice what is taught by the New Religion.

*Man is what he thinks.*

You cannot in an hour gain control over a temper which you have let fly loose for twenty years. But you *can* control it eventually, and learn to think of a burst of anger as a vulgarity—like drunkenness or profanity—something you could not descend to.

If you have allowed yourself to think despondent thoughts and believe that poverty and sickness were your portion for years, it will take time to train your mind to more cheerful and hopeful ideas; but you *can* do it by repeated assertions and by reading and thinking and living the beautiful New Thought Philosophy. From Henry Harrison Brown's book, I quote the following excellent rules for assertions. Say them over daily:

"I am fearless. I dare to do anything I desire.  
"I am life. I cannot know sickness.

"I choose my life. I make it—all goodness, usefulness, success. I am peace, joy, prosperity, happiness."

When you persist in saying, thinking and living these ideas, you cannot fail in life.

## A MENTAL METHOD OF BEAUTY CULTURE

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I heartily recommend this book. It is an application of the principles of this magazine to the beautifying of the face and form by cultivation of inward Beauty through good thoughts and affirmations. It is practical. Is a diamond among the vast amount of gravel put out on the subject of health and beauty culture.



Six years ago today Mrs. J. . . . and I were with you at "NOW" Home and in "Emerson Grove" and "Camp Everett Raymond" was dedicated that day. And your birthday was also commemorated. How many, and how varied thoughts crowd upon me this morning. First, I wish to give my congratulations upon your natal day. May there be many more of them in which you will sow the seed abroad, and in planting the Word in ground Truth has made ready for its reception.

God has been good to prosper your little band of workers. . . . Yesterday morning I awoke with "I know not where his islands lift," on my lips and your name came floating in, and soon a call from the yard and Mr. and Mrs. L. . . . had come for a visit. She had L's letter from "NOW" Home and we had such a fine talk of "NOW" Folk, and all talk flowed in the thought, "We trust the current that knows its way!" I can hear you say:

"Are you still a student?" Yes. Progressing slowly, as is my won't to do. . . . Would love to be with you and at class in "Emerson Grove" this summer and I still live in the thought of a return there. I heard husband just now telling Mr. L. of his visit with you and how greatly he improved by it. . . .

. . . Mrs. Z. B. J. . . . California



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### THE WINNING OF THE BEST

By Ralph Waldo Trine, Dodge Publishing Co., New York. \$1.00.

Mr. Trine's latest, and is well up to his standard. Few New Thought readers need my recommendation to read his books. He is full of faith and courage and in a manly and human way makes one feel and share these qualities of Mind. I find it helpful to read one who is optimism incarnate. "Only the best is good enough for me!" has been my motto for years. Here I am told how to win it and I find that in a large degree I have found it the same way he tells me to in the last lines of the book: "Happy and strong and conquering always to the end is he, who knows the grasp of the Unseen Hand. He, it is, who all along God's highway has the equipment for winning the best."



Henry Harrison Brown of "NOW" and Oliver Colonel Sabin of "Washington News-Letter" have been printing their pictures on their seventieth birthday. They are even boasting about it. The photographer retouched out all the wrinkles from the Colonel's face but he did not have any trouble with Henry Harrison, for his face was covered with whiskers. If these youngsters don't quit counting they will die of old age. I told my wife years ago that if she did not want to be fair, fat and forty she had better quit counting. She quit. The lady will never have another birthday. Counting is a bad habit and I am surprised at these leaders of the new thought boasting of the crime.—*From "Christian," 1910. But too good to lose.*



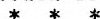
San Francisco is busy with preparations for the 1915 Fair and much farther progress has been made than for any other fair thus far in advance of its date. Foreign governments and the various states are selecting sites. Everything promises not only the largest, but the most educational Fair ever held. NOW readers cannot afford to miss the education a week—and better a month—will give them. It will be equal to a year at any college in practical good.



Mr. Brown is dividing his time this month between San Francisco and the Mountain Home. Lectures, Classes and Patients fill his time in the city and he is busy with lessons and patients and his manuscripts at the Mountains.

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From India comes the following words of gold: We like to be judged by our peers.. The author is a Hindoo. Has been a first class Judge in the English courts there for 20 years. He has taken NOW from its first issue, has all my books and my three courses of mail lessons. In the course of a long letter occur these words: "I have read all your books and all NOW numbers and all the three courses more than half a dozen times each. I have satisfactorily grasped the pith of the NOW Philosophy. . . . About four years back I followed certain physical culture systems and subscribed to many physical journals. . . . Also practiced our Yogi Sanscrit system of breathing. All this time I was very abstemious in diet. . . . I studied the Vedanta Philosophy in Sanscrit . . . reaching out with all of these with a noble object to bring myself to a moral righteous path. I also studied theosophy. But now H. H. Brown is the only personality I know. He is the climax and above all others in consideration. His books have removed all the clouds of doubts and darkness about re-birth etc. I cannot describe what I now am exactly . . . but I see, I am an august, strong-willed individuality. . . . I have put in 20 years service in the government and I have five years more to serve, after that I am determined to do the same spiritual service for my Indian people, as you are doing Dear Editor, for your countrymen, and in fact, for the whole world. My best wishes for "NOW" Folk and for the magazine. My heartfelt sincerest thanks for the help. H. H. B's books have been to me in my life and for the new birth with which they have christened me.

Bombay India.



The Goodyear Book Concern has opened a new store at Room 2031, 339 Fifth avenue, corner 33rd street, New York, in the heart of the shopping district for the sale of Philosophical and Metaphysical literature. All NOW publications and NOW kept on sale. Roger Brothers have discontinued their place of business at 429 Sixth Avenue.



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The best of now and here.**

—Whittier

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

—Whittier

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WE SUBMIT. "The voice of the people is the Voice of God!" The nation was not ready for the success of the Progressive party; BUT IT WILL BE IN 1916. The seed now sown will grow. Two parties then—Progressive and Democratic. I was at the birth of the Republican Party. Then "John and Jessie" was the cry. It has taken 56 years for the "Jessie" part to obtain a vote. Truth DOES march on. Principles never die. Once planted in the Human Consciousness they thrive and at last cover the nation. The seed sown by the N. Y. statesman and the California Governor will grow. Later all the people shall rejoice in its fruitage. New Thought is leavening politics. We can well afford to wait. Whittier says:—  
God's ways seem dark, but soon or late  
They touch the shining hills of day  
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The Good can well afford to wait.

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During the next year I feel that I shall do better work, more thought in my editorials than ever before. My mind is full of important perceptions of Truth that I MUST express. Each editorial of 1912 has been worth much more than the price of the magazine I have anticipated many deductions of Science.

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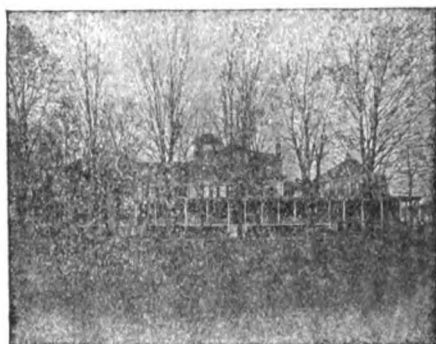
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