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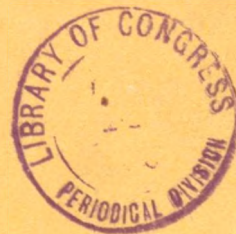
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# THE LAW OF GOD

THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

II.

THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE, OR ANY LIKENESS OF ANYTHING THAT IS IN HEAVEN ABOVE, OR THAT IS IN THE EARTH BENEATH, OR THAT IS IN THE WATER UNDER THE EARTH. THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF TO THEM NOR SERVE THEM: FOR I THE LORD THY GOD AM A JEALOUS GOD VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN UNTO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION OF THEM THAT HATE ME AND SHOWING MERCY UNTO THOUSANDS OF THEM THAT LOVE ME AND KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.

III.

THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN FOR THE LORD WILL NOT HOLD HIM GUILTYLESS THAT TAKETH HIS NAME IN VAIN.

IV.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY. SIX DAYS SHALT THOU LABOR AND DO ALL THY WORK: BUT THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SABBATH OF THE LORD THY GOD: IN IT THOU SHALT NOT DO ANY WORK, THOU, NOR THY SON, NOR THY DAUGHTER, THY MAN-SERVANT, NOR THY MAID-SERVANT, NOR THY CATTLE, NOR THY STRANGER THAT IS WITHIN THY GATES: FOR IN SIX DAYS THE LORD MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA AND ALL THAT IN THEM IS, AND RESTED THE SEVENTH DAY: WHEREFORE THE LORD BLESSED THE SABBATH DAY AND HALLOWED IT.

V.

HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER, THAT THY DAYS MAY BE LONG UPON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE.

VI.  
THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

VII.

THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

VIII.

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

IX.

THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.

X.

THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, NOR HIS MAN-SERVANT, NOR HIS MAID-SERVANT, NOR HIS OX, NOR HIS ASS, NOR ANYTHING THAT IS THY NEIGHBOR'S.





# The True Light

PLEASE, GOD, GIVE ME LIGHT; HAVE MERCY ON MY SOUL

## BE WATCHFUL

Brought Forth by Rev. M. E. Claas

(An Abstract)



O I AGAIN draw nigh and again I would call to humanity to awaken, for there stand many things before you. I call awaken to you, that you be not in that deep sleep when the hour comes, and we should stand ready in defence. I call it to one and to all, for I see so much coming upon humanity. I see how many will be taken from their earthly career, how they will be taken over the border in the twinkling of an eye. They will stand there, even those who think they can buy their way in that higher realm or that they might be able to remain in their earthly cloak a great many more days than they right now have before them, hardly knowing how to turn.

I bring it to you that you would understand it rightly. That is why I so often say and call to humanity to watch and be watchful ere the hour strikes and the watching time is over. We return out of brotherly love that humanity get on its upward way, that humanity might reach out to something better.

Are not hundreds and hundreds being affected by poisonous gases throughout the earthplane and are not hundreds passing over the border from day to day? Each one knows what is right and what is wrong, but you let the wrong take hold of you and draw you down and down, instead of reaching out to something that is better, that is more for your good, that would help and inspire you to go on the upward way.

I see how many young men and women will go under. It is time these young people, young brothers and sisters, should be traveling on a more righteous pathway. They will say it is too slow, must have excitement, or have to have something that is full of pep. Stand up and think. There is something for you to stand up and think over. Look right into the depths of your spirit. Search within and you will find in those depths things that should not be there, and what it would mean if you came in touch with God, that high Force.

If on the impulse of the moment you stood face to face with God and you know how that uncleanness had affected your spirit—how you had forgotten the better self, the very eye that is within—how you go on that wayward way, reaching out to things that are careless, then you would look to the things that would build you up and make you rise to a higher point. I bring it to you out of unselfish motive that you would understand where you can find those shortcomings that affect you.

Think of what you experienced after all the "happy" hours, after the "excitement," after being "filled with pep." Do you not feel sad and downcast, does not your spirit sink within, and do you not say, I have had a wonderful time these past days and yet what is that which is annoying me, drawing me down?

Search the inner part, search the spirit within and you will soon know the cause of your sadness and of your uneasiness. It is the spirit part that is lamenting within. It is the very eye within that is watching every movement you make every turn you take and whatever else you did, and it bears record of all. Upon coming over the border you will see for yourself all these shortcomings.

Side-track all these shortcomings no matter what kind of

a habit it had been or ailment. Think of something different. Look at the beautiful part of the earth plane and see the very grass you walk over. How sweet is the perfume from it. Cut the grass and mow it down and smell the wonderful odor that would bring you refreshment. Watch out and look even at the wild flowers that grow in the very marshes, cloaked in brightness, and if the flowers are happy, why cannot humanity in all its grandness be happy?

It is in selfishness that humanity reaches out for more and more for self, wanting what our brothers have regardless of whether it draws us down into the depths. Those are the points we should think of and the deeds we should watch. Oft-times when we are happy and contented and we reach out and we want to be just right, we think that something creeps within our inner selves and we know not what; it says do this and do that and we look for something worthwhile materially. We care not to go where we will not receive credit and reward, where we are not known. We do not do anything unless we get commendation. These are shortcomings that draw the spirit down.

The young brothers and sisters should understand, for they have the whole earthly journey before them. They have all to look forward to. Watch out that they draw you not down from where you stand firm for the right. You stand firm as you think and the next moment you are drawn down into some destructful degree. It is so with the great educated men. They stand up and bring points to humanity and yet they bring not the right points. They in their selfishness hold that which is most dear, from humanity. They only think of what will be the most for their earthly career, otherwise they care not. Do they help a brother in need? They work for gain and name.

That is not the way the Elder Brother, Jesus of Nazareth, brought it. He showed humanity how they must be in a brotherly way, for we are all children of God, that one Supreme Force, the Father of all. Therefore we should be in oneness with another. We should help each other with some kind words and deeds. We should be in that brotherly way trying to uplift one another, not as most do—drawing down one another's character.

The character of their brother and sister they drag down into the very depths. They will have to return it. When we have blemished a character we will have to bring it back and which is very hard to do. Well for those who make right their shortcomings while they journey in their earthly cloak! When that cloak which holds the spirit is worn out, whether the spirit is called beforehand or not makes no difference, we should be on that pathway that will help one another and where we will reach out to something higher.

I call to that most great and adorable Jehovah that He might hear each one, that He might send forth that which will uplift the spirit of man. That they might look into the very depths of their spirit which wants to be good and noble, that when they stand before that God who created everything, that they will be able to give record and stand the test. That they will be able to look face to face and spirit to spirit with those about them and not that they have to draw down and creep into some corner.

Call to that Great and Noble God, that Father of All, that He might help each one on their way. Also, those who have been bereaved and those who are upon beds of sickness and tortured, that the sick will be restored to health and strength and that their eyes might be opened that they might give thanks to that God. AMEN. APPOLIOS OF TREON.



PLEASE, GOD, GIVE ME LIGHT; HAVE MERCY ON MY SOUL

## SPIRIT JOURNEY

Brought Forth by Rev. M. E. Claas

(An Abstract)



**A** GAIN it is with happiness that I return to this earth plane and it is for the reason that humanity might be lead on the upward pathway. Does anyone know ere the hour comes when the spirit must depart? It departs and leaves its earthly form, the flesh and blood behind, but that is not the ending of all existence. No. The spirit goes on forever and forever. There is no way of destroying it.

It is with gladness I say again that I return, that humanity would look onward and upward, for it is worth while to travel after that which is better and not always be drawn down to the very depths of destruction.

Have you ever looked about you and seen friends—brothers and sisters—in distress and then turned your back to such? Would that be right? Indeed not. The Nazarene, our Elder Brother, so often brought it almost two thousand years ago when He was here amongst men, how we should be in brotherly love one with another.

It is out of brotherly love that we return and bring a message of peace to everyone. It is that your own loved ones return to bring cheer and happiness to you. Still, so little is thought at times of those who have gone over the border. They live on and yet humanity will say it is almost impossible that those so long dead can return. Deceive not yourselves, my dear brothers and sisters of the earth plane. The time is coming when you, too, will stand there and you will say, yes, we heard it time and time again from those who returned and we thought so little of how it could be or how it could come about.

They do return to you out of brotherly love. Out of love's motive they bring you the message as best they can. If they could take on flesh and blood again and stand in your midsts, they would do so, for they want to bring you the conviction that there is a life after the so-called death. They want to bring to you the way to go on this earthly journey and the way to go henceforth on your spiritual journey. It is not that all is wiped out, no, your conscience you take with you, and the conscience will be the one to condemn you. It will stand before you as an open book. It will stand then as it had been written for you before your spirit eye. Yet you had thought so little of these things.

There are many brothers and sisters who stand here with me looking on and saying, yes, tell them how even those who passed out years and years ago want to be recognized.

They live and are not dead, even though they had been shot to pieces, blown to pieces, but the spirit remains whole. It goes on and carries about with it every thought that you throw out to them, every word that you would want to mention about them or even think of mentioning. That is the way of the spirit world. It is not the dead, it is the living. What good would it be if the dead returned, for humanity would become frightened and run as fast as they could. It is the living that return and bring you the message of love. It is that spirit that brings you words of cheer that you might go on that journey in a more happy and pleasant way.

I see hundreds and thousands looking on and wondering why so few understand that they (spirit loved ones) are about. They try with all their might and with all their strength to bring you in closer touch with them. Ofttimes conditions are not right. Open the doorways wide and then your own loved

ones as well as those you had known before will return and help you here, bringing you inspiration of what to do and say. They will bring happiness about you.

I want to bring forth one main thing. Humanity should be on the upward path, for so few today traveling the earth plane bring forth the truth. It is anything as long as it passes the eye, as long as it passes the mind, it is all right whether truthful or not. Those who are parents and have little ones in your charge, before all, be truthful, demand the truth. You will have to give an accounting for those who had been left in your charge grow up with untruthful tongues. Purge out the evil and bring in that which is right and truthful.

Tell those about you what the Elder Brother, Jesus of Nazareth, said so often, that we should follow the Law of God and abide by that Law and we would be more happy and contented. The evil would leave us and we will stand there in contentment and happiness. These words I bring you today, and, although it might seem ages to you, it was as yesterday to me since I crossed the border. I thank God that He had been so merciful and kind to me in that time when peace was brought about, and I thank God today that He called me at the time He did, that I saw that light and followed it and reached forth and at last reached my goal. So it is with each and every one.

Reach out to a high condition. One must not think he must be wealthy. We can be poor, for all are alike in the sight of God, for each spirit is the same whether it had come out of wealthy surroundings or poor surroundings. That is one consolation, the spirit part is the same. It comes from God and it must again return. That small part, an atom of that Creator, it must again return as it had been sent forth—cleansed itself and be bright again as it had been.

Many will say why do they call the dead back? We do not call the dead back, for the dead would be useless. They could do nothing for you. The living return to you and will bring you back one hundred fold if you will acknowledge them. They will bring you that peace and contentment that you cannot buy with all the gold throughout the earth plane, even if you labored for it, than what the reward is if you had followed on that righteous, truthful and brotherly way.

I am thankful that I had been inspired rightly when amongst men. Thankful that I can now return and bring to my fellowmen, citizens, be righteous, truthful, and be in brotherly love and then you will find how everything will go right. Everything will come right throughout the whole nation, throughout the whole world, there will be peace and then too we can look up at our enemies, as we had called them. But not enemies over here. We are all alike, we are all friends again.

Let peace remain with this nation and throughout all nations. We are all under the one Father. Call to that Force, God, and you will find peace, contentment and happiness will reign among all nations, and may God help each nation on the way to peace. **AMEN.**

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

*We welcome and acknowledge the message from the spirit of this brother of whom history tells much. We have one recollection of historical note regarding the earthly journey of this character and it is how he looked up in his prayer and not down. So should all commune.*



## PLEASE, GOD, GIVE ME LIGHT; HAVE MERCY ON MY SOUL

## "I"



WANT you to know that I did it. I am the mighty one, for I tunnel the mountains, harness the waters and make the night as mid-day. I am growing in power, for I have learned to invent wonderful things. I hope to master thought waves through the open spaces of continents. I now contact the invisible world, the spirit side of life. I am supreme, there is none greater.

I am the individual who towers over other individuals. I am always right, for I find no flaws in my work. I am capable; why have I been slighted so often? Possibly I am misunderstood, for really I am good at heart. Others fail to value my true worth, and this grieves me. I arise in the morning possessed of the sweetest thoughts for all mankind and resolve to hold fast to the decent things of life. Alas, my brother-man deliberately offends me, and surely he cannot expect me to bow before him as a slave. Why should I be so humble when life is short and I am not appreciated? I want to be fair, for I will meet anyone half way. If my neighbor salutes me, I smile and return the salutation, but if he passes without a greeting, well, I leave him alone. Perhaps he needs my help; then all he has to do is to ask for it. I am desirous to help another at all times, so please do not judge my peculiarities.

I am the renowned preacher who sways the minds of multitudes. My storehouse of knowledge gathered from the numerous experiences of life is amazing. Take my word as final, for your untrained mind cannot grasp the mysteries that confound you. I represent the best, so fear not, as I do your thinking for you. Have you the audacity to feel that my mind has been single-tracked to customs and traditions and rooted to a wrong philosophy?

I am the one who abounds in good works. I give of my earthly possessions to the extent of my ability. I need a surplus for my old age, otherwise I certainly would help more than I do. I believe in charity, but one should discriminate between worthy cases and those cases due to lack of thrift and gain; you know what I mean. I am also charitable, but my wealth has been earned by the sweat of my brow. I use it wisely, I assure you. Consider my donations and endowments that I so freely give and bequeath and erect in my name lasting monuments for posterity to read.

I am a peaceful citizen, slow to anger, yet I will fight for my rights. I concede to no man if I think he is wrong. I detest violence among men and nations, yet I will shoulder a musket for a righteous cause. Where would my manhood be should I permit the sovereignty of my personal liberty to be crushed? There are times when one is compelled to fight fire with fire. I am a peaceful man, at peace with all humanity.

I am the law-maker who assists in the preparation of bills to governing bodies and helps to enact bills into laws on the statute books. Some of these laws did not meet with my approval, yet being part of the opposing minority, my opposition would seem of little account, therefore I voted with the majority. You realize that I performed my duty under the circumstances.

I am the home-loving man who plans and toils for the happiness of my loved ones. I provide for their necessities and comforts, and no spot on earth is as dear to me as my own fire-side. I have little interest in the affairs of the world at large, for I have learned that you can not depend upon another to do unto you as you would do unto them. Therefore, I confine my-

self to the limits of my family circle. If everyone else would follow my example, what a happy world we would enjoy.

I am the devout church member, a regular attendant to my place of worship. I am well versed in the doctrine of my faith and well qualified to enlighten you on troublesome questions. I believe and I believe. Don't question me, but I am sorry for the sinner outside the fold. Further, I do not leave my religion in the vestibule of my place of worship.

I am the representative of all the boasting and self-praising and self-comforting human beings of the ages. Kings and beggars, high and low, believers and unbelievers, educated and ignorant, what a mighty army you have formed, as you follow in the footsteps of your leader through the halls of time. Tenderly guard your gaudy banners of the great "I am." Your limited efforts have left for posterity the foggy atmosphere of selfishness. You have set up the golden "I am" as the golden calf of old. The false god you adore, that structure of dust which like the grass of the field perishes at sun-down, will bring you no succor in the time of need.

The Supreme Force of all the Universe is sad as men shut out the light of love and prefer to walk among the thorns and thistles of their own conceits. By what authority has man elevated the individual I above all others of equal value? Point out, if you can, any modifications to the eternal law of justice for all. It is absurd to say that the Law of God applies to a previous civilization; to claim it is obsolete is the wail in the dark, the weeping and gnashing of teeth. What an insult this is to our Heavenly Father to limit His commands which comprise the only sacrament ever instituted to be observed with all the strength of holiness. How practical is this sacrament for spiritual growth. Compare the scope of its intent and influence with the sacraments established by men. We need not wonder that the pall overhangs human conduct. The inner self cries out for deliverance. The man in the street, your brother-man, would be glad to destroy the false god if you would join with him. The Father commands it, so be sensible about the most important of all.

The submissive spirit, loving God and his brother of flesh, will love his brother and sister in spirit. He loves the God-part with an equal love for all. He values spiritual things, for he loves to be just. He talks and walks with God. He could not worship the false god. His light is brilliant as he discards the colored glasses of doubt, as he would his earthly tabernacle and sees through spirit eyes beyond this vale of grief. The tranquil peace of spirit vibration enters to calm his longing spirit and a voice says, "Be not afraid." The earthly cares are secondary. The God-part has become master over the earthly, and when the call is given to depart from life's workshop, he lays down the working tools of his earthly mission and is satisfied.

T. R. W.

## AUNT ANNA WRITES

DID you see the squirrels the last time you were here? They chatter 'neath my window without a sign of fear, And, even though the snow is deep, they watch and frisk until I open it and put some nuts upon the window-sill.

When winds blow cold and ruffle fur, up goes each bushy tail, And I just guess God made it so, to warm their backs so frail. I hope it won't be very long before you come again; They learn so quickly who are friends and one may feed them then.

By UNCLE AMOS.



## SUMMERLAND

A Page of Instruction for the Young Truthseekers. It is suggested that instructors extend every point made and to regularly review and emphasize them. Supplemental points should follow in due time. The lectures shown in the beginning of each issue are the guides.

**LESSON XXVI—FIRST SEEK YE THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND ALL ELSE WILL BE GIVEN UNTO THEE.** This command of the Nazarene is to teach us individually that we should first reach out to the spiritual, not the material conditions. Begin with the inner or better or spiritual self. The Kingdom of God is within, so it is well we know ourselves better, first, spiritually.

Giving too much thought for the material is too neglectful of the spiritual. Our material gains must be left behind but our spiritual gains we take with us. We can have our joys and pleasures, but we should not yield to them and should not let them draw us down and prevent our spiritual progress. The Kingdom of God is the spiritual condition that makes us want to be of service for that which is true and God-like. It brings out our loyalty and allegiance to Him who first sent us forth. We are happy in our very thoughts and that happiness is reflected in our words and deeds. Our very material or outer selves brightens and shines forth that true spiritual condition.

In the Kingdom of God which the earth plane is part we can see only the beautiful and the comforting and feel the inspirational and the uplifting. Our pathway is with those who do likewise and which surroundings abound with LIGHT and WISDOM, and which are as guide posts to much higher conditions, or bringing us closer to the all-highest.

One who reaches forth spiritually usually finds the way to care for his daily material needs. There may be hardships and at times be very trying, but CONFIDENCE in the Father lightens the burdens. He does not forsake His children if they will but come back to Him in the right way. The reward is for them that want it and reach to it.

**LESSON XXVII—DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE OTHERS DO UNTO YOU.** As followers of the Instructor, we should do as He did, be righteous, truthful and brother-loving. This is not only an opportunity and privilege, but a duty. The command of God places the responsibilities squarely upon each one, and the Nazarene well taught the LAW, by which He abided same as we should.

Before we attempt to condemn another, let us ask ourselves, are we capable and are we likely to be condemned for our actions. If we should not want another to do us an injury, first let us not do any injury to another. Unless we can help another, let us do him no harm.

What we do against others, we do against God, for part-God is within each one. The Nazarene said, How can we love God whom we have not seen if we do not love our fellow man whom we do see? It is not any wonder He was so firm in truth, light and wisdom when He said, Love one another as I have loved you, and maintained this firmness to His very last moments while yet in body when He said, Forgive them, Father, they know not what they do.

Again He said, Who so ever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn him also the left. Meet all with love and kindness. It is false to hold such thought as an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Let us overlook the faults in each other and see only the good in each other. Let us go where there is that good and where truth with brotherhood abounds. In that manner we will both give and receive what is best for all. Like our Elder Brother we should let our light shine and help bring better conditions for ourselves and others, here and hereafter.

**LESSON XXVIII—BE YE EVER READY, FOR YE KNOW NOT WHEN THE HOUR COMETH.** God's will be done and man cannot delay when he is called. The spirit whose earthly house is to be laid aside sees then as it really is. In the twinkling of the eye we may stand lamenting and calling that the high mountains may cover us. Again, we may go over peacefully, without fear and into the mansions we built while journeying in body.

This warning, given nearly two thousand years ago, still echoes throughout the entire earth plane. It means AWAKEN. These simple words of wisdom are far reaching. Unless we are ready, awake, we will be overcome by our foolishness. The wise one, the knowing one, plans with understanding for what may come. It may be an opportunity for service to God and man.

In any event, it is for us to be ready and not to depend on any other. We cannot offer excuses nor apology when the hour comes. Unless we are ready we are as lost sheep and it is not an easy matter to find our way back if we were not willing when the opportunity was before us to learn and do what would be for our best welfare. Any of us that have not started our return journey in the right manner had better begin anew. We still have opportunity and confidence in the Supreme Force, God, will help us to spiritual conquest. We must be clean of thought, word and deed. We have the Law of God to guide us and the example and teachings of our Elder Brother to urge us onward and upward. Not for one moment can we afford to give up. So let us not waste time nor sleep over our doings and nearly lose our spiritual bearings.

We must be ever ready, awake and cautious throughout our entire journey. We must allow no one to draw us down nor hold us back, either here or after we have gone over the border.

**LESSON XXIX—HE SHALL REWARD EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS.** No man and no spirit is without the blessings that come from doing the will of the Father. Whether the rewards be wisdom, power, sight, light or be it peace, happiness and contentment—these and more are the wages from One who sees and knows all things we do, say and think.

Our daily needs, guidance and protection come in the measure in which we try to merit them. Miracles may be performed, cures and healing for those who need be comforted, communion with those who have reached the higher realms—all these too come if we conduct ourselves in that spiritual manner that will glorify the Giver of all good.

The rewards that come from beyond for righteous doings cannot be bought, begged nor borrowed. They must be earned by every individual in his journey back to the Father who first sent forth the traveller. Our rewards are forthcoming here as well as hereafter, but well it is if we would become worthy of these blessings ere we passed over. It makes our journey homeward so much brighter if we begin here to do the right.

The reward of rewards is to again combine or re-unite with the Father in Kingdom Come, purged of every evil or earthly condition, and again purified same as when first sent forth. How happy we all can be to know that all the time we are making our way back we can keep in touch with our loved ones, be they in body or out of body, or be we with or without our material cloaks.

## DANGERS OF THE SEANCE

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard

**M**ANY CONTENTION has been, ever since I affiliated with the Spiritualistic movement, that promiscuous seeking after spiritual phenomenon was a dangerous pursuit unless the seekers were qualified by training in occult matters, to discourage all undeveloped manifestation by spirits of an elemental nature.

And that contention is fully substantiated by (if correct) the recent events described, of the seances in France, which led to such sudden and inexplicable cause of death to thirteen persons, some being interested in spirit manifestation under the direction of the medium, Mme. Arnette; the thirteenth victim being the Countess Marie Amelie Vernet-Lord, for whom the crude spirit "Ajax" showed such attachment. That he resented the marriage of his physical and material sweetheart is well shown and equally well demonstrated by his activities to bring about the thirteen consecutive deaths of the persons who took part at that marriage.

As I consider the recurrent appearances of Ajax at the seances, and the inability of Mme. Arnette and her friends to exclude the unwelcome visitor from the seance, I am convinced that my contentions are justified to the nth degree; that only persons who are qualified to contact, or become *en rapport* with the educated and advanced spirits, by the direction of spiritual teachers of the higher planes, having acquired their presence by good living, and devout attitude toward things spiritual; but never on any account entering upon such a quest until quite sure of protection from elementals by capable, Godly spirits; for, as St. Paul said: "Try the spirits \* \* \* if they be of God"; and, unless one approaches the seance with devotion and reverence, they can scarcely expect to awaken or attract lofty spirits to the convocation.

All those who are willing to risk the consequences of a promiscuous group of persons of every degree of opinion, some of whom may be present in a spirit of mischief or for even baser purposes, must of necessity run a great risk; for such a mental state is productive of whatever the greater number desire, unless the medium is possessed of unusual spirituality and their manifestations under the direction of intellectual spirit-teachers; when it is more difficult for the elementals to get a foothold in the seanceroom, and from which they may be excluded by the spirit-teachers of an advanced type. Ungodly people run great risk in the darkened or semi-dark seance, for the reason that elementals are attracted by red light or dimly lighted rooms, that being their natural degree of light in the spirit realm; for again, to quote from the Bible: "They love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil." Yet we find many Spiritualists cultivating that very atmosphere in defiance of the great Universal Law, which provides that each shall respond to kind: The elemental to red-darkness, suggestive of their mental state; while the higher spirits respond to light, which is the contemporary of their natural sphere or plane in spirit. The dim room is only possible to those who require dimness for their clairvoyance, and in order to spare the strain upon their eyes that a bright light is sure to be. But they (dimly-lighted rooms) are only safe for those who are intelligent enough to protect themselves in a religious way, exactly the same as our city officials provide protection for their district, in order to provide protection for those who are careless of their own and other people's safety. So should the medium be able to afford protection to her audience, and only such as are

capable of providing the necessary protection should be trusted by persons anxious to interview denizens of the spirit planes.

So many promiscuous seances have been engineered by incompetents, and the less qualified the mediums the greater the following in many instances, for the public does not realize the dangers they court by attending these open-door-to-all-spirit meetings, and until more of these terrible results are disclosed the public will believe it possible to attend the services conducted by unreligious and incompetent mediums, for they are not in a position to know the dangers they court when they cultivate the acquaintance of the elemental group, and, eventually, they will lead the Spiritualists back to the prison and the stake, unless something is done to regulate the direction of such meetings. It will carry back to a repetition of the old cruelties in connection with spirit seances, and competent members of the ministry and mediums of quality will be victimized along with the incompetents, for the law will not provide for classification until the lawmakers and the jurists are educated to recognize the difference.

Spiritualism is threatened within its own lines far more than it is from without those lines, and I would call to those who, like myself, sense the danger to the CAUSE. Come, let us reason together and demand that our representatives shall either conduct their work along safe and sane lines, being less secular and truly more spiritual, for in no other way can we interpret the word Spiritualism than by being Spiritual, and to be Spiritual one must exemplify the Godly principles taught and exemplified by Jesus. Less scoffing at religion; less criticism of the earnest, religious workers; more application to our true spiritual duty, will bring about a revolution of Spiritualism which is sadly needed at this period in the history of Spiritualism.

Too much cannot be said in favor of either cultivating the higher spirits or leaving the phenomenon alone altogether. For to interest the elementals has been the greatest evil introduced upon earth during our century. The manifestations have been treated with levity by mediums as well as the laymen, because they are ignorant of the danger attached to an exchange of introduction between, not earth and heaven, but between earthly beings, and beings who are subnormal as compared to mortals of earth. It is easier to cultivate the sub-strata than it is to cultivate the super-strata, and furnishes more amusement to careless and lightminded persons.

However, may God and His angels protect us, teach us, and at last establish a contact between the teachers of the higher planes and those of earth, which shall be productive of dispensing TRUTH.

## IN PRAISE OF LIGHT

**G**REATER than love, greater than faith is light,—

Inspirer of love and faith and peace.  
Under its golden wings' eternal flight  
Lodges the world striving to pay its lease.  
Interpreter of life and death and God,  
Ever the sole resplendent sign of good,  
Tracing the path for men that it be trod  
Through toil of soul and with life-giving blood.  
Ever the guide on earth, in stars, in hearts;  
In endless flame aspires aglow with truth  
Over all those who see to those whose parts  
Remain the glory and the sins of youth.

Instill, O Light, life's infinite desire,  
On which we base the potency of your fire!

By GENE HOMER.



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**EDITORIALS****A WORLDLY CONDITION**

**T**HERE are many who are constantly desirous of material wealth, and they are the very ones who sadly neglect spiritual enrichment. Our sojourning on this earth plane can be used to far better advantage than just to accumulate much of this world's goods. After all, this earthly accumulation cannot be taken with us when our careers in the material bodies are ended.

The mad rush for gold and personal glory is a condition that needs to be controlled. True, certain of the worldly necessities are to be enjoyed, but most assuringly not in over-indulgence. Neither should we deprive others of their share. The burden of earthly riches upon one's spirit is tremendous. Then why do those things that require such severe accounting of what we did and what we failed to do with such riches?

Life's mission on this earth plane is much more than just to follow material ways. Selfishness is a contributing factor responsible for this condition of materialism. We are so very much concerned in how much is owing us and how fast that debt due us can be collected and increased. For six days in the week we build up our material profits, and only on the seventh day do we have just a thought or two of our spiritual gains.

Let us realize what these material ways mean to the conscience, the spirit, the life. Many say it just goes on and on. Truth is it does, forever and unto all eternity, but how?

Better it is if we will purge our spirit selves of most of this material condition, at least to the point where the spirit is master over the material. It calls for some sacrifice and denial, but that is a part of the purification process. Our way of travel here should be the pattern for our traveling hereafter. It is hereafter that we travel spiritually, and now is the time to prepare for the later travel, be it in the next moment, the next year or may it even be fifty years hence.

Even though many of us may have our doubts as to how life exists beyond the border, it behooves each one of us to give more thought to it. No man is so great but what he should listen to his own conscience. No man can escape the accusations of his own conscience. So it is with life, and not any of it is material.

Very often at the eleventh hour, when about to be called over, we then give real thought to our life's mission. That, incidentally, is the beginning of the first hour of our spiritual awakening.

Instead of waiting for that hour to come when we do our real thinking, let it be done right now, in our own way, guided from within and from above. Then the worldly condition that once surrounded our very existence no longer will determine our progress. It will be a conquering spirit, crowned with the reward from the place where materialism has no power.

**SPIRIT RADIO**

**D**EAN DARRACH, of Columbia Medical Faculty, predicts spirit radio, and feels that definite communication with discarnate spirits more possible than radio would have been, to him, twenty-five years ago. Dr. Darrach argues that there is little difference between those living but separated from us by geographical distance and our relationship with the dead.

To prophesy the time of spirit radio is beyond our power, but it is possible, depending on man's readiness for it. The inspiration will come at the proper time to the proper individual, this we can be assured of. Spirit radio, in whatever form it takes place, will not be commercialized, but will be for all humanity. Therefore, we can expect some practical invention of this kind when humanity has become more brother-loving.

**A PROPHECY**

**W**ITH malice toward none, with love and charity for all, with firmness in the right as God the Father of all

gives us to see the right, hoping to follow out steadfastly the course marked out for our guidance—at any rate, this cause we support deserved our best efforts. This cause deserves the best efforts of those who appreciate in any degree its value to mankind.

Wherefore, laying aside all malice and all guile and hypocracies, and all evil speaking, let us make our onward way together, for ye are the chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that should show forth the praises of Him who had called us out of darkness into His marvelous light; for ye have received mercy from above.

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God (I Corinthians 6:9, 10).

That merciful Father delivers us from all such evils when we have the right measure of confidence in His will and power. What is joined unto the Lord is one Spirit, and as the Nazarene has said, I and the Father are one. So we all should glorify our Father same as did our Elder Brother, by letting the better self master the fleshly cloak.

All that is of evil is war against the spirit, but he that walketh righteously and speaketh uprightly, he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stopped his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil, he shall dwell on high; his place of defence shall be munitions of rock, bread shall be given him his waters are sure. His eyes shall behold the beautiful lands even of the kingly, and they shall behold the realms that be very, very far off.

May the blessings of the Father rest upon such workers for enlightenment who will bring about more harmonious conditions throughout the earth plane.

The power of understanding and wisdom will bring about the fulfillment of the mission that will bring all back to God.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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## CORNERSTONE LAYING ANNIVERSARY

IT WAS on Friday afternoon, February 12, 1926, that the corner-stone was laid for the Church of the Four-Leaf Clover, a picture of the completed building being shown on the inside rear cover of this magazine. Just seven months (to the day) later, the Dedication Service was held and the children led the adults into this edifice, erected to God and dedicated to the memories of those gone on before.

Both of these occasions signalized a forward movement for the cause of truth. Impressive though the exercises may have been, the outstanding material point was the fact that not one penny of indebtedness was on that church. Here was the completion of a Temple made possible by the free will offerings of several hundred people.

This certainly is a splendid achievement, still, how insignificant to the Spiritual achievement accomplished since then for the welfare and for the upliftment of the multitudes beyond and of those still in body and fortunate to participate in its services. We dare not predict what greater good may yet result.

We extend our well wishes on this second anniversary, and it is our hope that very many more Temples of Truth shall be erected in the self-same manner, namely, free from debt.

## A SPIRIT MESSAGE

(As Recorded)

LINCOLN freed the slaves—Let us free ourselves from fear—Trust in God—Here and hereafter—Teach the world at large—That there is no death—Tell them they live on—In spirit, and are striving to reach God as we are trying to reach God from this earth.

Lincoln freed the slaves and was guided by the loved ones, or else he would not have attempted the task—Free the world of doubt and set the spirit free. February 5, 1927.

## NEW YEAR REMINDER

LET US continue to reach out anew at this time of the year and remember the tenth, eleventh and twelfth verses of the Fifty-first Psalm: Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

In this manner let us ask God, our Father, to cleanse the old evils, envy and malice, lusts and hates, of the past year and renew higher purposes in our hearts toward our fellow-man, that we may truly fight the unrighteousness within ourselves, as we would a disease of the body.

We all belong in God's creative plan, no matter how small a part we take, but let us do our bit well, leaving nothing undone while we have yet time to be partakers of His Great gift of life throughout another year.

As the bird wings his flight upward, let our Spirit in its renewed attitude soar higher, ever higher, toward the LIGHT, that we may see more clearly, and if we are girded with the TRUTH, we will know the real feeling of a FREE SPIRIT. S. B.

## LIFE'S MYSTERY

WHILE we may learn the laws of life and be able to conduct our affairs in accordance with law, we cannot get back of the principles of being and state just what caused them. Why? Because we are using those divine forces as our life motor to run our earth vehicle, to think and act with, and can no more turn back on ourselves and penetrate the unknown than we can twist our eyes in such a way as to see the eyes that look. We are each one of us living life forces and breathing them out into mundane worlds. We cannot see the force, but we live it, handle it, and it is the mysterious unknowable something that evades analysis. The best we can do is to acknowledge that life did always exist, and at certain periods comes into manifestation, just as a tree has periods of fruitfulness after a winter of rest and leafless sleeping.

The fact that we cannot fathom the depth of life's well is a blessing instead of a detriment. For were we to be able to get at the fullest reason for life's existence, it would lose its charm. The well never goes dry for the reason that the bottom is never touched. W. S. H.

## TOIL

TOIL of the soul;  
Toil of the nation;  
Toil is the role;  
And equal the station.

Toil of the great;  
Yielding to God;  
Toil which the rate  
Is knowing His nod.

Toil of the poor,  
Hardy and long;  
Toil where the lure  
Is best paid in song.

Toil of the youth,  
Toil fresh with zest;  
Toil for the truth  
In love is the test.

Toil of the aged,  
Toil to the last;  
Toil which engaged  
To keep with the past.  
By GENE HOMER.

## DO

SEEK and ye shall find,  
Open the doorway of your conscience;  
Keep only what is good,  
Forget the rest and try to do better.  
By W. E.

## A GUIDING HAND

A GUIDING hand is what we need,  
To help us on our daily way;  
So if we will but look above  
The helping hand comes forth in love.

A guiding hand is what we need,  
And our loved ones, always near,  
Bring to us joy and cheer,  
Inspire us for that daily need.

Such inspirations we should welcome  
To guide the better self within,  
So if we will but look above  
Guidance comes for that life within.

Hand in hand we then will travel  
This Universe of Love,  
Going ever onward and upward,  
Glorifying our Heavenly Father.

God, the Supreme Force,  
Sends forth that guiding hand;  
He helps us all to see  
And to travel this earth plane free.  
By RICHARD ZEIBIG.

## TODAY

MAKE use of the day that is at hand,  
For the night cometh where no man  
can work.  
Do not waste all your time thinking of to-morrow,  
For to-morrow may not find us here.  
Make use of to-day,  
And let the all-wise Father above  
Guide us and help us do what is right.  
Be thankful for all things,  
For God knows what is good for us.  
By W. E.



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## PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT

By Rev. Milicent Hubbard

## Lesson II

**I**N THIS, our second lesson, we will consider what constitutes IMPRESSION: You feel that some one is near; that a presence is in the room, but their purpose may not become clearly impressed upon your mind, and you will be afraid of your imagination playing tricks upon you. So I will endeavor to warn you against the most common trick of one's imagination. To look for or expect only relatives is a grave mistake, as the teachers are far more likely to appear than your friends or relatives. To believe that every spirit is a friend or a relative has hindered many a budding medium, and spoiled their efficiency as readers and public demonstrators. So avoid the fault of trying to recognize each presence. It will weaken your powers and destroy your efficiency for the more advanced work.

If you sense a presence, try to get a mental description of the general appearance of the person as they were when in earth life, or a description of their present appearance. Gradually, you will learn to accurately discern details, and soon you will be able to catch their thought wave and to interpret whole sentences. You will measure distance and learn to interpret symbols. You will then learn to translate the symbol language into English, then you may expect more definite manifestations, for the better you understand the spirit friends the greater the encouragement for them to regularly meet you in your Sanctum Sanctorum.

Psychic development does not come in a week or a month, but is the slow and gradual growth, for which we may be thankful, since everything of permanency is of slow growth, being assembled bit by bit until the whole is complete. Anything that grows too rapidly vanishes very quickly, having lived a short and practically useless life.

To develop the psychic sense is to complete the soul-knowledge as nearly as possible, providing our development includes the higher and more advanced element of virtues. But it is possible to become degraded by associating with the elemental spirits, who are not themselves spiritual beings, but mostly sordid and ordinary in contact and teaching. Those who seek greater knowledge of the spirit planes should approach unfoldment cautiously and reverently, or not at all. It is like fire in the hands of a child when not understood, or the knowledge that Jesus possessed when appreciated as a divine inheritance.

## TESTIMONIALS

**BAYSIDE, N. Y.**—Up to about five years ago my worship was of God's creation—in other words, what I could see and hear were facts—and I marveled at Nature's wonderful works and the wonders performed by mere man with those works. I stopped to ponder very often, but I could not get beyond Nature, so Nature became my God and in my silent way worshipped it. Returning from a meeting in our town about this time, I was in conversation with a Minister of the Church and another gentleman. Our subject was, "Is there an hereafter." The churchman insisted there was and was upheld by the other, and claimed that in his ministrations to those about to pass out of this world he could see by their facial expressions and some last remarks that they were entering into

another kingdom. My answer to these statements was to the effect that the serene contour of the face at the end was caused by the relaxation of the muscles of the face to their natural expression when released of pain. Our argument went on for a long time, and I ended by stating that, if it could be proved true, I for one would be very happy to look forward to such a time.

Some two weeks passed and I had forgotten our conversation when a young man in my place of employment came to me and asked my religious belief, and I explained to him just how I felt on the subject, as above stated. He said: "If you are in earnest to know the truth, and see and hear for yourself, meet me on any Monday evening and form your own conviction." I accepted and met as agreed, in a meeting which was held in the basement of a medium's home, where about twenty had gathered. The lights were slightly dimmed and I was rather nervous, thinking all sorts of fantastic possibilities.

After the opening prayer and sitting quietly for awhile, the Medium began to explain symbols as they appeared before the different individuals. I was wondering what would be told me, if anything, when suddenly the Medium turned my way, described a tall man with dark curly hair and mustache, with a deep furrowed smile on his face, with an exceedingly tall opera hat which was dented in several places, and a straight-pointed collar that went high above his chin, with a black bandana scarf tied loosely around his neck, and dressed in dark clothes.

I immediately recognized my dear father, it being as he appeared in a play known as *Der Schornsteinfeger* (The Chimney-Sweep), a play produced only once and then by my father some thirty years ago. That was proof. I am now convinced beyond any doubt that there is a Supreme Force God, that loving Father in Heaven, who is so anxious to see His children on this earth plane live their lives according to the Laws He had laid down for them as a rule and guide, as by so doing they prepare themselves for those mansions eternal in the Heavens.

If only humanity realized the importance to themselves of this truth.

W. A. H.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

*An opportunity is offered to all our readers to send any question of spiritual nature they desire answered. Question should be written on one side of paper and in ink, and must be signed by the enquirer with address.*

**WOODHAVEN, N. Y.**—What knowledge have you as to when the world will come to an end?—MR. G. H. B.

From what has been told us by the Spirit Loved Ones, God did not create to destroy. There are changes about this earth plane same as man has been given the power to re-create or re-form parts, but there is not any end to this earthly creation. Should the two rivers bounding Manhattan Island meet, either because their levels rise or because the island itself is sunken, would not constitute an end of the world. The creation still exists, but in changed conditions. There would, however, be an end to much of that re-created out of the earth by man, as well as an end to the earthly existence of such who might be caught in such change. Another interesting point given us is, that while it may be foreseen that such change called destruction may be visited upon us, the exact time or date is not given. It is as with the case of Brother Noah, he had been forewarned of rising waters, and prepared so that whenever they should come he was ready spiritually and, as in his particular case, also ready materially.



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## NECESSITY FOR OBJECTIVE PHENOMENA

By Walter Scott Haskell



WE GET impressions from outside phenomena on our sensitive brain from which we form ideas about life. Were there no phenomena, no outside objects to make an impression on our sensorium, there would be no sensation. It shows how necessary is objective phenomena, and the impossibility of doing without it. If this is a truth in regard to mortal man, it is the same truth as related to spirit. No sensation could come to Infinite Spirit unless first it received impressions from an objective plane. Thus the divine necessity for Creation.

Granted that consciousness reacts on its surroundings and moulds them to a great extent; but while moulding it cannot rise above its level and must needs confine itself to that plane on which it finds itself, which may be the animal plane or the human. And the animal or human plane is the plane of phenomena and not the cause world. Hence, mind, consciousness does not affect the cause, but merely has to do with effects. We do not change fundamental laws when we design a house, but rather use fundamental law to further our design. It is safe to say that no fundamental law can by any process or mind of heart be changed from its natural bent. We merely use the law to further our ends, as the millman uses the waterfall produced by the law of gravity to turn his mill-wheel and grind his grist.

God's laws are unchangeable, but by knowing the laws we can take advantage of them to bring to us the needful resources of life and make life a pleasure instead of a pain. Ignorance of Divine methods is no passport into Heaven, but is rather a hinderance, as our future requirements are intellectual rather than purely emotional.

It may be asked: How does spirit get sensations from objective phenomena when itself is subjective? That is a very natural question, but is not so difficult to answer as it would at first seem. Spirit is the living principle in organisms that derive their sustenance from objective phenomena. And being the living principle, it—spirit—gets the essence of the outer experience to sustain itself. There is no question as to the truth of the saying that what we think is recorded on the subconscious tablets of the mind. It is not only recorded, but it is milled over, digested, and from this outer data comes the soul concept of life, based on its available data.

Soul is individualized spirit and the only avenue of spirit consciousness. To be conscious there must be a vehicle, an organism; and an organism means a more or less condensed or materialized condition, slightly removed from primordial, unmoulded spirit. In a nutshell: God is living in his Creations, and from them comes food for continued consciousness.

It is a wonderful thought, that we are not only feeding our minds when we get impressions from outside sources, but are also handing thought-pabla to the Infinite in the degree in which we think. More and more important to deific thought becomes the human mind as it scales the heights and unifies itself with the source of thought.

What are you doing to let your LIGHT shine?

## OBSERVATIONS

By Members of the Staff

### UNEMPLOYMENT

MANY are out of work and have been for several months. The parts this Observer has visited and from conversations had with many of those not now laboring for pay, it is noted that unemployment has hit hardest in the ranks of the unskilled and the semi-skilled laborers. It seems that the skilled laborer is faring better.

This leads us to understand that it pays to be prepared, and the best prepared will hold out longest against any extended period of depression. It will be argued that this is simply another victory for those who contend that it becomes a case of the survival of the fittest.

### STATE ELECTROCUTION

WE OF New York State are more familiar with the electric chair, while other States on this continent and abroad may better know of hanging or of the guillotine—in short, deliberate murder.

It is not for the Observer to judge as to who is guilty of this darkness of the twentieth century that hovers over State and its public servants, but we do not hesitate to say to the executioner and to the Governor, to the judge and the jury, to the accuser and the accused, that the stain of such killing is to be accounted for before the Supreme Judge of the Universe. It is His Law that must be obeyed and cannot be replaced by any inferior law.

### TRUTH

RECENTLY we heard some one say that the truth hurts. When it is seen how one who faces truth will snarl and wince, we can tell it hurts much more than do sticks and stones. Our hats are off to those who will take the truth, abide by it and reap its benefits. Our sympathy goes to those who in ignorance will show the poor quality of their character, and which is not capable of absorbing the invigorating powers of truth.

### BOBBED HAIR

MANY WOMEN who have had their hair shorn are allowing it to again grow into full length and crowning beauty. May the Observer add, as said the prophets of past days, and crowning glory.

By way of comfort to those that are no longer bobbing their hair, we commend reading the fifth, sixth and tenth verses of I Corinthians, eleventh chapter.

## THE FLOWERS

*Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! PSALM 107:8.*

FLOWERS grow out from the buds as solitary blossoms or as flower clusters. The solitary blossoms stand out as single flowers, either at the end of the stem or in the axils of the leaves. They are so scattered and so accompanied by leaves that they cannot be said to form a cluster. Whenever the blossoms are more numerous or closer, and the accompanying leaves are less conspicuous, the flower clusters are formed.



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## SPIRITUGRAMS — No. 8

Each sentence is taken from one of the inspired Songs of David. Do you know which ones? See answer in next issue.

1. God reigneth over the heathen; God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.
2. For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord.
3. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.
4. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man; that he may bring forth food out of the earth.
5. Thou visitest the earth and waterest it; thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water; thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it
6. With long life will I satisfy Him and show Him my salvation.
7. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
8. For Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it; Thou delightest not in burnt offering.
9. Blessed are the undefiled in the way who walk in the law of the Lord.
10. The Lord knoweth the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever.

The answer to SPIRITUGRAM No. 7 follows: Psalms 105:1, 78:4, 7:10, 18:31, 104:31, 27:1, 29:11, 4:5, 135:2 and 118:1, respectively.

## FRIENDSHIP

By George Heald

**F**RRIENDSHIP is a beautiful connection that should make us feel thankful that we can have. Without it we are lost. With it forms the breach of happiness we seek. Just look back upon conditions that you have experienced when a friend has come to you at the appropriate moment, to say the kind word of encouragement during your ordeal. What a spiritual relief it is.

Sincere friends are great blessings and it is in the moment of unhappiness they come as a ray of sunshine. When you have found those that love you and will stand by you, do not forsake them.

They come to you spiritually, too, and it is up to the individual to acknowledge with sincere appreciation for the comfort administered. Know your friends, they are Love, Thought, and Help. A one-time friend is more than a thousand make-beliefs.

## ATTENTION! SALUTE!

**W**ITH clicking heels and eyes that laugh through tears,  
A sweetheart thus is taught in war-torn years  
To face the partings and the kindred sorrows,  
As merely shadows of the brighter morrows:

Attention! Salute!

In pain, but smiling, quietly she lies.  
A winsome child looks on with puzzled eyes,  
Sees daddy wipe the grateful tears away  
And marvels at the oft-repeated play:

Attention! Salute!

Two pals, a father and an only son,  
Stand by the bier of their beloved one.  
Tear dimmed, the eyes of youth meet steady hand;  
Dry eyed, the elder breathes the tried command:

Attention! Salute!

Old Glory wound, young manhood ends a quest;  
The bugler's "Taps" a hero sends to rest.  
Behind the firing squad there are no tears,  
Faint echos waft the solace of the years:

Attention! Salute!

Two decades pass. The bugle sounds again;  
'Tis when the Savior comes for him, and then,  
As hand seeks eyes where tears of joy fast fall,  
On angel wings is borne the clarion call:

ATTENTION! SALUTE!

AMOS.

## THE "WEARING" KIND

By ELIZABETH DELL

**O**NE day a man lay dying 'mid luxury, beauty and wealth;  
A hospital nurse stood beside him, a symbol of life and health.  
The man lay quiet, not dreaming; he was thinking of life and God,  
Of the reckless paths of pleasures, o'er which his feet had trod;  
Outside the door three women stood in the hallway, waiting still,  
And quiet, to get the answer that the doctor said of "Bill."  
One woman was small and tiny, her lips were painted red,  
While bleached yellow bobbed hair covered her little head.  
Another was tall and homely, a school-mistress type of girl,  
Without any paint or powder, without any make-up or curl.  
The other, a well-built woman with a motherly sort of face—  
You could easily detect her as a club woman of culture and grace.  
The first had been his chore-girl; she loved beauty and pretty things,  
So he had bestowed them upon her, with earrings and diamonds and rings.

The tall one was ever near him, the secretary at his desk;  
She was lonely and he had consoled her, and you can imagine the rest.  
The third was his wife—she had loved him—but for lodges, clubs and balls

She had neglected to make his home life beam with laughter, smiles and joys.

They each one pitied the other; they each one claimed him as theirs,  
While they sat so quietly waiting on the soft upholstered chairs.  
Tiny was weeping, then painting her cheeks to make them red,  
While the secretary sat prim and stiffly thinking,  
"What will life mean when he's dead."

The wife was thinking of days long past, when they walked hand in hand,

And he called her "his Nell" as he led her down by the old mill dam;  
She forgot her poise and bearing as the tears trickled over her cheeks,  
And she wondered if Billie, her lover, had forever gone to sleep.  
While, inside, the man lay thinking that Death stood outside the door,  
Where the three women sat waiting. He was nearing the "Never More."  
He pictured the poor little chore-girl, she would have no pretty things now,

He was sure no man would admire her, or before her footstool bow.  
And Rena. She had been faithful; she had been so lonely and sad,  
He told her one day that he loved her, just to see her smile and be glad.

And Nell, he too remembered the days of "long ago",  
Before she seemed to forget him for her clubs, society, so.  
Then the door quietly opened and a doctor stern and grim said,  
"Come, the patient is sinking, you must come quickly to him."

Tiny wept as she knelt by the bedside; Rena stood in calm repose,  
While his wife whispered, "Nell is here, dear,"  
And still his temperature rose.

A smile flitted o'er his features. The years had all slipped away,  
He was tramping among the woodland; he'd not been there for many a day.

The dry leaves rustled so funny, and the old swimming pool stood near.  
He had hurt his toe and was calling a name that to him was so dear.  
Each woman drew near and listened—he was surely calling for them—  
But this was the name he uttered when, alone with God, came the end:  
"Mother, mother, I want you—yes dear, I've said my prayers,  
I asked God, if I died, to take me, and he found the love that wears."



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## WHERE WAS JESUS EDUCATED?

**N**EARLY two years ago there appeared in the daily papers an item of the discovery of a Buddhist manuscript found by Professor Nicholas Roerich in the Hemis Monastery, Little Tibet, and written in the Tibetan language.

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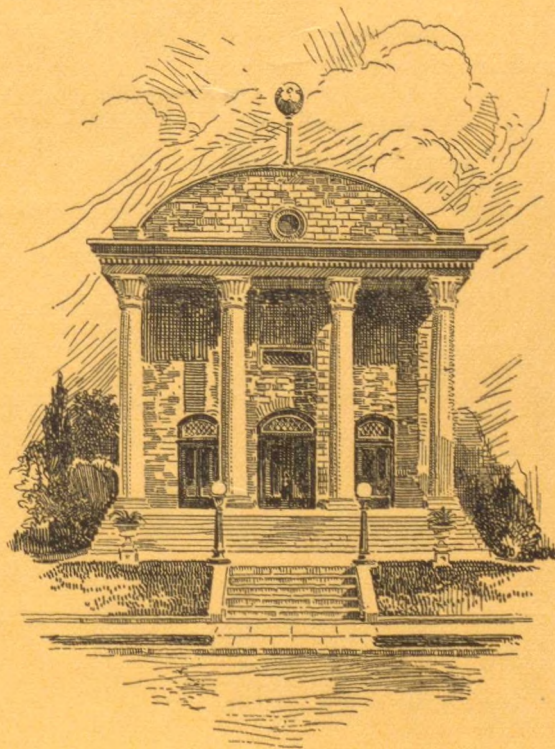
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