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The Garden of Eden

By S. J. Richardson

In the Garden of Eden, as you're all well aware,
According to scripture, God made the first pair,
He first moulded Adam out of earth's cold clay,
And then from a rib, made dear Eve, they say.

That was the beginning of man upon earth,
And you see they both had a miraculous birth;
But you'll find if you follow the scriptures clear through
Others miraculously conceived, if its true.

I cannot understand why omnipotent power
Would mould man in His image, and repent the next hour;
But he wasn't as wise as the devil you see,
For he told them they'd live if they ate of the tree.

While God in His wisdom declared they would die
If they ate of the tree, which was plainly a lie;
For the devil came around and stood on his tail,
Said to eat—become Gods—and he did prevail.

Then they learned they were naked; showed wisdom, you see,
By covering themselves with fig-leaves from the tree;
And without the serpent, perhaps all would be blind
And living in ignorance up to this very time.

But the Garden of Eden was a mythical birth—
Has no room in the minds of the wisest on earth;
For man has discovered through laws that were fine,
Evolution has evolved a much higher mind.

The Silent Call

By Bruce Conway

The strongest language hath no words at all!
The rarest fruitage is the first to fall,-

Silent oh so silent, and still it can be heard above the din and groan of man's lamentation! Silent so silent, and yet so loud with its harmony, that it produces a vibration beyond noise, and all sound dies away, unable to exist even in the art of its own substance.

Strange as it may seem, people will listen to the murmur and prattle of man's idea, when one little sentence from the magnificent voice of understanding can do more toward straightening out the tangled threads of life, than all of the various ideas of man, multiplied together. Why? Simply this—we have taken the natural for the supernatural, the phenomenal for the real. The greatest phenomenon to-day is man's lack of realization to know what he should know, and to be what is his privilege to be.

Well has it been written "Eyes have they but they see not, ears have they but they hear not", and I would also add "Minds have they but they refuse to understand". If you give man to-day a candle of truth, instead of tempting to utilize it, he will work himself into a fever heat, trying to put out its light, unless it be handed to him on a platter of popularity, encased in a receptacle of modern fashion.

Only a few days ago in a city of the old Empire state, the press and people were discussing the wonderful Hope Eden, the great mind reader. Some of the greatest minds in the city pronounced her work wonderful; the Mayor considered it marvelous; city officials said it was beyond all understanding; the theatre was packed to the door by throngs eager to see the wonderful demonstration; a large amount of money was raised by chances being auctioned off for the privilege of obtaining a reading from this wonderful woman. But let some spiritualist medium come into the same city, open up an office, produce the same results, and try to help and benefit humanity,

by following out the same principles of law, as the famous Hippo did, what would happen? Undoubtedly a nice little ride in the city park, a fine or an order to leave town, and perhaps both.

"Wonderful, marvelous" is the opinion from the audience, when this principle is presented in the form of mind reading from behind the footlights of the popular stage of fiction by a vanderbille actress, but "grand, sublime" the line recited by the medium, demonstrating this same law in the reality of life from the singular platform of spiritualism.

"Oh, wonderful, that, isn't a good?"

Something more—a year ago a very prominent doctor was riding with his wife in an automobile. An accident occurred and the wife was killed. The doctor, shocked and dumb, stood alone with his head, when all at once a something came,—the gates were opened and he saw the loved one's spirit enter the "Great Beyond". Kneeling there by that silent form he was privileged to gaze into the great "Ethereal Valley". He saw the greetings, heard the voices and he describes the scene as "beautiful beyond expression". His sorrow was almost turned to joy by the realization of what was transpiring.

What happened?

One of the great churches of the city opened its doors that the doctor might describe this wonderful phenomenon to the congregation. His statement was taken as an accepted fact, there being no thought of delusion, as the scene covered too long a space of time for that. Everybody said "wonderful, grand, marvelous". The various newspapers took it up and printed long articles describing this wonderful experience. I wonder if the minister and congregation ever stopped to think and reason out the fact that what the doctor saw, that whatever condition he may have been in, could only have been a violation of the principles of law, and if that vibration could and did come to one, it must necessarily come to others. Just stand beside this doctor on the same platform, before the same congregation, an individual, whose contact with this same principle of law is of daily occurrence, and let him describe some of the scenes which have frequently come before his vision through the vibrations of the same law, and these same scenes will cry out with a voice—"Crazy, ridiculous, impossible". The difference—our the experience of a prominent

physician, who is lost as ignorant of the something which brought it, as his hearers, the other that of an ordinary individual who studies the law and lives daily what the doctor lived momentarily.

The church says "One little worm from a poisonous snake will not hurt us, though it does establish a fact, but a number of the same will destroy us; a little truth won't hurt, but a whole lot of truth will be our ruin." Again I say,—

"Oh consistency, thou art a power!"

Now I want to tell you a story, not a fairy tale, but a tale that is true and exceedingly fair.

"Once upon a time," as all stories begin, but this time was during a period shortly after the completion of the old Erie Canal known in those days to the populace as "Clinton's Big Debt." In the little town of Jerusalem, of Yates County in the state of New York lived a family composed of father, mother and six children, the eldest being a boy of about fourteen years, the youngest a baby in arms. The father was a large man, being somewhere around six feet six inches in height; the mother while not so large was a well proportioned woman. Both were full of vigor and ambition and thinking they could increase their worldly possessions, they decided to seek for themselves a new home in the Commonwealth now known as the state of Michigan, and what was considered in those days as the "far west." After disposing of most of their personal effects they took boat at old Monticello over the then new, but now old canal to Buffalo, then by boat over Lake Erie to Detroit, thence by ox team on into what was to them the land of promise. They built a little cabin in this promised land, parlor, kitchen and bedroom—all in one—and went to work with new boys filled with great possibilities for the future.

For a time all went well, then suddenly the stalwart father was taken with a heavy cold, pneumonia set in and one night, shortly after the sun went down, the spirit took its flight into the "Green Beyond", leaving behind the faithful wife and mother with the six children alone in a strange land. They laid the form away. Then after a consultation among those who had come anywhere near the age of understanding, they decided to continue the work along the plans laid out by the father. But the heavy arms, the massive shoulders, the chief burden bearer had gone. Do or hast they could, the tale

seemed to be against them and was daily bearing them on toward the raging ocean of despair.

Days and weeks went by and the struggle continued but with less and less hope of success. One night after reading the old family Bible, and tucking the little ones safely away in their beds, the mother knelt beside the old arm chair and asked God's help in this, the greatest struggle of her life. She arose and sat meditating alone in the flickering glare of the candle, when suddenly she felt a something in the room, and looking up, she saw standing between her and the little cabin door the form of the father who had passed away, and there in that little room once again was held another family consultation. Voices in the room had awakened the children, who arose in their beds and with staring eyes listened to what was said. The father spoke to them all.—was recognized by every child, except perhaps the baby.

Every detail of a plan was discussed. He told them how to dispose of what they had and where to do it, made arrangements for the journey back to their old home in the east, told them what to do upon their arrival, and once more said "Goodbye" and went back into his new plane of existence.

Joy unbounded filled that room and the little cabin became a castle, impregnable to all of the darts of the heretofore unmastered conditions. The plans were carried out, and the mother succeeded in keeping the children together, giving them a comfortable home and starting each one on their separate paths in life in fairly good condition.

As children they recognized that voice in the wilderness; they recognized the great language of the masterful art of nature; as children and long into their youth, they could understand and read the handwriting on the wall of nature's phenomenal castle. But alas! when they stepped from the cradle of understanding as men and women and entered the world of custom, they trod the beaten path of the motley throng, adverse to all the principles of that magnificent picture of reality. One of those children spent years in the ministry, preaching for a church, that denies the reality of that principle, which was so much to him in his early boyhood. Many times I have heard him tell of this scene, and tears would fill his eyes, as he recalled the grandeur and magnificence of it all. Strange, isn't it, that the silent call, which sang so sweetly in the ears of the boy and girl, should be so swallowed up by the din and noise of worldly things

that its song could no longer penetrate to the soul of the man and woman. That which was a reality to the boy and to the girl became a phenomenon to the man and woman.

Thus we find it on every hand. In the work of Hope Eden, nature's voice spoke in the massive language of the Silent Call—"This is a principle, this is a law, this is natural". But Giant Superstition, surrounded by his host of man's ideas belched forth like a roaring lion, crying—"Phenomenal, phenomenal unnatural, out of all lines of reason".

In the beautiful scene witnessed by the doctor and so ably portrayed before the congregation of the church, the voice of the Silent Call clamoured for recognition, and there the Giant of Mystery held forth in all the glory of his realm of existence and the God of to-day was again sent to the Mountain of Mystery farther and farther away. What man ever expects to do with a God of Mystery I fail to understand. I fail to see where any mystery can be a benefit to us in any form. Your God, my God, our God, the very God of Gods could only stand substantially upon one foundation and that must be, and is the foundation of creation. Whatever the God is, it had to be created. Without being created it could not exist. The only thing that we know of or can conceive of, that has the power of creation, is nature.

...And right here comes a vision of some place, some time, some where when the high and the low, the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned will be huddled together around the sand dunes of their desert, and each from their own mental sphere of existence will be gazing towards the rays of the setting sun, longing for nature's oasis.

The preacher with his iceberg of holiness, that has sent to the depths below many a fair soul on the sea of life, will be there; the learned scientist with his silken threads of theory will be there, entangled in the network of his own weaving; the Pharisee and the Publican, the great Theologian and the poor Plebeian will all stand together in a plane of equalization, realizing at last that whatever knowledge they thought they had, be it little or great, was but a castle of frost-work confronting the great Sun of Time and all of their buildings will have melted away, and standing alone on the barren sands, they will long for that which they so many times rejected.

Ah yes, I see, their sun has completed its setting, the moon of nature is beginning to beat back the accumulated clouds, and way off in the distance the star of the East can be seen sending forth its Kohinur of natural verdure. Where the sands once sparkled in the scorching sun of theory, green blades of truth glisten in the moonlight of realization.

Morning dawns, and in the place of the desert stands that beautiful "Isle of Somewhere". God's own sunlight at last penetrates to the form of realization and all around about them is Nature's great Sea of Life, and from out the mist, as the fog continues to rise a form is seen when old Father Neptune, from the great sea of natural existence, waves his golden sceptre, while the Silent Call whispers—"Peace be still, I, Nature, alone can create, for I Nature, alone am God."

SPIRITUALISM

By George Bruce Ludwig

The average person when thinking of Spiritualism imagines it to be something very mysterious, or if not that, thinks it to be a fallacious thought concocted by some imaginative mind. Little do they realize that the underlying principles that govern the Philosophy which they desire to reject, are the fundamental principles upon which every form of life including their own, derives its being. It really cannot be termed a form of worship, for if any mind endeavors to set up a form of creed as to its principles, that mind is at once instituting a limitation. All creeds and dogmas create a limitation. It cannot be otherwise, for the moment a thought is expressed, it at the same time produces a boundary line. It may give a greater radius for space of thought, still the limitation is there.

The first endeavor made regarding the Philosophy of Spiritualism is to try to create an understanding to the minds of the people that there is no limitation at all; that each and everything is governed by a great Law and but one Law. That that Law embraces all and everything from the most minute forms of life to the highest and

most intellectual form of life as embraced by the human mind.

The mind of man, is the highest form of development produced upon our earthplane. When that spirit is released from the physical body, it goes on. It never stops, for there is positively no end. Man can never prove a beginning, neither can he endeavor to prove that there is an ultimate end. A question may be asked—"If the mind is able to comprehend the life after death, why cannot it also comprehend that form which dominated its existence before coming into its present physical condition? To that question the answer would be—"There is no retrogression." We cannot go back to that form of life because it is a different and lower phase of being entirely. We know that at one time we must have had some form of life before taking on the physical body. We know that we cannot produce something out of nothing, for there must at all times be a material of some sort to work upon. Man produces opulence by either manual labor or an exertion of the mind. According to the exertion in either way, will depend the amount which he shall acquire. The mind is more powerful, in that it has an attraction that cannot be stayed. The physical body may be shackled, but the mind never, if it is given a chance to think and act for itself. The reason for this is simple, because each and every thought produced by the mind, is but an expression in duplicate of the soul within, dominating that mind. What that spark of life is, which dominates the soul, has not as yet been comprehended by the mind of man, but it is up to him as his personal birthright, and as a living part of that Great Law, which some people term God, to delve deeper and deeper into the unknown and obtain that knowledge which is rightfully intended for him to know and acquire.

Some minds will no doubt say: "God does not wish man to seek into the unknown." To that we should say: "Has the Medical Profession, the Scientist, the Chemist and all other seekers of knowledge committed a grievous wrong in the sight of God?" Has the Medical fraternities committed a wrong when they have delved deep into the laws which govern the organisms of the human body and thereby gained knowledge which will help them to alleviate the sufferings of the human body?" To all this must come but one answer: "No wrong has been committed." How much more so then, should we search into those at present unknown laws which

are so vitally important to the soul, because it is through the soul that the organism of the human body at all times functions in its endeavor to make its mark in the world. The soul therefore, is the spark of life from that great Law, which endeavors to produce a higher status in human life as man travels down through the ages of time. Is the mind and soul of the man of today greater than it was one hundred years ago? To that we shall say: "In development only." Some people call it civilization. If that term is plainer to the mind, let it for the present be used; but eventually it must be realized that the term civilization, is but a higher development of the soul caused by the Natural Law through which it has derived its being.

That Great Law, governs nature in all its beauties in the same vital respect regarding life, as it does in that of man. As the silkworm if allowed to develop through this Law, will at the proper time burst forth from its imprisoned shell to that of a butterfly, so shall all other life including man, burst forth from their present incasements of physical bondage to a higher and more glorious development of beauty produced only through the enactment of the principles of that Great Law.

The mind of man down through the periods of time, has also had its form of bondage, and those shackles were: "Contented Ignorance". Gradually, but surely, the open threshold leading to that so-called fearful Mysticism, is being forced upon them. In time, they shall be ultimately forced through its portals, and then and there realize that all which they have fought against and tried to annihilate, is in reality of great vital importance to the welfare of their soul.

They shall then realize that if the soul is developed properly along the principles of that great Law, that they shall have naught to fear regarding their physical body, for in that they have produced a good development of soul or Master that soul or master will in due course of time produce a proper form of habitation wherein it can live; or in other words, there shall be a healthy physical body if there is a healthy and pure soul, which has received its development through the Great Natural Laws.

A healthy soul cannot exist within a diseased body, neither can a diseased soul live within a healthy body. All sin is

disease, and all disease of the physical body is but an exact materialization of a sin committed at some previous time either by the present occupant of that physical body, or by one of its ancestors. Governing the latter may be explained as follows: "The sins of the fathers shall affect the children through to the fifth generation" It may not appear in each and every one visibly, but it shall appear eventually although indiscernable to the vision of man, in some form of affliction or another. If taken care of in time, a great deal of that evil may be eliminated by a proper mode of life. This must at all times be produced by a healthy mind. A healthy and wholesome mind is but a reproduction of a healthy soul. Produce the mind in a wholesome condition, and the soul will attain a higher state of development. The working of the mind, is but the quickening of the soul. If the soul is pure, the mind must be also, for it is through the mind that the soul at all times functions. If the mind is dormant, so shall be the soul, and the reaction shall be felt upon the physical body.

Each and every thought and act will eventually produce its materialization to the mind in some form of expression. Every cause has its effect, and each and every effect, has at one time or another, had its primary cause. The thought and act is the cause, its ultimate materialization is its effect. After we realize this to be true and a good foundation to work upon, we then owe it to ourselves and to mankind, to see that each and every thought and act produced by ourselves, would make a good foundation for a primary cause, and after we have accomplished that much, we need have no fear whatsoever of what the effect shall turn out to be. Take well and good care of the today, and when the tomorrow shall have its birth, its dawn shall be more beautiful and glorious, than its ancestral day of before.

Great and good is a Philosophy that teaches mankind to live a life that can be held above reproach; a philosophy that can in itself give to the student, full command over himself wherein he shall know that he and himself alone is the full master of his destiny, and that he is not dependent upon anyone whatsoever, providing he lives his life according to the Natural Laws that govern the entire Universe. The sooner that man realizes that his body is the habitation of the soul and that the health and cleanliness of both depends upon the thoughts held dominant in his mind, that much sooner

will he have the peaceful assurance dawn upon him that all is God, and that when he abuses his body and soul by wrong thinking and living, he is at the same time abusing that spark of the Great Divine Spirit of God which at all times lies within his soul.

Cleanliness is Godliness, but man must realize that to attain a pure type of Godliness, that that cleanliness must at all times extend to and envelop the Spirit, Mind and Body. Clean and wholesome thinking will produce a clean and healthy body, wherein the soul can live and in due course of time, the Spirit will bloom forth into a flower of beauty which only the radiance of God could be able to give it.

When that is attained, then a fuller comprehension shall be had that the meaning of God is none other than the great Natural Laws that are constantly producing their working effects in and about us at all times. Every little incident that happens, we shall realize has at some previous time had its primary cause.

As we allow our minds to think and reason out our problems for ourselves, we shall sooner or later realize that Psychism is one of the great and dominating principles of the Natural Laws of the Universe. That if Psychism can penetrate into the future existence of man, that it must be also at the same time, one of its vital factors.

Psychism is but in its infancy. It already has accomplished a great deal; but even all that it has so far accomplished if put together, would be but a very small atom to what the mind of man would be able to attain through its powerful working principles if developments were made through the proper channels; and these channels are clean thinking, clean living and proper eating.

Then, when his mind has proved itself master over the body, and Psychism begins to bloom forth in the grandeur of its own beauty, then and then alone shall he be able to say with full reverence to the Great Natural Laws of God:

I am the captain of my soul,
I am the master of my destiny.

The Greater Love Force

By Mary A. Morgan

At the present time, we are passing through a period of reconstruction, and in order to make the new period reach the high water mark of progress, we must come in to it with the very best of constructive thought.

Each and every one of us has within himself or herself, to some degree, an implement which if properly used—will produce desired results, in the shortest possible time.

I mean the force of the Greater Love.

Let us not confuse this great force with the physical love; as it exists in its relation to man and woman, or between mother and child, and the many others of this same kind; nor with the great mental love of art, literature and science; nor yet with the spiritual loves centered around kindness, sympathy and justice. Each of these is in itself a wonderful force of constructive thought, as far as it goes, but they are each of them only a part of, and their value is proportionate in their relation to, the Greater Love.

Only the equal development and combination of all these can produce the Harmonious Whole; no one of these can be over developed except at the expense of the others, which is bound to produce an unbalanced condition and result in discord.

The period through which we have just passed, in which Destruction ran rampant, was the result of the destroying forces of greed, selfishness, hate and their kindred; conceived in the mind of some human being. At first they were only a thought, but a thought so agreeable to that person, that by the natural laws they gradually became a part of him, or her, as the case may be. And as they became a part of him he expressed them and as they were expressed, the element of self emotion made them attractive, also to those to whose minds they were communicated, and thus they gained strength. Slowly, but inevitably, they marched on; until they had encompassed a nation, by their great force they ceased to be thoughts and become physical acts, acts of destruction like the thoughts that had created them.

No longer confined to one nation they reached to others, and what was the result? The Great World War!

These things did not develop in an hour, a day, nor a year; they were the systematic, successive growth of years. And when they had reached their culmination, they had gathered to themselves such a tremendous momentum that they swept on for years, laying in waste all with which they come in contact. The depth of their ferocity causing them to commit the most terrible atrocities that history has ever known. Nor were they checked in their hideous career until brought in contact with the constructive forces of Love—love of justice—and love of humanity.

Now again let me remind you, that these were not the forces of the Greater Love, they were only a great, concentrated action of constructive force, of a proportionate part of the great whole—and they were more or less combined with the individual selfishness, which would greatly diminish their constructive activity; and taking these things into consideration—stop and realize the tremendous power they exerted.

Realize, also, that the constructive forces were compelled for a time to operate through destruction, as a means toward counter-acting the frenzy of the opposing forces, and it was necessary to operate in this way in order that the opposing force might be made to reach its highest altitude of energy thereby causing its natural disintegration.

When these things have become facts, the action of the constructive forces could bring about peace negotiations.

Now remember that there is in every human being a large amount of selfishness which is a destructive force—and you will realize at once, the reason for the long drawn out controversies that have followed.

Throughout the world today, men and women are awakening to the possibility of this great powerful force. And those who have realized even in a small way its great power are teaching it, preaching it, presenting it to the world in every available manner and method, and it matters not how it is impressed upon the minds of the multitude, it only matters that it is so impressed that each shall realize and in realizing it begin to develop it; which means to search out each for himself, his own destructive forces and make his own thoughts and through them his life into forces of construction.

It is easy to say I will do this, but it is a long slow task to accomplish. It means constant effort—it means everlasting work this self reconstruction, and if you do your part you will begin to realize the size of the job you have tackled. Therefore let each individual go to his chamber alone, face the being he will see in his mirror and say to him: "Pal, we are in wrong and we are going to begin right here and now to reconstruct—and if it is necessary that you go down in order to begin at the bottom, here goes". You will have sent a thought in the right direction. It will require millions of successive thought steps to accomplish the fulfillment, it will take time and never flagging energy—but once accomplished, Ah! can we visualize or grasp the stupendousness of the possibilities that will unfold—contention, sorrow and crime will cease—wars will become an impossibility for harmony will exist. This world will indeed be a beautiful place to live in. The new conditions will cause us to see the beauties of this great natural world as they truly are, we shall sing each in his own way—even as the birds do.

Now is the time
Love is the way
Great is the need
So think, work and pray.

Condensed Spiritual Philosophy

By Wm. J. Bryan, M. D.

Author of two new books on Spiritualism.

The spiritual discernment which comes from an insight into the ethereal realms of reality, does not imply that one is an inhabitant of the spirit-world, but it means that the spiritual-minded ones here can project their mentality and soul-power into far-off regions of the ethereal world and then can relate their psychic experiences to mortals.

How grand and noble it is, to be able to subject one's sub-

conscious mind to the thoughtful guidance of our advanced spirit friends, so as to be made acquainted with the fact of spirit-life in the spirit-world which surrounds the earth, at remote distances—and thus learn of the spirit existence eternal in the heavens!

We recall instances of astral flight, in dreams, where the visions were views of the spirit-world obtained by actual trips to the localities of the heavenly spheres of life, activity and progression.

It is needless almost to say that our spirit ones inhabit the spirit-world after their earthly career; but such is the reality, and sooner or later, all of us find the truth.

A SQUARE DEAL

The task of persuading ourselves to raise a high moral standard, need not embarrass us, because it will be found easy for conscience and easy for peace of mind to so regulate our daily affairs that they will not oblige us to hide—and not seek the light of truth and justice.

So many fall short of the requirements of a square deal with others as well as ourselves, that it seems almost hopeless, at times, for one to expect anything different. But as the mills-of-conscience grind exceedingly fine, we see that none can escape from the consequences of folly.

To be upright or not to be esteemed by our spirit friends, is a question with us, knowing that personal responsibility for all of our acts is the inviolable rule of life. We cannot escape from the culpability of our own acts. We cannot shift the responsibility to any other person here or in the spirit-world.

Therefore it is quite apparent that every action should square with the conscience, and then our duty will be performed creditably in the sight of others and our spirit friends.

PROPHECY ABOUT SPIRIT COMMUNICATION FOR ALL

Oh, the blessed truth of spirit-return, which convinces us and consoles us with the knowledge that extinction of selfhood never actually occurs, not even at time of so-called death!

And all who learn of this truth and acclaim it as the acme of perfected revelation, feel safe at all times, and do not worry over

the future. The future is assured us in the condition of eternal life, and all who embrace this doctrine sincerely, need no artificial comforter of ritual creed or ecclesiastical ceremony to smooth out the wrinkles and blemishes of one's mortal career.

How true it is, that all must realize, sooner or later, that **there are no dead**, because there is no death or extinction of one's personality. **It persists!**

So let all skeptics and doubters lay aside their mental reservations and realize, after thorough investigation, that **spirit phenomena predicate spirit-life**, and hence spirit-return is a foregone conclusion for a reasonable mind to adopt.

Just wait patiently for the time to come when all will learn, in the twinkling of an eye, that communication with the spirits, once mortals, will be an established fact for all to know—to be just as plain as communication now with the wireless telegraph—all so modern, so wonderful and so easily understood.

SPIRIT-RETURN

The new field of endeavor lies just a short distance ahead of us, and it is an open spiritual field of opportunity and progressive demonstration.

No, the grave never held the real personal entity of any person, and never will do so! When the mortal remains are lowered into the earth for burial, the spirit form, the real individual, has already detached itself; and so it can be truly asserted that a cemetery holds not one single person. This is a literal fact, and the proof of it is found and demonstrated when spirits return to earth to convince us that all mourning is distasteful to them, **because they are alive**, in the spirit-world, and not extinct.

Almost the first desire of a new arrival into the spirit-world, is to **return on a visit** to earth, to again see the old familiar faces and former haunts. This is quite natural, for we find that a mortal who visits a foreign country, often thinks of the native land and his relatives and friends, with a **desire to return**.

So the desires of earth-life are duplicated in spirit-life, for the change to immortality does not rob one of memory, consciousness, and fond desires,

It is true that spirits can see clearly when returning to earth on visits, but mortals, unless clairvoyant, can not behold the visits of angels.

Clairvoyants behold the forms of spirits, with more or less distinctness; and at the time of clairvoyant vision they find the thin veil thrown aside and all is made plain to them that so-called death is only a delusion.

Blessed be clairvoyance, and blessed are those who bring the comforting messages to us from our spirit ones, with the **consoling** proof of continued existence!

SOUL POWER BACK OF MENTAL FORCE

Soul power, being a divine quality of soul evolution, brings us into a close consideration of the **motive** power of all natural phenomena.

Students of nature notice a force in vegetation which they correctly call 'life', and they admit that it is a quality like love for instance, inasmuch as it cannot be seen by the physical eye, yet its presence is known by the demonstrations of force, cell growth, expansion, and full development to maturity.

But it cannot be said that life, as a primary force, does not exist, **simply because it can not be seen.** So, by analogy, we reason that all demonstrations in nature, exhibit the soul-power of divinity called life.

It is true that one cannot see the psychic force which enables us to receive spirit messages through a medium, yet we know that **psychic power is present** in all spirit phenomena, and wise ones admit that it is quite different from mental power.

Metaphysicians can teach us wonderful truths about the will power of personality and they show us how to become intellectually useful and prominent by the exercise and development of mental capabilities. However, if they fail to show us the presence and demonstration of soul-power, they only take students **half-way** along the path of high attainment, utility and expression.

So, right here, we spiritualists step into the arena of battling opinions and proudly raise the standard of thought to the **full** consideration of the philosophy of life. We proclaim that the soul-power of divinity enables us to manifest now as living beings, and

to live eternally in the spirit form of existence. And we prove it reasonably, scientifically and hopefully.

REUNIONS AFTER SO-CALLED DEATH

Our spirit friends offer many inducements for us to join them (which all will do, sooner or later), to find that a joyous reunion awaits those whose progressive tendencies enable them to be worthy of acceptance into the fold of advanced and righteous spirits in the spirit-world.

A reunion of soul-mates must certainly be a most joyful demonstration, and hope inspires many who are now separated, to look forward, with consoling assurance that the future meetings, in heaven, will be occasions of great joy.

However, one need not hurry over it, but wait patiently for the allotted span of years of mortal life to reach their termination naturally, for every one has some earthly mission to perform; and while this may not be apparent to others, our friends of the spirit-world try to direct us along channels of usefulness, integrity, and happiness.

The joy of spiritual union cannot be compared with the earthly union, as conditions are so vastly different—one being on a material basis and one on a spiritual foundation.

The experiences of a lifetime here on earth are carried with us to the Other Shore, and while some may be burdened, others are lightened with an irreproachable character which fortifies them for life's important change to the spirit-world at time of so-called death.

And an important matter to remember is this: No one need have any fear whatever over the change called death, because at that time, the spiritual door is open for us to enter into the joys of a brighter, better, and more progressive existence.

PRACTICAL RESULTS OF PRAYER

Prayer, to be availing, must come from a contrite and sincere desire to obtain unselfish desires gratified, and harmony is then fostered, divinity is appealed and our angel friends will help us. Practical results follow prayer, when sincerity is its motive and unselfishness its object.

So prayer is something more than an urgent wish for some

material possession, because nature supplies abundantly for our needs on earth; but the spiritual requirements are supplied by spiritual agencies, by Supreme Intelligence and our spirit friends who surround us.

Every true prayer is heard and passed up to the higher forces of the universe, and nothing will be withheld from us when we seek earnestly for the spiritual gifts of reason, justice, and mercy.

So prayer is availing to those who approach the Almighty with spiritual fervor born of spiritual impulse, and the determination of prayer rests on a spiritual foundation which evil forces cannot shake off.

With patience and endurance, pray unceasingly for the betterment of mankind: and let each one of us begin right by showing ourselves as exemplars of nobility of character.

Rebounding Sparks

Carlton M. Clark

Although experience alone is the most thorough and successful teacher of the laws of cause and result, there are certain pointers, which, when brought to the mind by way of refreshing the memory, serve as great helpers in warding away the ever ready and approaching sources of the darker channels.

In the beginning with the creation of man, there was placed within his intellectual faculties, within his substance hand of revolving tendencies, his own individual staff of seed sowing and seed reaping qualities. With this he went forth into activity and consequently stands today upon the foundation, authorized and woven beneath him by the results of the production of his own staff of creative powers. Therefore whatever the nature of his foundation, he alone is responsible.

We, as individuals and co-workers for the betterment of humanity today, should always remember and forever bear in mind—as an essential point of progression—that this wielding staff in the active hand of man is ever in motion; that it is never still; that,

whether man is conscious or unconscious of each revolving fact in its turn, his effective staff is continually sowing and reaping its seed, unceasingly forfeiting and collecting its toll.

The individual, with hungry soul, is forever striking a chosen or unchosen goal; he is either connecting with the ideal or the unreal. Consequently, from the formed connection, the igniting sparks from the effect are continually and correspondingly rebounding.

When we border upon a certain point with our staff of mentality, sparks of vibrating influences are sure to rebound. What the nature of them shall be depends entirely upon the nature of the goal, from which the spark springs, and the readiness and capability of the manner, in which it is received. The same rebounding spark, which is capable of materializing happiness, is none the less capable of burning the conscience of him, who was responsible for its creation and unrestrained action, if the point reached was of an undue nature.

There are those, who with their intuitive powers hold a slight advantage over others and many of them have often been known to arrive at a particular point, to settle upon a certain conclusion, holding it in spite of all possible censure and ridicule of material conditions, until eventually their desired results were obtained, thus proving that the underlying principles and vibrations were the much more powerful when properly used by a competent operator. No matter how strong had been the material call, the other was the call answered. It is safe to say that such people have become skillful in the use of their staff; they have learned that although a spark be bright, it may not necessarily have its origin in the point they had wished to gain.

We, who are not endowed with such valuable powers, must study and concentrate in the proper channels to thereby bring about equally as good results. We may never bring intuitiveness to recognizable prominence, but we can most assuredly, by the utilization of the proper laws, sooner or later materialize the equivalents pertaining to the same desired end.

Above all we should never become discouraged. To do so is dangerous, for discouragement, if not duly arrested, is very apt to lead into the black realms of envy and malice. How many of us today, owing to discouragement over our own unsuccessful efforts, attempt to hamper and blockade the envied progress of others?

May we who do this, not forget that the cold sharp stones, which we think we are leaving behind in our yesterdays for the other fellow to travel over, will pave the paths of our own tomorrows! May we not forget that a so-called gain or dishonest victory IS NOT A VICTORY, but that its hitherto silvery ring will come to us another day in the hiss of a serpent—in the sting of fate! Such are the results realized by the rebounding sparks of unheeded law. It takes but the fraction of a second to start a wheel in motion; it sometimes takes a life time to arrest its revolution.

Let man in his researches strike with his staff the **true** contact point. When this is done the rebounding spark will ignite with the **true** and corresponding contact point, awaiting his own soul, with the result that its atom of light will grow from a spark to a natural glow, and from the natural glow to the true rewarding gleam, which will illuminate for him the paths of his allotted success by opening unto his view and understanding the simplicity of the regions of previous mystery.

No matter where I stay or roam,
On peaceful lands or raging foam,
A voice is calling from my goal—
You must pay your toll, toll, toll.

When clouds are low and shadows fall
And night peeps o'er my gilded wall,
I seem to hear as echoes toll;
You must pay your toll, toll, toll.

When suns are bright and mists are gone
And birds are warbling their song,
I still can hear that solemn droll:
You must pay your toll, toll, toll.

But if at last when I shall lean
Toward the setting sun serene,
I've paid my dues with all my soul,
I will fear no toll, toll, toll.

The Universal Science of Spiritualism

By George Bruce Ludwig

Philosophers of different ages have devoted their lives to certain ideals that most directly appealed to their inner souls. Many have produced something that will live down through the ages, but none of their lives were lived in vain. Each and every one believed and taught what appeared true to them at that day and period of time. Each of them had their own convictions and conceptions of thoughts and ideas, and endeavored to give them out to their communities or countries. Some were allowed to preach their doctrines and ideas, others were either thrust into prison, banished or put to death. It mattered not if they were imprisoned or banished, for their thoughts were still uttered. It mattered not if they suffered the penalty of death, for the soul still lived.

It has always been the human weakness of man down through the ages up to the present day, to be antagonistic to radical changes in new forms of thought or religion. Each thinks that the thought or religion given to him during infancy, and taught to him during his period of childhood and young manhood, is the only true form to abide by, and he accepts it in its entirety as the only genuine form of worship.

Just because I am not a Catholic, Protestant, Jew, or Moham-
medan is not a good basic reason that I will suffer the torments of Hades in the life to come; just because I am any one of the above is not a good reason that I shall enjoy the privileges and beauties of Heaven. No thought or form of Religious doctrines of today ought to think or believe that their form of creed, doctrine or religion is the only acceptable means for entrance within the portals of Heaven.

Heaven is only a condition of ideas given by the original teachers of religious doctrines, and handed down through the ages to man. Heaven was the condition offered to erring man if all of his deeds and acts throughout life were good and righteous. Hades was the condition offered to man if he erred and did not gain redemption for his soul.

These conditions were both held over the head of man down through the avenues of time; held by the originators of religious thought as a mental torture which guards the soul of man at all times, because it knows no rest. Given for the reason of compelling man to believe and conform to the teachings of their Dogmatic Ideas.

Heaven and Hades is only a condition of mind, originated by our ancestors who were less civilized than the world of today.

A torture of pain by the means of fire, was conceived by them as the worst condition of pain, and therefore that condition was given to man as his ultimate reward if he did not abide by their religious doctrines.

If you go into the extreme North, and ask the Eskimo what his place of torture is like after death, you will find that his condition of Hades is compulsory wandering over vast fields of ice in a naked condition, without any hope whatsoever of ever finding shelter. That is the idea given to them, while in some other religions we find the condition of Hades, that of wandering about in total darkness down through the time of Eternity.

Religion is the higher inspiration of man. It is the Spirituality of the soul. As man develops in mentality his form of religion takes on a higher development.

If religion develops to higher planes according to man's development in mentality, then Religion must be the most powerful factor in the life conditional of man. If Religion leads man on to higher inspirations, then religion must be the controlling factor of man's development in civilization. If religion does control man's higher ideals, then man should never restrict any religion in its beautiful thoughts whether they be the old or new ones coming into existence?

No man can truthfully say that his belief in God is the only true form of worship. No Jew, Catholic or Protestant can truthfully say that their religion will lead a man into Heaven or keep him out of the condition of Hades. Take away the condition of Hades originated by our ancestors, and where would all of the religions of today stand? What form of foundation would they stand upon, and how long would that form of religion exist? No religion should place a condition of fear over a man's head in its endeavor to compel him to worship its creed. Religion should teach love for all things,

and eliminate all fear of death. It should never have a creed or dogma, for under such, it will never develop into ideals of higher Spirituality.

Man's religion should ascend to higher planes as civilization progresses; but if it clings to a creed, it is held down in a cramped condition. Religion is a higher form of development than that of civilization, because it is the Spirituality of the soul or the inner God of man.

If new thoughts of religion are originated, it shows that the Great Unknown Spirit that is in and about us, is trying to raise man's ideals to a higher plane. If we see that these ideals are good and better than our own, it is a detriment to our own selves if we do not accept all that we think are for our own good and welfare.

This world is always going forward, and never stands still. We always find that the man who opens his mind at all times for the better things, be they religion or otherwise, is the man who always holds the great things of life between his fingers. We may have a few unscrupulous men of high standing in this world, but the great majority of them have their own high ideals.

Man does not have to worship Christ or the Virgin Mary to be a good Christian. He may cling to the faith of either that of Buddha, Brahma or Mohammed, and if he lives up to the highest ideals of either of those religions, his life is just as pure as that of the Protestant, Catholic or Jew; and his admittance into that man-made condition of Heaven has just as good a chance.

The condition and form of the Deity was originated by man. His idea was that man was the highest form of life that could be possible, therefor he modeled his type of God after himself. If God is of the same form and type as that of man, then man will never be of any higher form of development than what he is at the present time. This belief should be held by no man, for we know not from what form of life we held before we came into existence upon this earth plane, and if we know not that, then we surely cannot know what our ultimate existence will be. We know that the spirit still lives upon the other side of our present existence, for that has been proven to us; but what lies beyond the Seventh Plane with its millions of developments to be passed through before that condition being reached, that we do not know. What lies upon the other side, we only know by what we can find through communication. The same

is a fact between the first and second plane, the second and third and so on.

There is the same condition of passing out or death upon entering each existence, as there is in our passing out and entering spirit life. We enter a new form of life, a new world as it were, and continue ever onward in like manner. There is no condition of so-called death; all is but a transition from one form of life to that of another, but always in a higher form. Each form must be of a higher development than the preceding one, for the great Natural Laws know not retrogression. Even our own world gets more beautiful as the centuries move its progression gently forward. Nature governed by the fundamental principles of the great Natural Law, endeavors to show to each and all of us, the great story of God.

The spirit of God is within Nature, and the spirit of Nature is within that of God and man. All that is, are a living part of God be they what they may.

If we wish to know God, let each and every one endeavor to place himself in attunement with that Great Spirit. Commune with all that is good, and with Nature; for by so doing, you will acquire a peace of mind and body, which only the great Spirit of God or the Natural Laws will be able to give to you.

Let not the holy laws of different religions be given to you as an accepted fact. Seek for yourselves and try to place yourselves in an attunement with its great divine laws, for as you seek so shall you find.

Seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you, is a real good conception of thought contained in the Bible; for if you seek, you shall find according to the earnest endeavor you care to make; and if you knock hard, and keep on knocking hard enough at the Temple of Wisdom, the doors of knowledge will eventually be opened unto you.

Religion is but an idea. An idea originated by a human mind as to what comprises a Deity. A man's conception of a Deity or God is just as great as is his mentality. If his mind is well developed intellectually, and if he meditated upon that strange subtle force upon which his life is dependent, he will receive a higher and truer conception of what that great power is than the man who is willing to accept some dogmatic idea as a fact of reality which was given to him by another. He is willing to let his mind lie dormant by

accepting another's idea, instead of plunging into the Universe of Knowledge all about him and searching therein for himself, thus gaining the beautiful conceptions of what God really is by his own earnest labors.

Men have ever been ready to accept another's ideas at too great a value. Can it be that they think another person's brain is better and stronger than their own, and thereby instruct them how to worship, and what form of God they shall take? They seem to realize that they are incapable of raising their vibrations so as to come themselves in attunement with the great Spiritual force that lies in and about them. It appears that they do not care to get in touch with this great life giving force, or that they do not believe such a force lives and forever actually exists.

Man does not realize that all of his real happiness in life is at stake, and in danger of being lost. He does not know that he could enjoy the happiness of the Seventh Heaven so to speak, if he would but allow the God-soul within him to commune with that all life giving force. He does not know that that communion with God or the Natural Laws is the stepping stone to higher planes of mentality. He does not realize that his opinion of what the Divine is, is just as good and possibly better than what others try to give to him. He is willing to accept someone else's conception of the Deity, when possibly his own mind could have evolved something of a higher degree of beauty.

Much happiness indeed is lost by man who does not strive to assert himself, who does not endeavor to ascertain what God really is, and to realize that he himself is a living part of that great force of life called God. If he but knew all of the happiness lying therein, he would never be content with allowing his inner self to be enveloped with sensuality, avarice, hatred and jealousy toward his fellow brother. He would at all times strive to elevate his inner self to higher inspirations of spirituality, and thereby enjoy the blessings of peace, love and happiness in his body, mind and soul.

His realization of the beauty of God's ways, would gradually unfold as his endeavors increased in his search of the great mysterious laws that govern all things in and about him? He would realize that the same law of existence governing the whole planetary systems as the one from which he derives his own being.

He would realize that that law is an all-powerful force of love, ever leading everything onward to an unfoldment of greater beauty. That its laws are immutable, and if transgressed that a penalty is enacted which must be paid.

This penalty will always be found just, for it will always be only what that transgression righteously demands. It is a penalty through which God or the Great Natural Laws tries to make man realize that he cannot transgress its laws, either against himself or his fellow man, without receiving an inflictment of punishment according to that of which he is justly deserving.

He is taught by these Laws that he and everything is a part of the whole. A part of that Great Divine Centre from which all life receives its being. That each and everything was created by a force of love, and where that love is shown more predominately, there will the rays from the Divine Centre or God shine most brightly.

That force of love shines most predominate in man, for man is the highest developed form of life upon this earth-plane.

Man himself can produce the rays of that great Divine Centre to a higher degree of radiance, by elevating his soul to planes of higher spirituality. These rays of love emanating from the Divine Centre are also found amongst the birds, animals and in fact from all forms of life. The animals show it in their affection to each other, to their offspring or to man their master. The birds hover and protect their young until they are able to take care of themselves. They again endeavor to show their own conception of that great love to man and everything about them, by their songs of happiness as they stop and rest in the comforting shade of some tree or bush, or are flying through the air.

The trees and flowers in their turn endeavor to show the love of God, by their unfoldment of beauty for the benefit of man, beast, and bird.

If all of these forms of life produce and endeavor to show this great love to all the world, why should not man, who is the most intellectual and highest developed form of life upon this earth, endeavor to do his share and part toward making this world a happy place and a heaven for everything to live in? He should realize that he has that dominant power of love within himself, that he is a living part of God, that whatsoever he wills to have which is good,

that he shall have in full measure to all that he is capable of receiving and taking care of. He should realize at all times that all men, it matters not of what race or religion, are a part of him; and that he is a part of them. That all are brothers upon this great earth-plane; to endeavor to give to each other that pure brotherly love which gradually merges into the spirituality of God; for by so doing, he raises his own soul to a higher elevation and will be better able to distinguish and discern all of the unfoldments of beauty caused by that great Spiritual Force of love which some people call God.

His love should never become mixed with an alloy of hatred, jealousy or malice, and should never be affiliated with the love of sensuality; for that kind of love is indeed a detriment to his soul. Sensuality in the form of love is a predominant factor in many of our matrimonial ventures of today. If all young manhood and womahood would determine their love for each other by the purer love of the God-soul within themselves, how much greater would the blessings and happiness of matrimonial life be to themselves, their families and their future generations. If they would but idealize their highest conceptions of that pure state of love, and keep them ever affixed in their minds: gradually but surely, a soul-mate of their own ideals would drift to their side, and the perfect similarity of their loves would better enable them to guide their ship of happiness over the billowy ocean of life.

This love of the higher ideals of God-hood can only be attained by right living, and right thinking. By right living, one must be able to build up a body that a God of high spirituality will be able to live in. No pure God can live in an unhealthy or diseased body; no God of sensuality can exist in a pure body, for all and everything is God. All evil is a God in itself, awaiting a chance to develop into a higher beauty of unfoldment as its part of God. All evil is disease and all disease has its ultimate cure or salvation. Evil or disease is one part of God endeavoring to teach the other part of God how to live. It endeavors to show its lessons and penalties where transgressions of its immutable laws of Nature or God are committed. It endeavors to make the other part of God profit by its penalties and lessons, so that there may not be any transgressions upon their part. It is all a love of God that endeavors to produce a form of right living to each and every part of itself.

By right thinking, they must endeavor to elevate their thoughts to those of higher forms in beauty of spirituality. They must endeavor to place that God-soul within them in attunement with the high Spiritual Forces of the Divine Centre. They must learn to realize that they are a living part of this Divine Centre. That the existence of their soul at all times depends upon that ever-living force of life that is emanated in its divine rays.

When man can thus place himself in attunement with God, the unfoldment of his soul will be the unfoldment of God, and the beauty of that unfoldment will be the beauty and radiance of the God through which it derived its being.

(To be Continued in our next number)

The Unknown Trail

By May Morse-Burke

Sent out upon the unknown trail
To seek the best in life, for me;
No Moses in the wilderness
To lead or set me free.

I know not whence I came, or why?
But hope 'tis for the common good;
I do my duty as I see,
Though oft misunderstood.

But this I feel, and feeling, know,
Though oftimes weary and oppressed
While struggling onward o'er the way,
"Whatever is, is best."

The greater Law that rules the whole
Of life's inheritance
Will drift me through the tangled ways
To my own recompense.

For The Truth Seeker

By Merle Ashe Richardson

There lies dormant within every human soul the possibility of greater things. The divine part of man is capable of undreamed of unfoldment, and the question naturally arises, how shall he unfold? To the mind trained in the law of cause and effect the natural sequence would be to find the source of supply and how to be able to utilize it, or in other words, how to make ourselves fit instruments whereby Universal Law can use us best in the evolution of all nature, for we must not forget that we are but links in the great chain which forms the perfect whole.

Mankind is groveling in ignorance today, chained and held by old customs and traditions, and we cannot help but admit that the majority are **willing slaves**; they belong to that smug, self-satisfied class known as orthodox christians. They mostly maintain an "I am holier than thou" attitude to all humanity. Instead of reaching down to help their less fortunate brothers, they will pass by on the other side of the street, drawing aside their garments lest they become contaminated.

The scientific mind thinks of God as being a part of all nature, from the tiniest blade of grass to the most perfectly unfolded man, for He comprises and is a **part of all that is**. Universal Law is the **channel or mode of motion** whereby God expresses and is made manifest to the intelligence or mind of man. It is only through this Law that man is able to comprehend Deity. It is well to remember that there can be no real development unless it is gained by working in harmony with God, or Universal Law.

Sentiment being enthroned by reason, seeks the why and wherefore of what is, and in order to reach the heights he must necessarily prepare himself for the great adventure. I say adventure because it is something entirely different from the ordinary worldly achievement; but in time to come when Psychic Law is more fully understood, such an experience will be the rule and not the exception. First, he must free his mind of all preconceived ideas which were

grown and fostered by false teachings. Second, he must be willing to let go of self and be guided by the unseen forces; by that I mean individualized intelligencies of the higher, spiritual spheres. Naturally he may hesitate to give up his former ideas, but this is quite necessary if real success is desired.

Christ the great teacher said: "Unless you become as little children you can in nowise enter the kingdom of heaven". 'Ve have learned that the kingdom of heaven is within, but in order to reach that heaven in consciousness, whereby we may commune with beings of that realm, we must free our minds of all selfishness and all false teachings. "Unless you become as little children". What does that statement mean? It means that we must be pure in heart (thought) as are little children; it means that we must be loving and trusting, with a great desire to know and understand. The ordinary child is trustful and obedient, not questioning the why and wherefore of its instructors, and the mind that would progress in wisdom must like the child be obedient to its teachers. Children usually have regular hours for study, and the one who would become a pupil of the higher intelligences, must also have regular hours set apart for study and communion, thereby gaining knowledge and power to overcome adverse conditions.

No one who seeks after knowledge with a sincere desire to know, and is willing to make himself a fit instrument by right thinking and living, will ever be refused help from these exalted beings of the higher spheres whose duty it is to help and instruct mankind. All he need do is to put himself in a passive condition at certain hours whereby they can reach him. But he must not expect great things at once; just as the child must be fed on milk until it is able to take more substantial food, so must the beginner be fed with knowledge.

From the earliest time of which we have any history, man has had direct illumination through inspiration. Just so fast as his brain has developed, making it possible for the higher forces to use it, has inspiration of a higher order been given him, until today it is possible for him to become so perfectly developed, both mentally and spiritually, that he is able to come in rapport with beings of the higher and most exalted spheres. That this is a fact, can be proven by thousands who are able to communicate with these exalted

beings; but in order to do this we must be willing to begin at the beginning, putting all selfish motives aside and allowing ourselves to be guided by the teacher or teachers who have undertaken this work. That there are exalted beings in the higher spheres whose work it is to guide and instruct mankind, is a well known fact to many of the Illuminati. Only those who are ignorant of the great psychic truths of nature will presume to contradict these well known facts. Because all mankind is not mentally and spiritually developed to the extent whereby they can communicate with those of the higher spheres, is no sign that such communication cannot take place, and the one who contradicts these facts is only showing the grade of their own growth or development. They are yet in the infant class and cannot comprehend these higher truths.

Many claim that it is possible to reach a development so perfect, that we are able to get direct inspiration from the Universal source of all nature. That communication between beings of earth and those of the spiritual spheres is a fact which has been scientifically proven, cannot be denied, but whether this fact is to be a blessing or a curse is left to the individual. Just as many forces in nature are harmful when not properly understood, so is the fact of communication when we do not understand the law governing it.

There are all kinds of people living on old mother-earth today; the vicious, the unscrupulous, the spiritually developed and those who are scarcely above the animal. All are on their way, and some time, some where, must reach the ultimate in progression, whatever that may be; but in the mean time, many will pass through the change called death before they reach any great degree of progression. What then will be their condition when they reach the spirit world? Will the mere change from the physical to the spiritual or ethereal realms, make them a highly developed and spiritual being? No. A thousand times no. We will be when we reach the spiritual or ethereal world, just what we are when we make the change called death, no more no less, until we have progressed. We may be changed in a twinkling of an eye from one plane of expression to an other, but that change does not alter our soul's development, for we can only grow through conscious effort, be it in this world or in the next.

The above being facts, the logical conclusion, would be that there are many in the spiritual world who are not highly developed but

who are of the low, vicious order, in fact, in all grades from the highest to the lowest. It is well known by those who understand Psychic Law that the low, undeveloped spirits who inhabit the lower spheres are nearer the earth-plane than those of the higher spheres, and for that reason are attracted to the earth and seek communion with those living on the earth-plane. Therefore it behooves all who are psychics, or those who would understand Psychic Law, to be very careful what class of spirits they are drawing to them. That, "Like attracts like," is a scientific fact. If we seek development for a selfish purpose, or to gain knowledge whereby we can harm our fellow man, we will surely draw to us spirits of the same grade of development as that represented by our own desires. We cannot be too careful how we use our powers, they can be a curse as well as a blessing if not rightly understood and always used for good.

There are Psychics among people of every grade of development. Many are being used by spirits of the low, undeveloped order and are doing much harm in the world, not only to themselves but to others. My advice to all is this: Do not meddle with the great psychic forces of nature unless you have the knowledge and the firm desire to use the power you may gain by understanding these forces for the good of all mankind, and for the development of your own soul.

The History of Spiritual Healing

By Eugene Del Mar, in NOW

If questioned as to whether I believe in the power of thought, I ask in reply: Is there any other power? And when questioned as to whether I recognize Spiritual Healing, I wonder what other kind of healing there can possibly be. There is no other healing, for health and wholeness are essential of the Spirit, and all appearance is but result or evidence.

When did the history of spiritual healing commence? It began with history itself. Spiritual healing never began; it is co-eternal

with life. It always was. The healing power is inherent in life itself; it has always operated, and it ever will. There is that in life which compels readjustment, to the extent that it is not thwarted by its own Self-consciousness.

Spiritual Healing has been practiced by man from his earliest beginnings. For eons he could have had knowledge of no other healing. From the earlier developments of civilization, when religion served as the great fountain-head of all learning, the priests were likewise the doctors or healers. There was only spiritual healing. This was ages before there was any system of physica or any physicians.

In the more advanced civilizations of India, Persia, Assyria, Egypt, Greece and even Rome, we still find that the priest is also the doctor, even while some slight recognition is accorded to the physician, and to the belief in physical agencies in the treatment of disease.

We find this unity of priest and doctor referred to in the Bhavagad Gita of India, the Zend Avesta of Persia, the Odyssey of Greece, and in the literatures of Egypt, Assyria, and almost every other ancient country. Cycles afterwards, from about the 12th century of our era, in Europe, similar conditions again prevailed, and the Emanuel Movement of our own day was merely the renaissance or new birth of the same time-honored belief and practice. There was absolutely nothing new about it.

The Savior of practically each ancient race and nation was known as the Great Physician, and practiced spiritual healing in evidence of his divine power and inspiration. Waving aside centuries and countries, and coming to the Buddha of India, more than 600 years B. C., his whole life, teaching and attainment were devoted to the overcoming of old age, disease and death. He proclaimed the Law that accomplished this—and it was the Law of Spiritual Healing.

Centuries later, Jesus the Christ proclaimed the same Law, and it was then resurrected and practiced by a few for a short time. In the New Testament narrative, spiritual healing and spiritual teaching went hand in hand—the healing being a proof or demonstration of the teaching. We know little of this other than from the New Testament writings, and in its purer form spiritual healing

was soon lost sight of and forgotten. However, eternal truths cannot die to the race consciousness, and traces of it may be found all through the ages since then, although mingled with error, fraud or superstition.

All through the Christian era we come across the practice of spiritual healing, but generally in connection with material agencies. In the early centuries, to the shrines of Christian saints and afterward to their bones and relics, were attributed the power of the Spirit. St. Dunstan, St. Matthew, St. Bernard, St. Edmund, and a host of other saints were regarded as avenues to the Spirit; and this was accorded to the bones of Elisha, the shadow of St. Peter, the handkerchief of St. Paul, and the like.

A remarkable practice of spiritual healing was that of the "Royal Touch", which was efficacious in sundry diseases, especially epilepsy and scrofula. This is said to have begun with Edward the Confessor in the eleventh century, and it came down from reign to reign with ever-increasing miraculous efficacy. Not only Catholic but Protestant kings and queens exercised this power. In England, James I, Charles I, Charles II, William III, Queen Ann; in France, Louis XIV, and others. That numerous cures were effected by this practice is beyond all dispute.

This sacred property was extended to shrines, streams, fountains, wells and spots of earth, pilgrimages and various sacred observances. Gradually the increasing monetary value of these relics and shrines introduced a distinctly mercantile spirit, and the practice degenerated more and more into a mixture of incantation with fetiches, or into pure fetichism; and finally it destroyed itself in its very denial of that which constituted its fundamental principle. Faith was swallowed up by superstition, and the spiritual ideal was lost in the worship of material idols.

The beginnings of the Spiritual Healing of today may be traced back some distance of time, but for practical purposes and in relation to the Movement that we represent, it began with Dr. Quimby in New England some 60 years ago, was given a decided impetus by Mrs. Eddy and the Christian Scientists, and was liberated by Mental Science and New Thought. Spiritual Healing constitutes the fundamental of all of these movements, and is the essential unity that relates each of them to the basic truths of Being and existence.

To even name those who have been prominent in the great

Spiritual Movement of the last sixty years, would take all of my time; but from Dr. Quimby and Mrs. Eddy to the movement now represented by New Thought, there is not only a distance of years, but a far greater advance in breadth and depth of understanding. We of today are far ahead of these great leaders, and we confidently hope and expect that the leaders of fifty years hence will be even more in advance of ourselves.

We have by no means appropriated all of the ancient wisdom. We know nothing now that was not known ages ago. But that which was formerly appropriated entirely by the few in their own interest has become the possession of the many for the general service of humanity. What were at one time regarded as mysteries for priest and sage have now become almost common-places. And beneath the seeming materialism, egotism, and selfishness of our present civilization, there is a spiritual current that is destined to lead mankind into the realization of its Oneness with the Infinite, and therefore with all parts of itself.

To the individual, this realization will signify health and wholeness of mind and body, under control of the Spirit; and to humanity it will mean the consciousness of their fundamental unity and oneness in interest, purpose and ultimate destiny. This realization will be the result of spiritual teaching, of the dissemination of fundamental Truth, the principal source of which will doubtless be found in the New Testament; and now, as before, the proof and demonstration of the Truth will be attested by spiritual healing.

Perhaps the guiding influence of the New Age on which we are now entering will be spiritual healing; for it is only as human affairs are guided consciously by the Infinite Spirit that harmony and peace can ever reign on earth. Long as is the history of spiritual healing, it may be said to be born again in the light of New Thought; and the popularity of spiritual healing is a distinguishing "Sign of the Times".

High Ideals

By Ellen Sophia Holway

The best stories that were ever written, I think, are about the things that draw human beings closer together; and whatever is attained in life should be with the highest of motives. The great English statesman, Gladstone, was guided in all the efforts he made by a high, moral ideal. What he sought was the attainment of great ideals; and whether they were based on sound conviction or not, they could have issued from nothing but the greatest and purest moral aspirations. He leaves behind him the memory of a grand, Christian statesman.

How little we can comprehend unless we see God in everything; and that means more love for our fellow-men; but in order to accomplish that we must hold them in thought of a high ideal. As we gaze from the physical eye much can be seen which is evil; but to build up mankind is to recognize the best that is within and always make mention of their good qualities and not the evil.

A soul needs encouraging. How many a poor mortal has gone to destruction just for the want of a sympathizing word or even a kind look or warm hand-shake. It requires so little to cause extreme happiness, or severe pain. "Tall oaks from little acorns grow", and so it is the small deeds from day to day that make up our lives; one of blessed sunshine, or continued misery. "As we sow so shall we reap". Thoughts will be continually responding to us like a boomerang, be they good or be they evil, so let us strive for the highest and best. From the kingdom of the mind issue the edicts which govern life.

GHOSTS

By Florence Bell Anderson

In childhood days, when winter evenings came
We used to watch the embers burning low,
And tell ghost stories, and the very name
Would chill my blood, I used to fear them so.

I didn't think there really were such things,
And if there were, they had no right to be;
I thought they prowled around and shook their wings
To scare bad folks, and good ones too, maybe.

And when I walked at night I'd look around,
My heart would beat so fast and seem to say:
"Scared Cat, just see those shadows on the ground,
They'll turn to ghosts before you get away."

Poor little child! I've left you far behind,
Back on the streets of long and long ago;
You did not know your fearing was unkind,
God will not blame, because you did not know.

Long is the road my weary feet have turned,
But on my journey, God has wisdom sent;
My eyes are clear; this have I lived to learn,
Ghosts are most real, but oh! so different.

Ghosts are our friends gone to the higher school,
And they would teach of hope and faith and love,
Of lovely lands where God alone doth rule;
They link our lives to perfect worlds above.

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EDITORIAL

With this issue Psychic Truth will have launched out upon the third year of its existence. Let us all unite to make the year one to be proud of. This can only be done by earnest endeavor, and that endeavor must not only be held by us, but by all whom the magazine comes in contact with.

Reader, this means YOU! The only way to prove that you are making an endeavor is to send in new subscribers, and RENEW YOUR OWN SUBSCRIPTION. Those of you whose subscription has run out will find a Blank Form in your magazine, this means you will not receive another magazine unless you renew.

We earnestly ask that every reader and subscriber of Psychic Truth will make a special effort to secure at least two subscribers before March, 1923. Many of you will get more, but if ALL will prove their willingness to help by sending in only two subscribers within the next year, THINK WHAT IT WILL MEAN!

We believe that the Philosophy contained in our magazine is something the world is looking for, and our earnest endeavor is to put it out upon a foundation of high ideals, and by so doing make Psychic Truth its greatest advocate.

The Pathway of Light

By S. J. Richardson

The pathway that leads to light is regulated by Immutable Law, and man's greatest ambition should be to understand that law. Today a great many people are trying to shield themselves behind man-made law, behind a curtain of deceit or behind the perforated religions of the past. How can man work in harmony with Universal Law, see the wisdom of its plan, and then bow to man-made law that is cruel, unjust and degrading in its influence? Man is rocked in the cradle of Universal Law, but he is just beginning to understand its beauty and grandeur; he may function on all planes of expression by understanding this Law, because it is universal in its workings.

The theories of the past are fast fading away before the illuminating star of love and wisdom; the mighty wind of criticism is blasting the hope of all theories founded upon faith; the renovating process of Science is purging the theories of the past until today man is not saying I hope so, but I know so. We look around and about us and see on every hand the expression of Universal Law, the giver and receiver of all life. We may try, but in vain, to blast or change the Immutable Laws of nature, but the apple will fall from the tree, for the law of gravitation is a fact in nature. Man may try, but in vain, to formulate a process for the reproduction of a human soul, but he will find that the law of reproduction is unchangeable. He may try, but in vain, to live forever upon this plane of expression, but death, so called, will transform his soul into new and higher fields of usefulness. Any one who has ever studied Universal Law, and has the slightest comprehension of its workings, can readily see the infeasibility as well as the impossibility of any religious organization trying to control the destiny of a human soul.

The standard of all life is a fixed factor in nature's process, and not the product of custom and theories; it's the evolving march of cosmic energy, and cannot be controlled by any set of individuals. The fountain-head of success does not depend wholly upon worldly achievement, but upon spiritual knowledge, gained by understanding the Law. When men and nations rise above the foglands of hope and despair, and clothe themselves with scientific thought that is in

harmony with Universal Law, then, and not until then, will we see the day draw near when the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man will be the ruling power for justice.

Man does not strive in vain to look beyond the heights, for the glory of his mission is revealed to him by the voices of the countless dead; he does not err when striving to gain the knowledge of an eternal truth, for the wisdom of all ages has taught us that the Truth will make us free. Then why should we not go into the silence and study and become acquainted with Universal Law? The Law that gives you the key to all life and its functioning propensity. Man rises with the tide of human evolution when he understands the Law, but when he ignores the Law he is carried beneath the waves of onrushing energy and force that regulates his destiny. We see the mystic veil being drawn aside and a better understanding of Universal Law is realized, which teaches us that in nature's processes there are no mysteries or supernatural Laws, but all is working in harmony with Universal Law, and the pendulum of time will regulate all in accordance with the dial-plate of their awakened consciousness. We see no clouds of mystery in a world governed by Universal Law; we find no dispensation in the Immutable Laws of nature, and all the theories of the past that have been woven into mysticism for the purpose of deluding man has never changed the most minute law of nature.

Man may theorize, formulate and put forth his ideas to the world in all the glory of a God, proclaiming through his revelation or the revelation of some other personage, that man cannot enter the kingdom of heaven unless he drinks from his cup of mystery and uses his standard or formula as a purifying process that he may be washed as white as snow, while he who drinks from the cup of nature or the well-springs of eternal life, will be lost in the great shuffle of ecclesiasticism. Such theories might satisfy a fool or an imbecile, but a well regulated mind who has ever studied the Laws of nature has no use for man-made religion. We know that Law and Principle, Force and Vibration, are the motive powers of the Universe, and man's future existence does not depend upon theories or supposition. The cosmic energy and force of the Universe, guided by its evolving tendency will regulate us all where we belong, regardless of race, color or religion.

Wit and Humor

The archbishop had preached a fine sermon on the beauties of married life. Two old Irish women coming out of church were heard commenting upon his address. "'Tis a fine sermon his reverence would be after given' us," said Bridget. "'It is indade,'" replied Maggie, "and I wish I knew as little about the matter as he does."

"Why do you keep this stock certificate framed and hung on the wall?" "Just as a little reminder not to make the same mistake again." "I know how it is," said the lady. "I feel that way every time I look at my marriage certificate."

Who wrote the most, Dickens, Warren or Bulwer? Warren wrote "Now and Then," "Bulwer wrote, "Night and Morning," but Dickens wrote "All the Year Round".

Washington never told a lie, but it must be remembered he entered politics when the country was very new.

A magazine writer says very few poets are blondes. This is probably due to the fact that poets are born, and not made.—Detroit Free Press.

Modiste—Really, madam, this gown makes an entirely different woman out of you. Customer's Husband—Take it, Helen—never mind the price!

The true American is too honest to steal, too proud to beg, so he gets trusted.

The serpentine dance is the sort that Eve led Adam. It is still very popular.

The feminist orator was wound up as she addressed the gathering of mere men. "Women", she shouted, "have in all times and in all countries been the mainspring of national existence. Who was the world's greatest hero? Helen of Troy! Who was the world's greatest ruler? Queen Victoria! Who was the world's greatest martyr? Gentlemen who, I say, was the world's greatest martyr?" And with one voice that immense crowd of men arose and said: "My wife!"

Mother-in-law dying; son-in-law standing by her side. Her last words are: "Good-bye, my son; we will meet in heaven." That settled it; he stopped going to church.

Not Worried—He: "If I were to die you'd never get another husband like me." She: "What makes you imagine I should ever want another like you?"

A lady was asked to sing at an evening party; she began, "I'll Strike Again My Tuneful Lyre. 'Her husband made a dive for the door, saying, 'Not if I know it you won't.'"

Mr. A: How do you like married life?

Mr. B: Oh. I live like a bird.

Mr. A: How is that?

Mr. B: I have to fly for my life.

"The rapidly increasing divorce rate," remarked the wit, "indicates that America is, indeed, becoming the land of the free."

"Yes," replied his prosaic friend, "but the continued marriage rate suggests that it is still the home of the brave."

Field of Activity

The First Church of Goodfellowship of Wilkinsburg, Pa., services Sunday afternoon and evening and Wednesday afternoon and evening, in the National Bank Building, corner Penn Ave., and Wood Street, Wilkinsburg, Pa. Rev. Gesine Rapp, Pastor.

During the month of December this church held a Christmas Novelty Bazaar, well attended and financially successful. At the Christmastide we prepared a tree for the children along with a box of candy and a toy for each; not only our own but for all the children that were brought in. We also had a beautiful song service, accentuated by piano and violin. This was followed by spirit messages bearing Christmas Greetings to their loved ones. Altogether a glorious evening was enjoyed. In the coming month we have arranged another social "getting together" namely, a Masquerade Dance, and feel confident that it will also prove a grand success.

Our "Helping Hand" Club has planned many things for the year just come in, and the "Calendar Club" is bringing in its little mite also. We try to arrange things so that our people will not be burdened in a financial way for conditions here in this city are very bad; but somehow our little gatherings usually supply the deficiency, and all have a good time as well. We have our own hall, so can use it at any time, and many a beautiful evening spiritually at our work, or materially at our play, we have had therein. May God and the Angel World stand ever by us. Rev. Gesine Rapp.

"The Rollington School of Psychic Unfoldment and Soul Progression", every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in our hall, corner Penn Ave. and Wood St., Wilkinsburg, Pa. Your progression taken care of by Spirit Teachers through Rev. Gesine Rapp. All who are interested in the true knowledge of their psychic self are welcome to enroll.

Guiding Light Church of Free Psychics, 126 Harriet Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. A very active campaign has been started in this society for the unfoldment and progression of the cause. Services are held every Sunday evening at 7:45 and messages begin at 8:30. Seats are free, but a free-will offering is accepted. Mrs. Irma Schmidt from Baltimore, Md., has been accepted as a member of this church; she not only has won the attention of the congregation with her messages, which have been verified, but being gifted with rare vocal talent she has thrilled the hearts of all attending services with her wonderful voice. Mr. G. B. Truebenbach also a member and medium of this society has delivered some very impressive and convincing messages, and his presence at the meetings is greatly appreciated.

Through the efforts of the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Wind, an Alliance has been formed to which many have already subscribed. This is an undenominational affair, and has been the means of encouraging many individuals to aid this cause in a general manner; and while there are many who hesitate to join the church or society, yet they feel free to support the Alliance and the Pastor feels well pleased in the success that is reported from week to week. Card parties and socials are being held every Tuesday evening, with favors each time. Plans are now well under way for a Lawn Fete, which is to exceed all others previously held by this society. We must not forget our Lyceum children who meet every Sunday morning in the church parlor; they are regular in their attendance and faithful in performing their duties. At Christmas time Honors were awarded (a solid gold pin, emblem of this society) to the first ten best records, and each child attending the Christmas exercises received a gift. At Easter time Diplomas will be awarded to Ida Truebenbach, Margaret Harlach and Esther Walters.

Officers elected to G. L. F. P. for the year are: Rev. Joseph G. Wind, president and treasurer; Albert Harlach, vice-president; Catherine Pralow, secretary; Mrs. M. Harlach, whose term as Trustee had expired, was re-elected for a term of three years, also Mrs. B. Wind and Mrs. I. Truebenbach. With sincere regret we feel the loss of our late Brother, Joseph Buoman, who was an active worker.

The funeral which was arranged by the family, was left in charge of the Pastor and the F. and A. M.

Guiding Light extends Greetings to all Spiritual and Psychic workers, wishing them a prosperous year, 1922.

Rev. Joseph G. Wind, Pres. G. L. F. P.

The Beacon Light Church of 2113 Seneca St., Buffalo, N. Y., held its Christmas exercises Dec. 18th. There was a beautiful Christmas tree with a box of candy, a bag of nuts and popcorn balls for every child. The officers of the Church and Ladies' Aid received bouquets of chrysanthemums, and the pastor and president, Rev. Julia Boyce and Ernest Boyce, received bouquets of roses, carnations and babysbreath; the pastor who is president of the Ladies' Aid, was also presented with a beautiful cut glass vase by that organization. The children's exercises were very good; also the music by the children assisted by two young men. The associate pastor, Myrtle Van Otteren received a gold piece from the Ladies' Aid, together with the following verses written by Mrs. Anna Hinman:

Just a little token to cheer you on your way,
To shed its golden beams o'er your pathway, day by day;
Just a little token of our love for thee and thine,
For deeds and words that lighten all the way of life divine.
Just a kind wish given for a merry Christmas Time,
For a happy glad New Year, as you tread life's heights sublime.

Myrtle Van Otteren

Church of Spiritual Philosophy of Erie, Pa. Services every Sunday evening in Red Men's Hall, Rev. Florence L. Gillespie, Pastor.

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For the benefit of Psychic Truth readers I wish to state the fact concerning a case of healing, the patient being a young woman nineteen years old, suffering from Tuberculosis, discharged from a sanitarium in the vicinity of Bradford, Pa., for the treatment of such diseases as incurable.

I arrived in Bradford on December 23rd, 1921, and three days later was called to her bedside. I found her suffering with Tuberculosis and Rheumatism, unable to turn herself in bed, both lower limbs drawn up tight to her body and unable to retain any food on her stomach whatever. I have been treating her with the power that works through my organism, and at the present time she can straighten out both limbs and move around at her will. She is able with only three weeks treatment to sit up with a plate of food on her lap, and with the aid of a knife and fork, partake of a fairly good meal and digest it. She is gaining every day, and is able to write letters to her friends, something she could not do for the past nineteen months.

E. F. Barr

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE N. A. OF F. P.

At this time I wish to call the attention of the chartered Auxiliaries of the National Association of Free Psychics to the fact that with the New Year a great work is before us and it is hoped that the Rules and Regulations contained in the Constitution and By-Laws

of this Association will be more fully complied with. If we "reap what we sow" then let us be mindful of what we would like to reap, and sow accordingly. If "Charity begins at home", then let us not forget that the N. A. of F. P. is our home field, and should be cultivated to the best of our ability, not forgetting our duties and obligations meanwhile.

All Psychics affiliated with this Association will please bear in mind that renewals on various Certificates are constantly coming due, and should be renewed promptly. When sending in your renewal fee, please give the date and number of your Certificate.

Rev. Joseph G. Wind, Sec'y N. A. of F. P.

AFFIRMATIONS

FOR THE SILENCE

I now close myself to all outside material influences—

And open myself to all the inflow of Divine Spirit, in close communion with good spirit relatives and friends.

I am now filled with Divine Love;

I am now filled with Divine Power.

I am now filled with Divine Wisdom—

And knowledge to direct this power.

I am now filled with Divine Faith,—

Faith in this infinite power and in myself thru it.

I am now filled with Divine Life and Divine Health.

I am now filled with Divine success, prosperity and plenty, through the law of Spiritual harmony—

And radiate all of these Divine qualities to the whole world.

ETERNITY

In the dim vista of the years, that stretches on before,
You can hear the murmur of the waves as they break upon the shore;
Of Eternity.

There the loved ones bright and fair, who have only gone before,
Are awaiting you to join them in their homes forevermore,
In Eternity.

There's no sickness, pain or death, nothing more to mar their joy;
Dross from gold has been refined, purified from all alloy,
In Eternity.

In that blessed land of light, pilgrims from the foreign shore,
Shall their promised Haven reach, to be torn from it no more,
Through Eternity.

All the mysteries of that land stand revealed to searching souls,
All the glories of the spheres, fills your heart and overflows,
In Eternity.

Things that once were hard to bear, now are jeweled rich and rare,
In the crown that decks your brow over there,
In Eternity.

And the stone that bruised your feet, stepping stones to Heaven's
seat;
Dark the waters that you crossed, but in them your sins were lost,
For Eternity.

When that fair shore you reach, tempest tossed, weary fighting the
waves,
You will recall the song you learned in youth's fair morn, Jesus
Saves.
For Eternity.

Contributed by—G. B. Moore

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1. We uphold the free and full expression of The Declaration of Independence.
2. We affirm that Law and Principle, Force and Vibration are the Motive Powers of the Universe.
3. We affirm that Truth is Eternal, and we seek to utilize it, whether found in individuals, books or nature.
4. We affirm that intercommunication between the denizens of this and other worlds is scientifically established through the Law of Mediumship.
5. We affirm that True Democracy is the Beacon Light that leads men and nations to a higher understanding of spiritual things.
6. We affirm that Nature's Laws, in all their different forms of mode and motion, are Psychic in their unfoldment.
7. We affirm that through the higher teachings of Spiritualism, mankind is drawn closer to the Law of Justice, Equality and Fraternity.
8. We affirm the freedom of Thought for every soul as to Choice and as to Belief, and would not by the adoption of any Declaration of Principles limit such freedom.
9. We recognize the Power of Spiritual Healing as one of the greatest gifts known to mankind, and we affirm by the exercising of this Gift we are rendering True Worship to God.

AFFIRMATIONS

(These affirmations should be recited, every morning and evening, in a gentle tone of voice. One can grow faith by affirming thoughts of faith. One can affirm a belief until it becomes positive faith.)

God's Essence is and must be the absolute **good**, and since He is the First Cause, (creating by the imparting of His own Essence, shaped according to His own perfect ideas) everything real is and must be **good**.

It is not sufficient for me to be alive. I must live for some **purpose**; must **accomplish** something; must have some **object**, and put forth my energy to **effect** it.

I do now abandon every way of doing, talking and thinking, which does not conform to the principles of right and truth.

I now cultivate decision and persistency.

I allow nothing to discourage me.

I am courageous, I am determined.

I consider nothing too small or unimportant for me to meet in the Christ-like attitude.

I embrace every opportunity to assert my dominion and prove the law—of goodness.

I am strong, I am well, I am happy, I am free.

MESSAGE DEPARAMENT NOTICE:—A number of unusually good messages were received, but unfortunately are too late for printing in this number. They will be given in the next issue of Psychic Truth.

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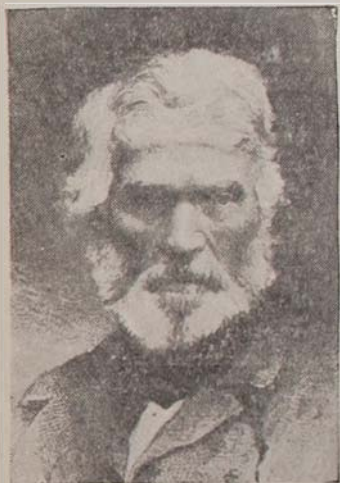
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