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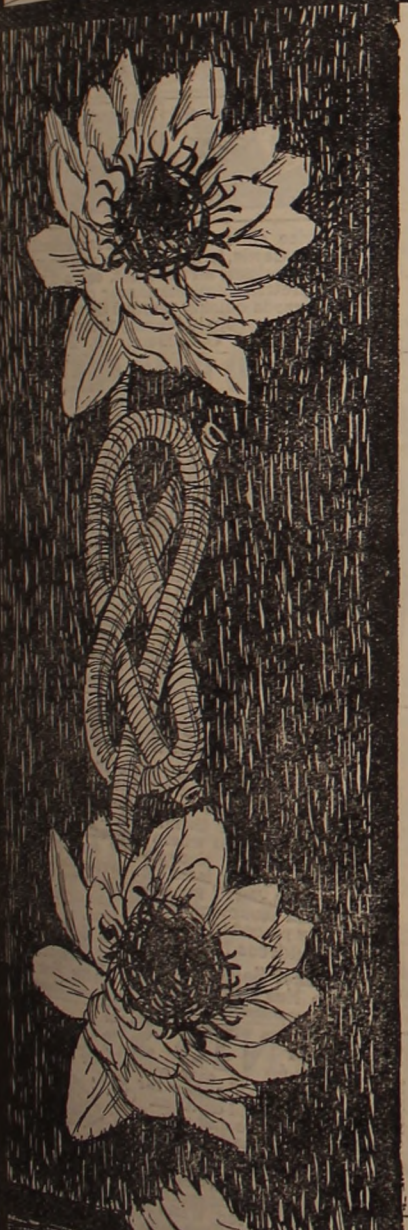
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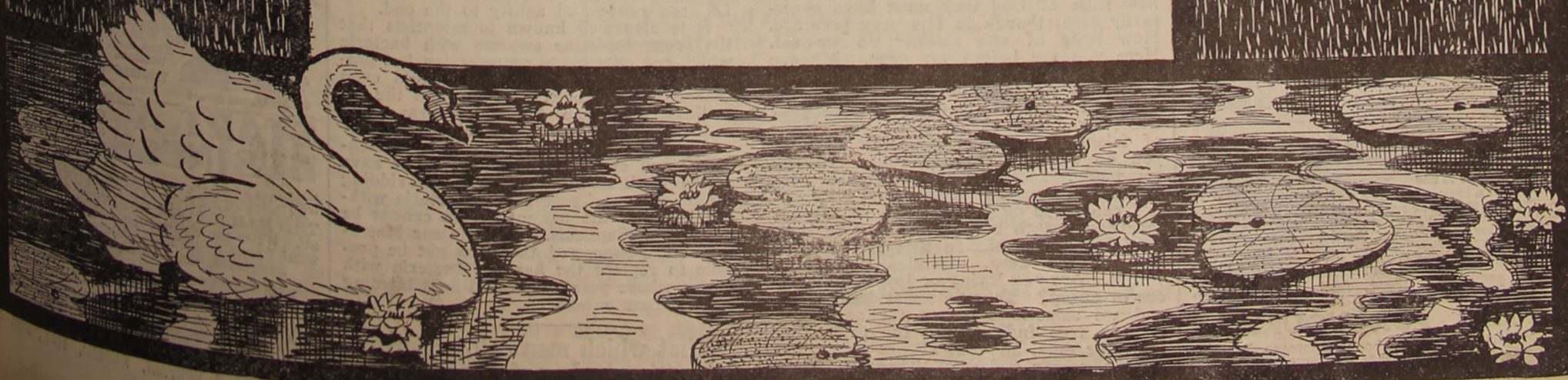
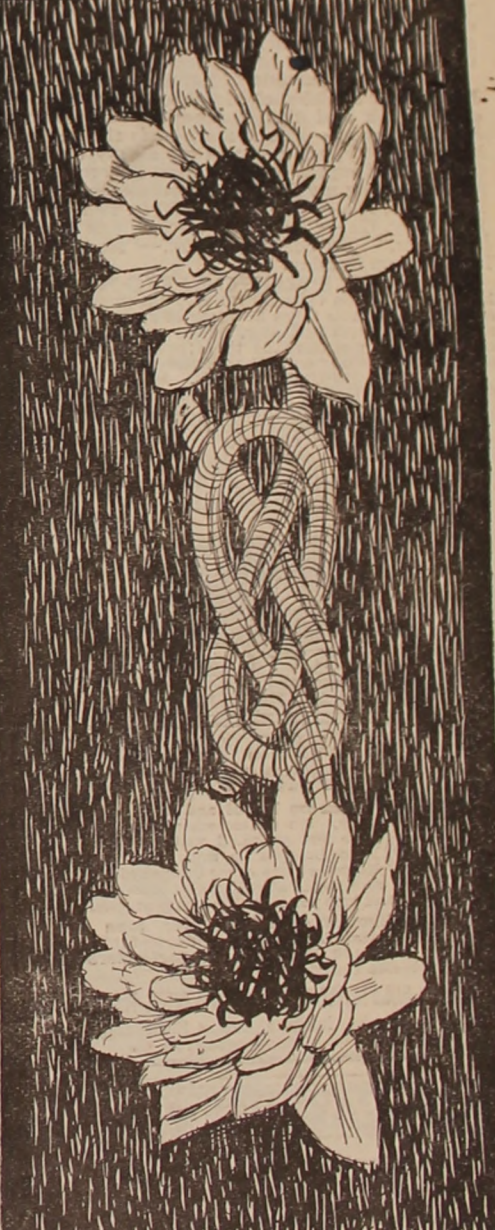
By Servator



THE bugles blared for action,
The troops rushed to the fray;
Grim cannon belched red ruin
And shells hurled death all
day;
Men toiled at trade of murder
The hired assassin's part:
With tiger soul usurping
The human brain and heart.

Gaunt rifles swelled the slaughter,
Sharp swords bore clotted glow;
Each volley roared fresh requiem,
Each charge laid hundreds low;
Then bugles sang the truce call,
As night clouds dimmed the plain,
O comrades, find your wounded!
O God, forgive the slain!

But ah! ten thousand widows,
And anguished mothers' tears:
The myriad blighted orphans
Facing robbed, helpless years:
Base creed, wrong thought, false standard,
Vile plane of tooth and claw;
Rouse ye dull world; O Brotherhood!
Compel our kindred law!



Vision and Life

By Dr. Robert MacDonald

Pastor of Washington Avenue Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Exodus xiv:11: "They saw God and did eat and drink."

THE historical setting of these words leads to their peculiar interest. The Israelites on their wilderness pilgrimage have reached Sinai, and after the law is given, a covenant is proposed through Moses in these terms: "Now, therefore, if ye will obey my voice and keep my covenant, ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people, for all the earth is mine, and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation." They signify willingness to enter into this covenant with Jehovah and build altars on which they sacrifice in confirmation of the same. And after Moses sprinkled the blood of the oxen upon the altar, supported by twelve pillars representative of the twelve tribes constituting the people, he took the book of the covenant and read it in the presence of the people, and they said: "All that the Lord hath commanded will we do, and be obedient." Then went up into the mountain Moses and Aaron and Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel and they saw the God of Israel, and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in His clearness.

But we must not overlook this little expression: "They saw God and did eat and drink."

We may well ask at the outset of our sermon how it could be that they saw God, when later in this book we read of Jehovah saying to Moses: "All my goodness shall pass before thee, but thou shalt not see my face, for no man shall see me and live." We have no desire to weaken the force of the statement that they saw God, as impossible as it was. We must remember that they were in a very ecstatic state. The spiritual side of their natures was aroused, their spiritual vision strong, and neither then nor since have the vision and declaration of the spirit been able to stand up under the test of a prosaic scientific precision. Did they then see God? Yes; and we would see God oftener than we do were we more spiritually alive. The spirits' vision is ever evading scientific diagnosis. It is too elusive to be caught in an intellectual concept.

There are two possible positions to be taken in our attitude toward God and His relations with His world. You may deny the presence of the supernatural and be splendidly consistent, but your consistency extends to a very limited side of your life as well as to a very superficial side of the universe, and is bounded by nothing higher than intellectual conceptions on all sides. Or you may believe in the supernatural presence; actually see God and be spiritually blessed. Such a man enjoys an extended, even a limitless horizon, on all sides; sees beyond naturalistic phenomena, and walks in a light that constantly radiates more warmth and illumination than the light of the sun.

The religious ancients were much in advance of us irreligious moderns. We emphasize and often over-emphasize the natural, so intent upon form and appearance and secondary causes. They ignored the natural, and because their mind was set on God—the Infinite and Eternal First Cause—became visionists, and saw God in everything. This attitude was strikingly impressed upon me a few years ago in Egypt, when I asked our dragoman, "Koko Mohamed," where that immense body of water, the River Nile came from. He immediately answered "From God." "Yes," said I, "but what is its natural source?" expecting he would say the snow-covered mountain tops surrounding the Albert and Victoria Nyanza lakes, in the far-away heart of Africa. "But," said he, "I do not know what you mean. All I know is that the River Nile came from God." Now, which was correct, my ignorant dragoman or the learned men who compiled the geography I studied as a boy in school? Both were right. One was giving the naturalistic. The other the spiritualistic source. You will see it depends upon the kind of a man you are which view best suits your mind.

We could modify the force of this statement, "They saw God," by showing how little of God they must have necessarily seen, though in His very presence. How little of one another do we see. Here you are before my gaze. My eye takes you in at a glance. But at most I have only an impression of you. Even though I meet you personally, take your hand, hear you speak, catch your smile of friendship, nevertheless how little of you do I see! I never really see you personally. I detect only as much of your personality as you choose to reveal, or if I catch you off guard, as much as your face and speech betray. At best it is so partial a self-revelation that it is merest hint of the deep, extended personality within. Are you loving or joyous or envious or angry? Your face may betray you, and we sometimes go so far as to say it is a true indicator of the soul. But indicator only, and not always true. The same of words and acts. There is always a far-reaching, concealed reality we catch nothing more than a hint of, however

strongly expressed. We would not dare say how much or how little of God the elders of Israel saw on Mount Sinai, and what is more to the point is that we have no possible means of finding out. It may have been only so much of the divine glory as you would see in the clear, translucent sapphire blue from some modern mountain top when the sunlight strikes through the clouds, bathing the very heavens in splendor. Or it may have been something much more personally supernatural. At any rate, it was a veritable vision of soul, a manifestation of faith, but only God in the manifestation of his glory. They had so much of God within that they saw God without. Have we not learned that when the spirit is awakened to his presence we see God in everything? As Browning puts it, each common bush is aflame with God. But of this much I am sure, lest you be tempted to envy their special privilege in seeing God: That they saw not so much of Him as we may see in Jesus Christ. In Him is a fuller, more complete expression of God's presence than Mount Sinai ever held.

But the significant thing about it all is that seeing God, they ate and drank. We should expect that seeing God, they would not eat and drink. That has been the experience of Christendom. Ascetic practices have generally accompanied the vision of God. Spiritual ecstasy has manifested itself in violent opposition to bodily gratification. Vision and abstinence, prayer and fasting, have kept company to the more or less complete ignoring of eating and drinking, often to the crucifixion of the body's desires and needs. Religious history is full of this tendency to separate the spiritual from the temporal; the so-called sacred from the so-called secular experiences.

Fortunate for Christendom was the dawning of the fourteenth century and the coming in of the Renaissance. It swung men's lives out of the torpor and blight of the Dark Ages by awakening interest in everything that a morbid Christianity held in contempt. Its inspiration was "Back to nature, the world, the body, and bring the vision of God with you."

What shall we conclude, then, about it all if not that the vision of God does not dehumanize. To be spiritual you need not cease to be human. Spirituality makes you more human than less, and stimulates healthiest interest in the affairs of both the body and the mind, as well as in the relations of the world, the state, the nation. To be a Christian demands not the crucifixion and uproot of a single healthful natural desire, appetite or passion, but their regulation. We occasionally see relics of such divorcement, however.

Many a good business man has been spoiled to make a poor minister, as though the call of God to service carried with it the charmed circle of the priesthood rather than the bustle of the market place, or the warring factions of the political sphere. We lament that more spiritually minded young men do not enter the ministry, as though to the Christian youth every business, trade and profession were not a most direct and efficient medium of ministry to the lives of men. Could a man like Governor Hughes have exerted a hundredth part of the influence for good as a clergyman that he has wrought through the medium of political office? Could Theodore Roosevelt have had more than an iota of the field in the Christian pulpit for his sterling, strenuous introductions of a world-reaching righteousness that the state and the nation have offered?

Old Age a Disease

Of course, old age is inevitable, but Professor Metchnikoff now comes forward with the statement that old age develops prematurely in man as compared with the other animals. Going a step further, he contends that old age constitutes an actual, definite disease.

It is well known that the hardening of the arteries and the other phenomena of old age can occur even in very young persons, as the result of certain diseases, and notably as a consequence of prolonged poisoning with some of the metals, such as lead.

By analogy, Professor Metchnikoff concluded that constant absorption of some similar poison is responsible for the too early appearance of old age in man. It is a striking fact that animals that have no large intestines, notably birds, live to an advanced age and preserve their youthful appearance and agility to the end.

It is also well known to scientists that the lower intestine swarms with bacteria which not only cause putrefaction but produce poisons so deadly that should even the smallest amount pass through the intestinal wall into the blood grave and even fatal consequences would ensue.

Accepting this theory, Professor Metchnikoff and other European scientists have set to work to discover means of ridding the intestines of putrefactive bacteria without harm to the patient. This cannot be done with chemicals, but Professor Metchnikoff has suggested that it might be possible to replace the harmful bacteria with others whose presence would be a blessing rather than a curse.

That which men call misfortune is but the shadow of a good.—Geo. MACDONALD.

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alone, but to love struggling and weary men and women and every pulsing, living creature better; to strive at least to do always unto others as we would have them do unto us; in brief, to be honest, to be fearless, to be just, to be kind—this will make our part in life's great, and as yet not fully understood, play truly glorious, and we need not stand in fear of nothing, life nor death, for death is life. Or rather it is, is it not, the quick transition to life in another form, the putting off of the old coat and the putting on of a new, a passing not from light to darkness, but from light to light, a taking up of life in another form just where we leave it off here, a part in life not to be shunned or dreaded or feared, but to be welcomed with a glad and ready smile when it comes all in its own good way and time.

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A Dog with a Bank Account

THERE is a man at Nome, Alaska, whose town residence is near the Congregational parsonage, and whom I found to be a good neighbor. Although he never came to hear me preach, he was and is a warm friend of mine, because of my well-known defense of the defenceless. He is an ardent member of the Alaska Humane Society of Nome, and a great friend of the dogs, who are also very fond of him. His own dogs, of whom he has several, are fed on the best the market affords, and sleep at night on beds furnished with mattresses. His favorite and inseparable companion is a large dog known as Billy, who has earned the right of freedom from toil and achieved a reputation for sagacity in saving the lives of numerous miners who were lost in arctic blizzards.

On one occasion he was piloting his master and a companion to their cabin in the mountains. The companion was confident that the dog was misleading them, and kicking the intelligent brute, struck out in an opposite direction. His master, though equally bewildered, trusted to his dumb and faithful guide, who soon led him to his cabin. Whereupon, having seen his master safe and comfortable, the sagacious animal set off of his own accord to rescue the man who had spurned his kind offices with a brutal kick, and contrary to that revenge which too often appears in human requitals, soon brought the freezing man to the warm cabin and then laid himself down, content with having performed a humane act.

But the rescued man, whose life had been saved by the magnanimous conduct of the great half-human, though half-wolf dog, wanting to make some amends for his own indiscretion and unkindness, had made for the noble animal a beautiful collar studded with gold nuggets. This unique collar, such as probably no other dog ever possessed, is in the safety deposit vaults of one of the Nome banks, where Billy has a bank account and enjoys the distinction of being the wealthiest dog in his own name in existence, and which deposit, his master says, will never be disturbed until it is used to give Billy an honored burial for his magnanimous and life-saving deeds.—L. L. Woods, in *Our Dumb Animals*.

To-Day

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

This checkered world has ever been Squared off with black and white. There are no Edens save within The souls that worship Right. And yet I hold as earth grows old It circles toward the Light.

The braggart past may strut and boast Of patriot, hero, sage; Still shall my muse the present toast And sing the living age. Each day enrolls upon its scrolls Brave deeds for history's page.

Though many a time the wrong may win Methinks o'er Justice's eyes The handkerchief is wearing thin; She seems to grow more wise, More firm of mind and less inclined With vice to compromise.

The world was never nearer right Than is the world to-day. And never was the tyrant Might So hampered in the fray Since God in mirth first sent the earth A-spinning on its way.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else.—Dickens.

The world goes up and the world goes down, And the sunshine follows the rain; And yesterday's sneer and yesterday's frown Can never come over again.—Charles Kingsley

Life's Purpose and Some Suggestions

Ralph Waldo Trine, in *Practical Ideas*, says: We are here for Divine self realization through experience, and we progress in the degree that we manipulate wisely all things that enter into our lives and that make the sum total of each one's life experience. To be brave and strong in the presence of each problem as it presents itself, and to make the best of all, to help the things we can help, and to be not bothered, and hence not weakened, by the things we cannot help, is the part of the noble. The question is, therefore, not, What are the conditions in one's life? but, How does he meet the conditions that he finds there? This will determine all.

To realize that everything that enters into our lives is there for a purpose and eventually for our highest good, and that some day, though not now, perhaps, we shall see the reason for it all, and give praise that all things came just as they came, will help to lighten many a burden, will give courage and strength in many a struggle, and will light the way to glories yet unknown.

To live our highest in all things that pertain to us, to lend a hand as best we can to all others for this same end, to aid in righting the wrongs that cross our path by pointing the wrongdoer to a better way, and thus aid him in becoming a power for good; to remain in nature always sweet and simple and humble, and therefore strong; to open ourselves fully and to keep ourselves as fit channels for the Divine Power to work through us; to open ourselves and to keep our faces always to the Light; to do our own thinking and to be sufficiently men and women to act always upon our own convictions; to do our duty as we see it, regardless of the opinions of others, gain or loss, temporary praise or blame; to play the part of neither knave nor fool by attempting to judge another, but to give that same time to living more worthily ourselves; to get up immediately when we stumble, face again to the Light and travel on without wasting even a moment in regrets; to love all things and to stand in awe or fear of nothing save our own wrong-doings; to recognize the good lying at the heart of all people and all things; waiting for expression all in its own good way and time; to love the field and the wild flowers, the stars, the far, open sea, the soft, warm earth, and to live much with them

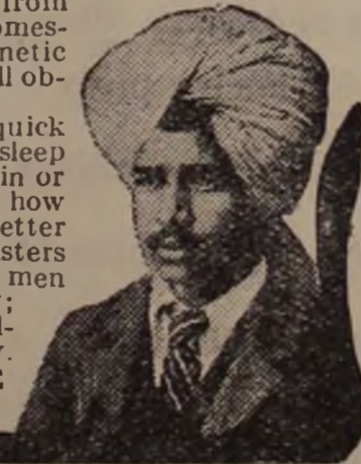
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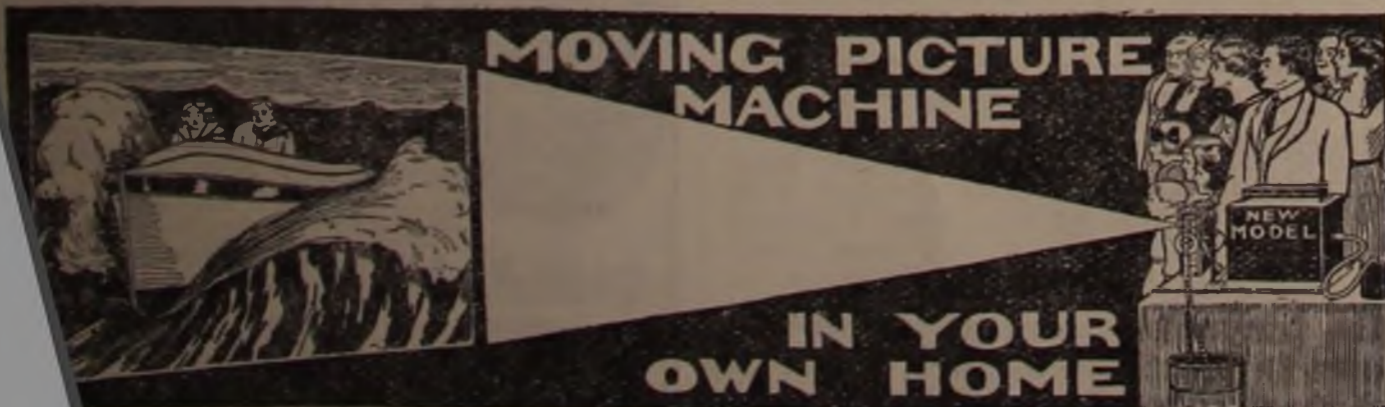
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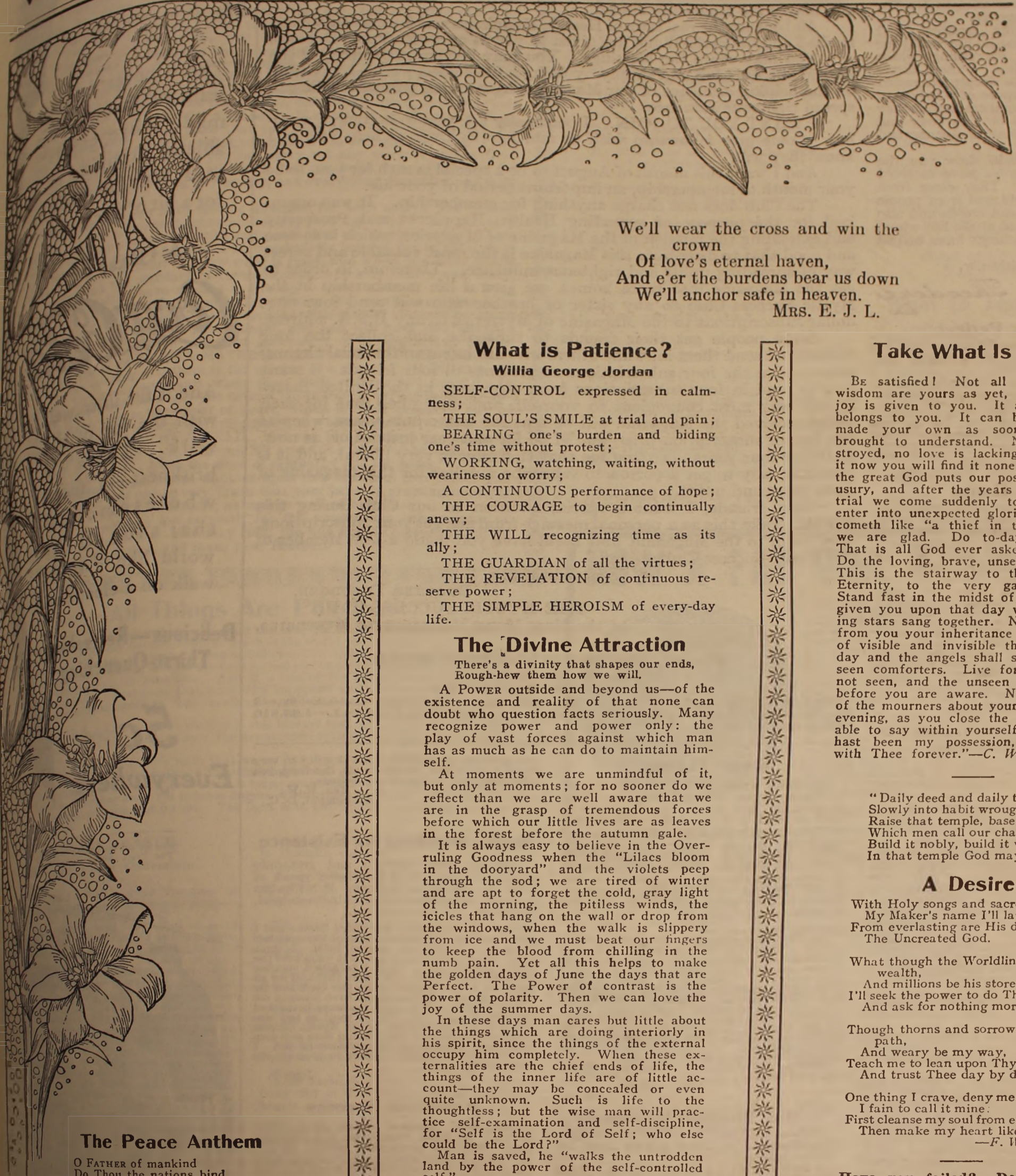
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We'll wear the cross and win the
crown
Of love's eternal haven,
And e'er the burdens bear us down
We'll anchor safe in heaven.
MRS. E. J. L.

What is Patience?

Willia George Jordan

SELF-CONTROL expressed in calmness;
THE SOUL'S SMILE at trial and pain;
BEARING one's burden and biding one's time without protest;
WORKING, watching, waiting, without weariness or worry;
A CONTINUOUS performance of hope;
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The Divine Attraction

There's a divinity that shapes our ends,
Rough-hew them how we will.

A POWER outside and beyond us—of the existence and reality of that none can doubt who question facts seriously. Many recognize power and power only: the play of vast forces against which man has as much as he can do to maintain himself.

At moments we are unmindful of it, but only at moments; for no sooner do we reflect than we are well aware that we are in the grasp of tremendous forces before which our little lives are as leaves in the forest before the autumn gale.

It is always easy to believe in the Overruling Goodness when the "Lilacs bloom in the dooryard" and the violets peep through the sod; we are tired of winter and are apt to forget the cold, gray light of the morning, the pitiless winds, the icicles that hang on the wall or drop from the windows, when the walk is slippery from ice and we must beat our fingers to keep the blood from chilling in the numb pain. Yet all this helps to make the golden days of June the days that are Perfect. The Power of contrast is the power of polarity. Then we can love the joy of the summer days.

In these days man cares but little about the things which are doing interiorly in his spirit, since the things of the external occupy him completely. When these externalities are the chief ends of life, the things of the inner life are of little account—they may be concealed or even quite unknown. Such is life to the thoughtless; but the wise man will practice self-examination and self-discipline, for "Self is the Lord of Self; who else could be the Lord?"

Man is saved, he "walks the untrodden land, by the power of the self-controlled self."

There's a knowing little proverb,
From the sunny land of Spain;
But in Northland and in Southland
Is its meaning clear and plain.
Lock it up within your heart;
Neither lose nor lend it:
Two it takes to make a quarrel,
One can always end it.

O Prayer, what form of energy can
be compared with thee?—Richard
Wagner.

Take What Is Yours

Be satisfied! Not all knowledge and wisdom are yours as yet, but be sure all joy is given to you. It awaits you. It belongs to you. It can be grasped and made your own as soon as you are brought to understand. No love is destroyed, no love is lacking. If you miss it now you will find it none the less. Aye! the great God puts our possessions out to usury, and after the years of waiting and trial we come suddenly to our own, we enter into unexpected glories. The Peace cometh like "a thief in the night," and we are glad. Do to-day's work well. That is all God ever asked of any soul. Do the loving, brave, unselfish thing now. This is the stairway to the mansions of Eternity, to the very gate of Heaven. Stand fast in the midst of the possessions given you upon that day when the morning stars sang together. No one can take from you your inheritance in the universe of visible and invisible things. Live to-day and the angels shall send to you unseen comforters. Live for that which is not seen, and the unseen shall bless you before you are aware. Not at the hour of the mourners about your bed, but every evening, as you close the day of toil, be able to say within yourself: "Lord, Thou hast been my possession, I will dwell with Thee forever."—C. W. Redington.

"Daily deed and daily thought
Slowly into habit wrought
Raise that temple, base or fair,
Which men call our character.
Build it nobly, build it well;
In that temple God may dwell "

A Desire

With Holy songs and sacred praise
My Maker's name I'll laud;
From everlasting are His days,
The Uncreated God.

What though the Worldling grasp for
wealth,
And millions be his store,
I'll seek the power to do Thy will
And ask for nothing more.

Though thorns and sorrows cross my
path,
And weary be my way,
Teach me to lean upon Thy word,
And trust Thee day by day.

One thing I crave, deny me not;
I fain to call it mine:
First cleanse my soul from every stain,
Then make my heart like Thine.
—F. W. Sidway.

Have you failed? Does Poverty
haunt your footsteps and Want step
over your threshold? Then see if
you have driven Pride out of your
heart and humbly done your best to
do the work at hand. If you have
scorned or refused to do the least
thing, have disdained the smallest
opportunity, thinking you were too
good for such service, you may know
the reason of your failure, the reason
of your deprivation.

The Peace Anthem

O FATHER of mankind
Do Thou the nations bind
In bonds of love;
Bid every land be free,
Let race with race agree,
And earth be ruled by Thee,
As heaven above.

Make Thou all wars to cease,
Round the whole world be peace—
Man's wrath control,
Let Love her reign extend,
Till all the nations blend
In concord without end,
From pole to pole.

MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

Words of Cheer

Read these letters, all who want to get more out of life. You will find that the cheery, grateful letters our members write seem to contain a tonic, inspiring quality, which is wonderfully helpful. These letters are full of human interest. They show what has been done, what can be done and **WHAT WILL BE DONE.** They illustrate and prove that the Mystic Success Club brings the things into your life that are essential to Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Our Club is the greatest and grandest organization in the world for the promotion of everything which makes life worth living. I know, therefore, that you will be deeply interested in the Club, the purpose of which is to guide and lead its members so that they may acquire Health both in body and mind, Happiness and Attractiveness and Success.

I wish that I could show you the thousands of letters we have received from our members. They come from all parts of the world and from people of all ages, nations and creeds and also from those of no creed at all, but whom our broad, true teachings have helped and inspired.

Yours faithfully,

Brother Theodore

Health Is Perfect

G. F. W. writes he would not go back to the old way of living. He is happier and now enjoys perfect health.

I have been a member of the Club for almost a year, and to say that it has made my life happier, is putting it very mild indeed. I would not go back to the old way of living for all the wealth of a nation. The Oneness of all life and the mysteries of life are being opened up to me daily. My health is perfect and the change in my life has been simply wonderful. May God bless every member of our blessed Club.

Sincerely yours, G. F. W., Bellaire, Ohio.

Always Happy

We all rejoice with you in the change you mention. Living in this beautiful world we should radiate happiness. Work the first degree whenever you feel depressed. That will improve your health and we know that all good will be your reward.

DEAR BROTHER THEODORE:

I am now ready in First Degree and I must say that I am a changed woman. I really can express myself in no other way, for I used to be always in a melancholy mood, where now I am always happy. In other words things are growing better in every way and I am satisfied that there are still better things coming. Hoping you will send the Second Degree as soon as possible so that I can go on with this good work, I am,

Yours sincerely, Mrs. A. C. B.

FALSE HUNGER

A Symptom of Stomach Trouble Corrected by Good Food.

There is, with some forms of stomach trouble, an abnormal craving for food which is frequently mistaken for a "good appetite." A lady teacher writes from Carthage, Mo., to explain how with good food she dealt with this sort of hurtful hunger.

"I have taught school for fifteen years and up to nine years ago had good, average health. Nine years ago, however, my health began to fail, and continued to grow worse steadily, in spite of doctors' prescriptions and everything I could do. During all this time my appetite continued good, only the more I ate the more I wanted to eat—I was always hungry.

"The first symptoms of my breakdown were a distressing nervousness and a loss of flesh. The nervousness grew so bad that finally it amounted to actual prostration. Then came stomach troubles, which were very painful, constipation which brought on piles, dyspepsia and severe nervous headaches.

"The doctors seemed powerless to help me, said I was overworked, and at last urged me to give up teaching, if I wished to save my life.

"But this I could not do. I kept on at it as well as I could, each day growing more wretched, my will-power alone keeping me up, till at last a good angel suggested that I try a diet of Grape-Nuts food, and from that day to this I have found it delicious, always appetizing and satisfying.

"I owe my restoration to health to Grape-Nuts. My weight has returned and for more than two years I have been free from the nervousness, constipation, piles, headaches and all the ailments that used to punish me so, and have been able to work freely and easily." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Share these Blessings

Just think of the value of the Degrees that the Mystic Success Club gives to you. Every member who joins the Club gets the Four Degrees, one each month, for four months, and these Degrees are truly wonderful.

The object of the Club is to promote Health, Happiness and Success. And just see how members are benefited; how the Degrees prove their value, and how they actually accomplish. One member writes in of NEW PROSPERITY since joining the Club, another of HEALTH GAINED, another of HAPPINESS and magnetism which attracts friends and makes life a pleasure indeed.

All because the real laws of Health, Happiness and Success have been studied and understood and are given to you in our remarkable Degrees.

You may share the blessings. You may become a member of the Mystic Success Club and simply by doing a little good work—by passing on the helping influence of our Magazine, by proving yourself willing to spread righteous influence.

I WANT YOU TO JOIN. I personally ask you to become a member. Come into fellowship with us and let the Degrees help you as I know they will.

And I want this month of August to be a special month for you, to be your month of membership, an important period of your life.

The Club does not charge anything for membership. It was organized for the purpose of spreading Health, Happiness and Prosperity and extending the mission of the Magazine of Mysteries, which is so true and good that to distribute this Magazine is the most valuable and surest way of spreading uplift and righteous influence. Therefore, in order to get the Magazine into more homes, we give a life membership in the Mystic Success Club to any sister or brother who will send four one-dollar subscriptions to the Magazine of Mysteries to any U.S.A. address.

Some people get their friends to subscribe and collect the four dollars and send them in, while others who are in better financial circumstances give the four subscriptions as presents to four friends. I want you to send in four subscriptions from anywhere in the United States in any way most convenient to yourself, and remember that for each dollar received the Magazine will be sent for four whole years, whereas the former subscription price was \$1.00 for one year instead of, as now, \$1.00 for four years. So you see that this offer is very liberal, and it is certainly easy to get a person to subscribe a dollar for this magazine of good cheer and uplift.

Now, friends, I want a special addition to our Club during this month. Take this as a personal message from me, get your subscriptions, send them to the Magazine, and I will have you made a Life Member of the Mystic Success Club at once.

Yours faithfully,

BROTHER THEODORE,
THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB
of the NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.

SPECIAL DIRECTIONS FOR THIS MONTH

from Brother Theodore

Easily Read with Member's Key

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Know Thyself

Our Sister writes that she is learning of God-given power within that she never dreamed of possessing. The Degrees will teach us much that will always prove useful in life, to gain health and success and happiness. In our Sister's letter she tells us that she is more magnetic. This is the charm that brings us our friends, and when we can claim through membership in the Mystic Success Club health, happiness, friends and success in life we can but feel thankful for our blessings.

BROTHER THEODORE:—

My Third Degree has helped me greatly and I can never express by word or pen, the wonderful blessings I have enjoyed while working it. Each Degree seems to grow better and better, and I am learning to understand so many things I have always wanted to know, but did not know how to find them, and I have learned so much of God-given powers within myself, that I never dreamed of possessing before. I am so thankful to you and the blessed All-Father-Mother for the blessed magnetic power which is being manifested within me. It seems I have so much more influence over friends than ever before.

Wishing every blessing to the dear Mystic Success Club, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. K.

Has Stopped Worrying

Rejoice with our Sister that she has been the recipient of so much gained from her First Degree.

I have now finished my First Degree. Words cannot express the good it has done me. I have been under considerable trouble but I am most thankful to say this Degree has completely showed me how to stop worrying. I live daily by my Degree. It has brought me more joy and sunshine than I have known for quite a while. As I told you before I have had a great deal of trouble which has not been righted as yet, but I know by the time I complete my Second Degree I shall see a great change for the better, as I have learned so very much from this First Degree. I have been very, very nervous for the last two years but now I can be alone, at any hour and find myself perfectly calm. I have learned more patience. Also find work which I hated to do,

is now a pleasure. Oh! I could write so very much more of the change in me, but trust you will understand and know my feelings.

Mrs. M. K.,
Washington, D. C.

Beats Anything in Existence

You see how lovingly and gratefully people of every creed and belief speak of what the Club does for them. It is like the sunshine to plants of all kinds—helpful, life-giving, a blessing indeed.

I have just completed my Third Degree and I am pleased to say that it is one of the grandest blessings I have ever entered into. I don't know what I would have done if it wasn't for the Mystic Success Club. Since I became a member I am like a new man. I am very thankful for all the good I have derived from the Club and by being a member, its teachings have brought me nearer to God and brought me more peace and joy than I have ever had. I want to say sincerely that the teachings of the Mystic Success Club are broader and more loving than any doctrine that is published in existence to-day. I will do everything in my power to promote the success of the Club.

JOHN F.

Wonderful Success

One dear Brother writes that after working his First Degree he is a different man. Now his personality pleases all and his health is daily improving. Continue with the degrees, Brother, and we know you will see a still further gain.

I received the First Degree about a month ago. I think it is my duty to write you of the success I gained after working it through. A wonderful change has taken place since the day I started. I seem to be a different man than I used to be and make a good impression with everybody. Now I look on the bright side of things, where I knew only the dark one. My health and looks are improving daily. I enjoy sound refreshing sleep. Your Health Degree does what you claim and more than that. May God bless each one of you.

HARRY B.

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FOR THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD

Thought to be held at 12 M.

"These are the things that ye shall do. Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates."—Zechariah viii, 16.

Thought to be held at 9 P.M.

"I will run the way of thy commandments when thou shalt enlarge my heart."—Psalms cxix, 32.

In the midst of the work and heat of the day, you are often at a loss. You say to yourself, "What shall I do first?—How shall I make this decision?—What is the best thing I can say to avert misunderstanding?"—and when these moments come, pause a moment while you let this text come to your mind. "THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT YE SHALL DO. SPEAK YE EVERY MAN THE TRUTH TO HIS NEIGHBOR: EXECUTE THE JUDGMENT OF TRUTH AND PEACE IN YOUR GATES." Is not this a clear, definite direction, this, that bids you speak the truth to your neighbor? It means to be honest, to voice your convictions in any deals that you may have to decide upon. BE TRUE; in other words, do what you perceive to be right and just. This is the foundation on which you can carry out any work or transaction. This is the only foundation on which you can build your character, for that is what you are doing day by day, and everything depends upon your thoughts and deeds.

In this text you have specific direction for both speech and action. Speak sincerely, honestly, conscientiously, then execute. That is, carry out in all your actions the truth and peace that are in your soul. These are wonderful words and should be wonderfully helpful, for in these days it is often most difficult to know what is right, and when you have firmly in your mind the standard of righteousness, which is justice and truth, you cannot fail to have a desire to live up to that standard. By holding faithfully to this text every noontime during the month, applying it in every transaction and in all your relations with people, you will be much advanced in your spiritual development, and you will have established a keen, quick and positive judgment and power of action, which will be **INVALUABLE BOTH IN A MATERIAL AND A SPIRITUAL SENSE.**

In the evening text there is the voicing of a prayer. "I will run the way of Thy commandments when thou shalt enlarge my heart." In saying these words earnestly you cannot fail to have a very earnest aspiration to have that enlargement of heart, which in your ordinary way of speaking means, "enlarge my sympathies, my brotherliness; make me a REAL HELPER IN THE WORLD. Let me be an inspiration to those who are looking for light. Let me be a positive lifter of burdens. Let me always be able to speak the word of sympathy and kindness."

Meditate at least fifteen minutes upon this beautiful text before you retire and you will find in very Truth that your heart is growing tenderer and kinder toward all creatures, animal as well as human.

You cannot pray too earnestly for this continuous enlargement of the heart in order that you may fulfil the one great commandment to love God, your Father, and man, your Brother.

All Things Are Possible

As you see the Light, beloved, as you enter the true Path, so you improve and progress. And by and through your development, so much is the world the better.

Thus we face the law of personal responsibility—You and I. As our light commences to shine in our hearts, just so soon do the rays spread out to and for others.

You are learning this, O Dear One. And it is one of the chief lessons we can acquire. From this knowledge there comes that wonderful happiness and tranquil peace which transforms the shadows into sunshine, that reveal as beautiful flowers what you once regarded as weeds.

Yea, verily, the beginning of true wisdom is this blessed realization, the consciousness that as we sow the seeds of kindness and love, the flowers that spring from them are for others and ourselves.

All is One and One is All. We learn that we cannot injure another without injuring ourselves. Also, we cannot help another without helping ourselves.

The true radiance of the Holy One of God is being projected everywhere. The golden doctrine of Love is sweeping away the hideous dogma of Hate and Revenge. The Star is in the heavens. Shining for you and for me. The light is in our hearts. Let us gratefully tend the sacred flame.

A SPOON SHAKER

Straight From Coffeedom.

Coffee can marshal a good squadron of enemies and some very hard ones to overcome. A lady in Florida writes:

"I have always been very fond of good coffee, and for years drank it at least three times a day. At last, however, I found that it was injuring me.

"I became bilious, subject to frequent and violent headaches, and so very nervous, that I could not lift a spoon to my mouth without spilling a part of its contents.

"My heart got 'rickety' and beat so fast and so hard that I could scarcely breathe, while my skin got thick and dingy, with yellow blotches on my face, caused by the condition of my liver and blood.

"I made up my mind that all these afflictions came from the coffee, and I determined to experiment and see.

"So I quit coffee and got a package of Postum which furnished my hot morning beverage. After a little time I was rewarded by a complete restoration of my health in every respect.

"I do not suffer from biliousness any more, my headaches have disappeared, my nerves are as steady as could be desired, my heart beats regularly and my complexion has cleared up beautifully—the blotches have been wiped out and it is such a pleasure to be well again." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Style is what gives value and currency to thought.—Amiel.

Every man is able to contribute something to the common stock, and no man's contribution should be rejected.—Junius.

To copy beauties forfeits all pretense to fame; to copy faults is want of sense.—Churchill.

Give them an idea for every word.—General Armstrong.

He that complies against his will is of his own opinion still.—Butler.

For himself doth a man work evil in working evils for another.—Hesiod.

Foul cankering rust the hidden treasure frets, but gold that's put to use more gold begets.—Shakespeare.

Truth and white paper can take all impressions.—Spanish Proverb.

A deluge of words in a desert of ideas.—Voltaire.

The mariner of old said to Neptune in a great tempest, "O God! thou mayest save me if thou wilt, and if thou wilt thou mayest destroy me; but whether or no, I will steer my rudder true."

EDYTHE L. GRANVILLE, Paris.

He Faileth Not

He Who hath led will lead
All through the wilderness;
He Who hath led will feed;
He Who hath blessed will bless.

He Who hath heard thy cry
Will never close His ear;
He Who hath heard thy faintest sigh
Will quiet all thy fear.

He loveth always, faileth never;
So rest in Him TO-DAY, forever.

He Who hath made thee whole
Will heal thee day by day;
He Who hath spoken to thy soul
Hath many things to say.

He Who hath gently taught
Yet more will make thee know;
He Who so wondrously hath wrought
Yet greater things will show.

He loveth always, faileth never;
So rest in Him TO-DAY, forever.

He Who hath made thee nigh
Will draw thee nearer still;
He Who hath given the first supply
Will satisfy and fill.

He Who hath given thee grace
Yet more and more will send;
He Who hath set thee in the race
Will speed thee to the end.

He loveth always, faileth never;
So rest in Him TO-DAY, forever.

He Who hath now thy heart
Will keep it true and free;
He Who hath shown thee what thou art
Will show Himself to thee.

He Who hath bid thee live,
And make thy life His own
Life more abundantly will give
And keep it His alone.

He loveth always, faileth never;
So rest in Him TO-DAY, forever.

Then trust Him for to-day,
As thine unailing Friend,
And let Him lead thee all the way
Who loveth to the end.

And let the morrow rest
In His beloved hand,
His good is better than our best,
As we shall understand.

If trusting Him, Who faileth never
We rest in Him TO-DAY, forever.
Frances Havergal.

Sing a Song

If you'll sing a song as you go along
In the face of the real or fancied wrong;
In spite of the doubt, if you'll fight it out,
And show a heart that is brave and stout;
If you'll laugh at the jeers and refuse the
tears.

You'll loose the over-joyous cheer,
That the world decries when the coward
cries.

To give to the man who bravely tries;
And you'll win success with a little song—
If you'll sing the song as you go along.

If you'll sing a song as you plod along,
You'll find that the busy, rushing throng
Will catch the strain of the glad refrain;
That the sun will follow the blinding rain;
That the clouds will fly from the blackened
sky;

That the stars will come out bye and bye;
And you'll make new friends, till hope
descends

From where the placid rainbow bends;
And all because of a little song—
If you'll sing the song as you plod along!

—Sunshine Bulletin.

Deep in the tear-wet mortar of
regret.

Work on with patience. Though
thy toil be slow,
Yet day by day the edifice shall
grow.

Believe in God, in thine own self
believe,
All that thou hast desired thou
shalt achieve.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

What to Teach Your Boys

Teach them how to earn money; to be strictly truthful. Teach them shorthand and typewriting, economy in all affairs, to be polite in their manners. Teach them arithmetic in all its branches, history and political economy. Teach them, by example, how to do things well. Teach them the care of horses, wagons and tools, and to avoid tobacco and strong drink. Teach them habits of cleanliness and good order, to ride, drive, jump, run and swim. Teach them careful and correct business habits, and how to get the most for their money. Teach them to avoid profane and indecent language, to be manly, self-reliant and aggressive. Teach them to be neat and genteel in their appearance.

HOW A FAT GIRL BECAME THIN



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World Growing Better.—L. M. P. In spite of seeming increase of evil, the world is growing better. A national conscience is being awakened. The Brotherhood of man is flaming into recognition. Even animals are treated better generally. Look at the past! Men of the golden days, some of the patriarchs, for instance. Why, if they were alive now and acted as they did then, how long do you suppose they would stay out of jail. In those days love of mankind, fellowship was unknown. Clans of family there were many. Truth was obscured by a dense cloud of ignorance, brutality, and animalism. Man was, with few exceptions, not much higher than the brute creation, and more brutal than the brutes. Licentiousness, incest and murder were the order of the day. Man turned on his brother everywhere and tortured, robbed and ravaged without even excuse or cause. Yes, the world is getting better and it is the solemn duty and sacred responsibility of each of us to better ourselves and the whole world all that we can. Talking and preaching won't do anything, but work and striving and right living will help wonderfully; more than you realize.

Learn.—D. F. S. You, like many who write me, want to teach but are not as yet qualified or prepared. So many want to teach who need to learn. Many talk cream but act skimmed milk. Practice where you are and use what opportunities you have at present. When you are worthy and ready, great opportunities will come. Do not be impatient nor long for an extended field as yet. You can make your own measure of success no matter where you are at present, and remember what A. J. Stanley said about individual success: "He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory is a benediction."

Your Own Efforts.—B. V. F. There are many people who pray that they will be kind, gentle and considerate, and after they have prayed they seem to think that is all that is necessary. They make no effort to earn these qualities and to live them. How much the world needs of real religion instead of gas. If faith without works is dead, prayers of this sort without your own efforts to back them are worse than useless and a mockery.

Study the Laws.—A. G. D. There are laws of health and prosperity. Also there is a legitimate and rightful thought development which actually attracts worldly prosperity. People fail through not knowing how to apply these laws. You may have the electric current within reach, but unless you can turn the switch you cannot get any light. In the same way you can keep saying "I am going to be rich," until you are blue in the face, and yet you can stay very poor. I know people who keep saying that they demand the good things of life but they don't get them and never will, because they are doing just the opposite to what they should in the way of producing results. These laws are simple enough just as are the laws of health and well being. I hope to be able to tell you about them at Clifford Park and set you in the right channels. You have a good deal to learn yet, but I can condense it so that you will get it in a short time and profit by it.

A Helpful Organization.—U. K. F. Through the use of talent, capital and organization you can get better quality for less price than scattered individuals could supply. For example, within the past few weeks a great genius in shorthand has arisen. He is as great as Isaac Pitman and Thomas A. Reed, who were the pioneers of stenography. This particular genius I am speaking of has devised and perfected a system of shorthand which is far ahead of anything previously known, both in simplicity, correctness and the ability to read the notes like print. Besides which it can be mastered in a marvelously short time, in fact many have grasped it in a week and anyone should easily master it in a month. Now here is where organization comes in. Through a perfect system of distribution and very small profits on a large volume of business this concern can let you have a course of shorthand tuition together with a complete instruction book and everything necessary to make a first class stenographer for only \$10.00. This is a very small price indeed, but while it may hurt a few teachers of shorthand who are obliged to ask much more money than this, yet it is going to mean the greatest good to the greatest number and many will be delighted to take advantage of it.

War.—OSCAR B. You never saw a battle nor have you visited the anxious mothers, wives and children of the poor men at the front. Why should thousands of innocent women and children suffer bereavement, poverty and despair to settle a dispute between ambitious politicians or monarchs whose vanity has been ruffled. If the affair is so deep to them, let them go and do the fighting themselves. Goodness, when will mankind wake up and people not allow themselves to be used as catspaws any longer? And the poor horses, tortured, over-ridden, maimed and killed! A fountain has recently been erected in England with the following inscription. Read it and do some thinking over it:

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In addition, read the poem, "A Picture of War," on the front cover of this issue of the magazine. I purposely made the thoughts strong, but they are nothing compared with the horrible, actual, ghastly realities. When I wrote this poem I did it as my personal contribution towards bringing about the "World Peace and Sanity."

A Thankful Heart Acceptable.—O. M. S. Let me tell you this—and all my readers as well. You are prone to go to God with your troubles and trials. It means a steady stream of blue and lugubrious waves outgoing. The Lord of the Earth receives these compassionately, but even a Deity welcomes and appreciates a fervent gratitude and thanks. Send your dirges upward, but your psalms also. There is more to this than I can tell you here.

Progress.—H. L. T. All new ideas are scoffed at. It seems that the human race takes a perverse delight in combating true progress. We who are broader minded can afford to be patient, however, for the tide cannot be kept back. And the spiritual tide is sweeping over the world. The people are dissatisfied with empty dogma and vainglorious pulpits. That's why so many churches are empty on the one day of the week when they are opened. The fat prelate who talks a lot of empty phrases purporting to be the doctrine of the One who had not where to lay His head, and then rushes off in his automobile to a wine supper and a game of bridge, such as that are being recognized for the worthless incumbrances they are. But true religion is progressing. A great spiritual awakening is commencing. The Aquarian Age has dawned. So don't be discouraged, for

*** When, when did land or nation See without persecution Freedom born? When did the many ever find salvation, Till some had known the spitting and the scorn? No Cause was ever won but first was mocked: No Faith taught hearts to dare but first was hated: No gate stands wide, but at one time stood locked: No right found rest that was not first belated.

Drug Habit.—W. S. R. It's foolish to resort to drugs. Stop it at once and get good, vigorous exercise, long walks, cold baths, sleep and sanity. For your nerves, take Kada-Yaga. No drugs in that remarkable preparation, but it does contain such wonder-working, nerve-feeding food tonics as the organic phosphorus derived from milk proteids, etc. That's why it does such good. Powerful for improvement and absolutely safe for even a sick baby. Speaking of drugs, Doctor Wiley, of the Pure Food Law, says that we are in danger of becoming a nation of drug fiends.

Many who are trying to make their marks are living on their nerves. The craze for the "simple life" was a fad, but it didn't strike in. We're burning our candles at both ends and once in a while we get panicky and apply the match to the middle. We get there all right, but in getting there we're doing our level best to prove that the Osler theory wasn't a melancholy mistake. The intense life is the order of the day, but we haven't learned to live it sanely. We keep our engines humming and we're in so much of a hurry that we run without a governor. The end is collapse, lassitude, blues, "dope" and premature death. You young people with the dark rings under your eyes. You've been going pretty lively on a twelve-hour day at the office and trying to do a little society work on the side. You're

young and vital. You can stand the twelve hour day at the office. You can stand the hours at the office and the society work. But you can't stand twelve hours' work in five hours' society in every twenty-four. What you and the others need is to learn how to live fast and live sanely. We don't know how and when to put on the brakes. We don't know how to use up every ounce of energy and quit when we get down to the nerve.

We don't know how to fight the fight stay in condition. We know how to get but we aren't going to be able to come. You may try it by the drug route or the hol route, but it won't work. When we're all in, and the stimulants put the trimmings on the job. The best cure for the drug habit is prevention.

The best prevention isn't legislation—sanity. The man who doesn't live beyond strength doesn't crave drugs.

Proper Teaching.—LYDIA B. Last evening I called on some friends and eleven-year-old daughter was studying to-morrow's school. It was after 9 and the little pale-faced, delicate child should have been in bed. For health and a good constitution come far ahead of book-learning. And what do you think that poor child was trying to get into her little brain? How much cotton U. S. A. had exported for every year from 1884 to the present date, year by year. And wheat. And corn. And so on. In a few months it would be forgotten and what use was such mental rubbish anyhow? Horace Mann once said: "Shall a young miss of sixteen, elated with the idea that she is just finishing her education, study rhetoric, and analyze scraps of speeches of Grecian and Roman orators, when she does not know that the fumes of burning coal will destroy life; and thinks, because she swallows her food and inhales her breath through her neck, that they both pass on to one common cavity in the chest, and hence concludes that respiration and digestion are functions of the same organ? Neither of the above is an imaginary or an extreme case."

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Visions From Spirit Land

There was a nurse I knew very well at one time, a woman of unusual intelligence and remarkable charm and magnetism. She was a most capable and conscientious nurse, giving not only all her skill but her personal interest and sympathy to each patient. She it was who once told me that she was aware within herself and beyond the threshold of her normal consciousness of a secondary self which had extraordinary and undeveloped possibilities. Probably that is why she had such wonderful stories to tell of thought transference and of premonitions, which she acknowledged and believed because she admitted the psychic influence which enabled her to perceive things which were hidden to others.

One of her most interesting experiences occurred when she was doing district nursing. She had watched over a little child with pneumonia day and night for four weeks, until, at last, completely tired out, she

begged a friend to watch in her place for one night so she might get a few hours' sleep. That night in her dream she saw, distinct in every detail, the little room where she had been nursing. She herself did not seem to be present, but as she watched, the child rose from the bed, drifted slowly across the room and then out through the window, waving good-by to her as it vanished from her sight. The next morning she learned that the child had died suddenly during the night.

DO THE DEAD RETURN?

Peggy tells almost with awe of a woman she nursed the first year she was in a hospital in New York. The woman was very poor, very much alone, and the only person whom she had to love in the whole world was a little girl, a child of twelve, who had been brought in at the same time, both of them with typhoid. A dozen times a day she would ask the nurses how Nellie was doing, and the nurses would, of course, give her cheering reports to keep up her spirits, though the truth was that Nellie was very, very ill.

The child died. Strangely enough during the day of her death the mother did not inquire once about her. Peggy anxiously questioned all the nurses who had gone into the ward to account for the woman's unusual silence, but each one denied having mentioned the child's death to the mother. Besides, she was so calm and undisturbed that Peggy was almost convinced that she could know nothing of it. But in the evening, as Peggy bade her good night, the woman asked:

"When will Nellie be buried?"

"How did you know?" was all Peggy could say.

"Why, she stopped on her way out to bid me good-by, and she said she'd come back in a very little while to take me with her."

Need I add that the woman died within the week? The physicians said that peritonitis had unexpectedly set in and Peggy held her tongue.

I have never had such a convincing ocular demonstration of life beyond the grave. But once I had a patient who described just such an apparition, and if he had not been so ill at the time the situation would really have been funny. He was a disagreeable man, low browed, swarthy, with little pig eyes and puffy cheeks, not nice in any way, and there was bully spelled in every feature and action.

He had been married twice. Wife No. 1 had evidently adored him, had been trampled upon and had died. With wife No. 2, whether he did the adoring or not I do not know, but at any rate she did the trampling. Without doubt he revolted silently at the tune he was forced to dance by and harked back with longing to the days when he did the fiddling.

He always seemed restless when his wife was in the room, and often spoke to me of the "Mrs. No. 1," as he crudely put it. He was in the last stages of Bright's disease. His skin was sallow and waxy, his eyesight had begun to fail and he was very weak. Suddenly one day he rose up in bed and said eagerly:

"Why, there's Rose. Don't you see her? There, on that chair. She beckoning to me. Look, she's smiling. Yes, I'm coming. Yes, yes."

His voice grew weaker, he fell back in bed and one convulsion after another shook his frame. He died that night. And if "Rose" gave him what he deserved his welcome to spiritland would not have been anything so happy as he seemed to anticipate.

AN INVISIBLE AVENGER

But Margaret also told me of a tale where the man's sins did not wait to be visited upon his descendants, but were meted out in a partial punishment to himself in this life. The man had been suffering intensely for

weeks with cancer of the liver. He was growing weaker and weaker. From a weight of two hundred pounds he now weighed one hundred. He had been married to Margaret that he had done something dreadful in his youth, but he would tell her what, and he believed that she would give him retribution.

"I must suffer. I have made oaths. It is but right. But oh, if I could only see he would say over and over again.

I wish I could describe the last part of this story as Margaret made me see. It was a beautiful, cold, cloudless night. There was no moon, but the stars twinkled brightly in the velvet blackness of the heavens. Even the wind seemed frozen and the breath stirred the curtains by the window. Only the poor, sick man was in this universal calm. He had been lying in bed and murmuring for hours.

All at once he sat up in bed, his eyes fixed on the window. Every nerve seemed in attention, watching and listening to something which to Margaret was invisible. The curtains began to shake violently, and they did so the man gave a shriek as of horror. A shudder ran through him and he sank back on the pillows gasping for breath. Margaret hastily gave him a hypodermic and he fell into a stupor.

When she glanced at the window the curtains were hanging quietly.

IS THERE A VISIBLE DEATH?

I once had an experience so strange that I have never before spoken of it. I do not believe it myself if there had not been another nurse present who will bear witness to it. We had been nursing a woman with diphtheria, and I was on day duty. It was about seven o'clock in the morning and I had just come in and was standing talking to the night nurse while she gave me a few details of the patient's condition.

"She is very ill. I don't think she'll last the day out."

Even as she spoke we both started. A curious gray mist seemed to have settled over the bed, for a moment almost shutting out our view of it. Gradually it became thinner and moved up and away, and then dissolved into nothingness. It had all taken but a moment, and the morning sunshine again filled the room. But when we looked at our patient she was dead. Is there such a thing—ye who know—as a visible death?

A nurse must believe in a future life, or because of all the religions that were ever preached, nor all the philosophies that were ever evolved, nor from that universal instinct and longing that lies hidden in every mortal breast, but it is a belief born of her bitter experience with suffering and unhappiness; until it comes to her almost as a revelation that somewhere, some time, somehow there must be a chance, if not for compensation, at least for a further development.

Is this after life a "bournie from which a traveler returns," or are there some who are attuned to catch the ghostly messages that cross the borderland? And in this very life itself are there perhaps vast cosmic agencies not amenable to terrestrial laws as our feeble minds now grasp them, which might make our lives if we would, but which make themselves only to the few favored ones who are keyed in harmony?

In these tales I have told I stand sponsor for the truth of the facts only in so far as I or my informants understood them. But we realize our limitations. We do not attempt an explanation. And as in the beginning, so in the end, I merely say, "I do not know."

Symbolisms

By Richard Realf

Fair are the flowers and the children, but their subtle suggestion is fairer; Rare is the roseburst of dawn, but the secret that clasps it is rarer; Sweet the exultance of song, but the strain that precedes it is sweeter; And never was poem yet writ but the meaning outmastered the metre.

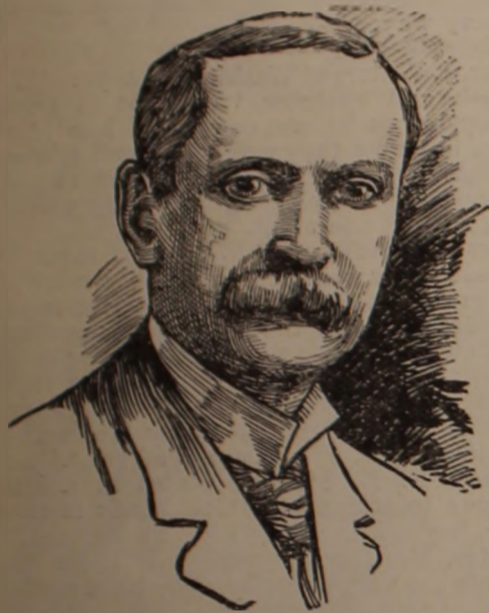
Never a daisy that grows, but a mystery guideth the growing; Never a river that flows, but a mystery sceptres the flowing; Never a Shakespeare that soared, but a mystery stronger than he did unfold him; Nor ever a prophet foretells, but a mystery seer hath foretold him.

Back of the canvas that throbs the painter is hinted and hidden; Into the statue that breathes the soul of the sculptor is hidden; Under the joy that is felt lie the hidden issues of feeling; Crowning the glory revealed is the glory that crowns the revealing.

Great are the symbols of being, which is symbolized is greater; Vast the create and beheld, but vast is the inward creator; Back of the sound broods the silence of the gift stands the giving; Back of the hand that receives throbs the sensitive nerves of receiving.

Space is as nothing to spirit, the deed is outdone by the doing; The heart of the wooer is warm, but the heart of the wooing; And up from the pits where these things shine, and up from the heights where these things shine, Twin voices and shadows swim, and the essence of life is divine.

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Times that try the soul, tribulation and sorrows must come. But ever and always there is the knowledge and the realization that you are enfolded in the love of the All-Father-Mother-God and can be conscious of it as you will.

Of times the soul feels as though the waters would overwhelm. But safe are ye through

"Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that waiteth at noonday."

"A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee."

"There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

I am writing this with a knowledge of certain future happenings. I am not permitted to tell you just what, but many of my readers will see later what I mean and what this applies to especially.

Remember in dark days to come the promise of Our Father to his great human family. Along the great world's altar stairs that slope through darkness up to God, you have the guidance and the guardianship—Yours for the asking! Yours for the taking! Strength and salvation! Love Divine and Omnipotent.

With your life lived according to your best endeavors, so shall the Spirit dwell within you. And "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

A Doctor's Case

The human personality shows such strange possibilities and complications at times that scientists are wondering about reincarnation, dual personality, change of personality, and so on. Dr. Beasling recently reported a case which has puzzled the medical profession. The patient is Miss _____, twenty-two years of age, who, according to the physicians, suffered a stoppage of the heart, circulation and respiration for five minutes and recovered to become a person of entirely different temperament and with no memory of her life before the experience.

The case has attracted wide attention, for, at the time of her illness, it was at first believed death had come to her.

"I worked hard," said the doctor, "and the circulation was resumed in the upper dorsal region. We gave her warm water and she sucked it down greedily, just like a hungry baby; later we gave her some diluted milk in a nursing bottle and she rapidly grew stronger."

His story relates the curious fact that, as Miss _____ recovered strength, she was entirely cured of her paralysis and was free from all pain; but her memory was gone, she did not know how to talk, and she was, as far as mind went, just as a new-born child.

Scientists are invited by Dr. Beasling to see the young woman and to discuss the case with him.

The patient is now twenty-two years old, and has the simple manner of a child, but is quick and intelligent at learning.

On November 15, 1909, when she was twenty years old, she was stricken with absolute paralysis of the body, together with complete failure of the nerves of nutrition, and for sixty days she was kept alive by artificial methods.

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Dr. Beasling says that after this apparent death he happened to touch the body and the skin did not feel like that of a dead person.

Epigrams by Lulu P. Griffin

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Loyalty to your picture prophecy will bring about the fulfilling.

Beauty borrows her trappings from a loving heart and a wise head.

Name that day your best when you have conquered hate and prejudice.

Argue never, nor contend. Any situation that brings strife with it hurts you.

Let your own heart say "thank you" when you have done well. Why ask the world to stand by and cheer? Are you not sure of your self?—*Fellowship Messenger*.

My Mother's Grave

My mother's grave! Oh, sacred spot,
What holy memories cluster here!

Thy love will never be forgot,
Thy life shall last I will revere.

There's none on earth I can compare
With thee for constant love and truth,
For thou did'st guide from sinful snare
My wayward mind, in careless youth.

My mother's grave! Dear place of hope,
The tie that binds my soul to bliss,
Alone while through this world I grope,
I feel renewed affection's kiss.

My hope and trust, my stay and guide,
Which ere on earth may me annoy
Though troubles will life's path betide,
Thy love and God my mind employ.

My mother's grave! Sweet place of joy
Still lives thy loving smile for me
Though dead to earth, naught can destroy
Thy teachings for Eternity.

The world will ne'er thy love efface
From my responding loving heart.
The memory doth oft retrace
The scenes that made it hard to part.

My mother's grave! Strong place of fate,
Thy trust is mine, my mother dear,
Naught that the world calls good and great
From me thy influence can tear.

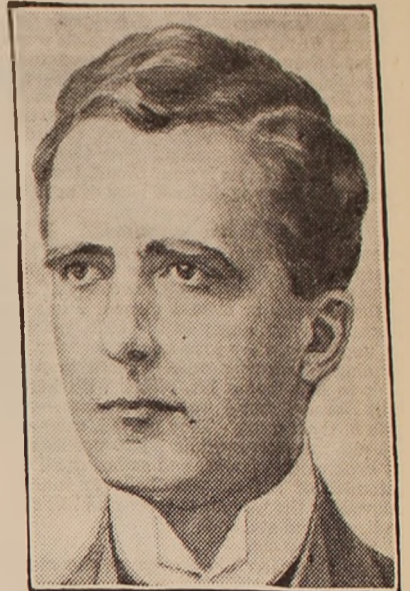
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So shall your dark cloud break apart and the glory of the Lord become visible.

With the grateful seer and poet of old, we can verily say:

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

"He is my refuge and my fortress; My God: in Him will I trust."

"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day."



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The Maker of Storms

By Miriam Zieber

All day I had been fickle and restless, trying to reconcile doubts with beliefs and the piled-up dogmas of the ages with the "new ideas" of the present century.

"What does it all amount to, anyway?" I at last exclaimed impatiently, just as the sun's last rays made my bookcase good night, kissing Keats's "Lamia" warmly, and causing my rest-bound head to flush at the impertinence. "The years come and go, whether we count them by our fidelities or by our infidelities to things human or things divine. Socrates found no better than Nero, nor the gentle Nazarene so well as the millions who blaspheme Him by act, word, thought or feeling every day of their lives. What does it matter whether you love or remain indifferent, so that hate, at least, be kept at bay?"

"Papa, come to dinner; everything is ready, and we are waiting for you. I called, did you not hear me?" "No, child, I did not. Is your mother home?"

"Yes, she is waiting for you," answered my dark-eyed, golden-haired little daughter, but her face reminded me too painfully of another pair of dark eyes that had, only a few hours previous, flashed furiously in response to my quiet remarks, which worded what I thought about a married woman who retained a certain intimate friendship after wedding bells had proclaimed abroad that one man, and he only, would henceforth be more than all others, save God, to her for whose sake he resigned all other ties.

"But, Walter, he is your friend, too! Are you mad, that you distrust both of us in this shameful way?"

"Distrust! I am surprised!" I had sneered provokingly. "It is simply a little matter of good taste. Please tell Dinah to have my study in order by one o'clock," and without caress or even a glance, I left the house for hours, angry and jealous, yet with an unabating, fiery love in my soul for my seemingly unloving wife. There was no fault to find, not a bit, either with her or Elms Dexene; but I was no musician—and both of them were. They played, sang and enjoyed themselves while I sat upstairs at my desk writing books, and suffering all the bitterness of a man who believes himself unloved by the woman to whom he has surrendered mind and soul.

"Won't you come?" I had forgotten Elsie, even as she stood before me. So swiftly does the mental shaft fly that I had again perhaps for the hundredth time since morning, lived over the last scene I had with my wife, before I replied, as steadily as I could:

"No, dear. Tell mama I am not hungry, and have a great deal of work to do this eve-

ning," which was true, although I knew not a line would be penned that night. In five minutes Elsie came up again very quietly, with a little white note in her hand and a questioning wonder in her sweet eyes.

"Will you please state exactly why you refuse a meal (for the first time) in your own house? Shall I send it up to you or take my own in my apartments, so as to leave the dining-room free to you?"

"If you desire the best results from your mind don't neglect the proper nourishment of your body. Kindly answer, as I want to know what to do."

"I want nothing—not even the freedom you, no doubt, would willingly give me," I answered in my return note. Presently I heard a downstairs door close, and knew my words were being read; with what a sarcastic smile, I could imagine. I laid my head between my arms on my desk. I was wretched. I could feel the hot tears trying to steal from under my closed lids. I let them go, and again I wondered what all this rubbish of talk about good and evil and their rewards amounted to. If one hates, one is unhappy; if one loves, one is more miserable still.

"It is all 'storm and stress'!" I moaned, "whichever way one thinks or lives—all 'storm and stress' and utter undoing!"

Then in the midst of all my suffering a resolve to make my intellect serve in place of all else took full possession of me. I moved neither hand nor foot, but rested there on my desk, and planned. I would overcome all feeling, every pang of emotion, by sheer force of intellectual power, though I should encounter the spirit of evil itself in so doing. If I had thought of this before, instead of longing away my very heart for the regard of an icy-natured woman, I should not be in the state I was. Still, I did not move, but I said in a whisper:

"Come, Power, good or bad, high or low, enlivening or blighting; take charge of my mind, and deaden my heart; make me all intellect!"

"Before your wish is granted follow me." I was only slightly surprised by the voice and the presence now commanding me. When a man invokes the unknown he is already too far from ordinary considerations to feel much fear; his uppermost sensation is likely to be overmastering curiosity, and he hesitates not to follow where any stronger power than himself may lead.

There stood before me—what shall I call it? A *Something*, unnamable in human speech. It was neither flesh nor flame nor vapor nor light nor shade. It was a Presence, more powerful than anything I had ever met. I followed its lead. I felt myself lifted up and out. Then away we sailed through space. Not a word was spoken by my guide. Time passed; darkness closed more densely about us; we went on and on. Time lengthened.

"Oh," I thought, "will this journey never end?"

"Oh, great Powers of Time and Eternity, have mercy on me!" I cried in my bitter anguish. "Why, why did I leave what belonged to me for this unknown horror of endless motion and nothingness? We do not even pass planets or suns or stars; it seems as if there were naught but space! Where are my loved ones now? Shall I ever meet and know them again in all eternity?"

But no ear heard me; my guide was far in advance of me, and save when I cried out, the silence was awful.

Ages rolled over us, yet still we went on. I prayed for annihilation, but there seemed to be no Creator to answer prayers or to care what became of a lost soul, as I now believed mine to be.

Suddenly a wild crashing and uproar came to my hearing. Oh, the relief of a sound I was not myself obliged to make! I felt almost joyous. The clamor became louder. We slackened our speed as we came in sight of the most awful storm I had ever witnessed. Lightning, such as was never imagined by earthly inhabitants, flashed and blazed and struck in live darts and sheets of flame; thunder rattled and roared with a sound as of laughing demons; while dreadful winds caught planets, meteors, moons, suns and dashed them against one another with a din that we, who seemed to be hundreds of miles away, could hear and tremble at. That is, I trembled; my guide, who was now only a few yards from me, appeared to be in an exultant mood, judging by the chuckles of delight that escaped from him.

"What power! what a storm!" I thought. "Yes, isn't it a sight?" answered the thought of the Thing near me. "But come this way; I have a greater to show you."

I followed him again for a comparatively short time, until we came to a storm of battle that seemed too horrible even for hell itself. Fighting between beings in human shape and the most repulsive beasts was in full progress. The cruelty and loathsomeness I saw turned me sick to my very soul.

"Take me away," I begged, more despairing than ever as I realized that not even now was I released from human feeling and mortal suffering.

"This way, then." I followed again; how long we journeyed now I could not conjecture. At last we halted.

"Here, here is a storm worthy of the place that damns!" cried my guide.

"Is all this hell?" I inquired. "Certainly. Where else do you think the commotion of physical, mental and spiritual storms originates?" answered the Horror in appalling glee.

I dropped my glance from his rapidly vanishing presence, glad indeed to be rid of it, even if I had to listen to his voice; but as I marveled at the mist he seemed to be turn-

ing into, I noticed that my own self also leaving me. In what seemed a few moments I had no body, I was mind and soul, thought and feeling no longer a visible form. Yet I could see I gazed at another being, that some consciousness told me was in dire agony.

"How do you like a storm of jealous laughter a mocking voice, as I remained speechless sympathy near the sufferer could see the writhings of the tortures; the longing for preference and despair; all that I had once undergone!" "Pity, pity! Release the poor soul telegraphed by thought to the invisible presence."

"Ha! ha! That kind of pain, possession, is nothing. It is after the deep trust, and conjugal affection, the least doubt of fidelity turns the most one of us, of us, of us, forever! Ha, ha, ha! It is the force of hate where love be that generates the greatest storm ever rage; those between husband and Ha, ha, ha!"

All my soul ached as I heard, or understood, the purport of these words. Again I was made to comprehend a significance, as I saw more than can be braced in human speech.

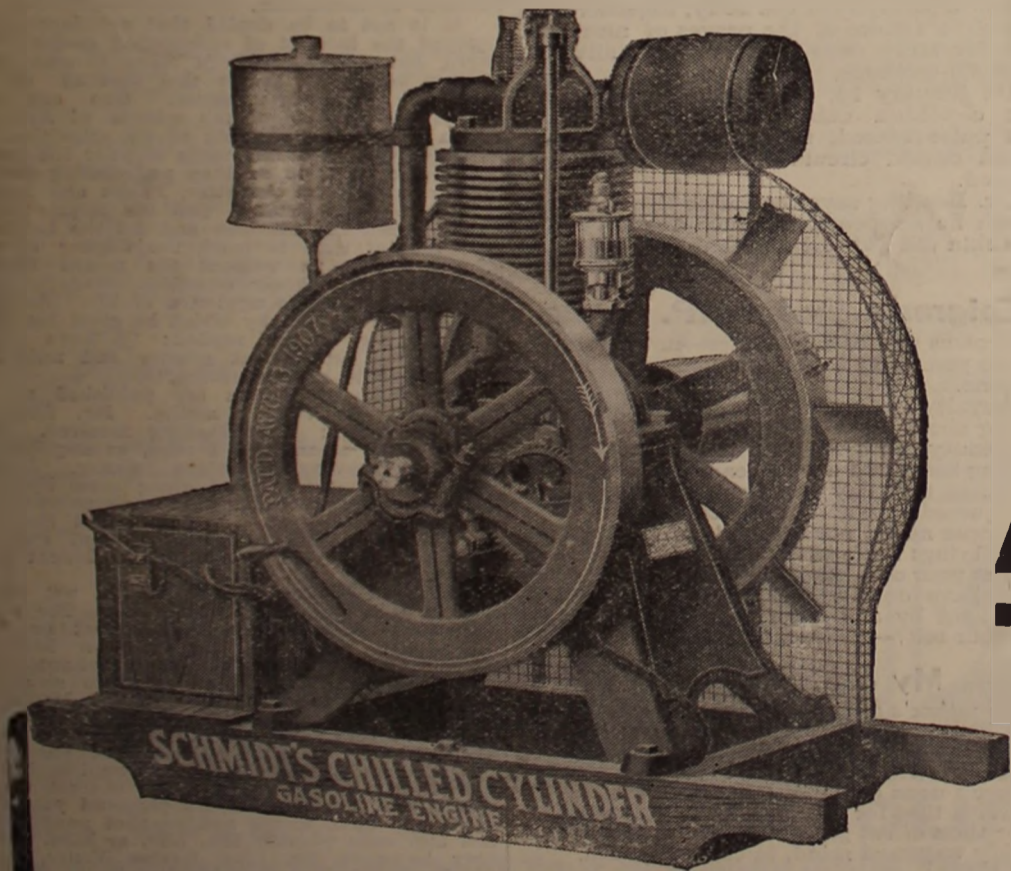
All the evil passions passed in a procession before me. Hate was the worst of all; Pride next; Silence and Suspicion were personified, and were carrying a thing between them. As they neared saw their burden was an angel, a woman, beautiful, so absolutely heavenly in expression of face, so confidently trustful as she clung to her demon companions, that I felt if all the universe must interfere to rescue When directly opposite me the trio stopped and the two devils began to tear apart lovely innocence they held. At the moment I recognized in the fair soul of the woman I loved—my wife! Yet terrific powers were rending her, and voice rang out to me for succor:

"My darling, come to me, my own!" Then I shrieked so mightily that my voice seemed to pierce through endless space; heart felt icy; my mind reeled; my soul sank down—down—

"My darling! my own!"

"What—?" "Clarence dear, you have slept a long time. It is almost two o'clock. I could not rest so I at last came in search of you, and when I found you here and touched your head you whispered my name, and—

Oh, my own, I love you—don't you know it? Your suspicion is killing me! Clarence! Clarence! But I was now fully aroused. I caught my love to my breast and besought her forgiveness as a lost soul might beseech its Creator and I, unworthy, yet almost intoxicated with love and thankfulness, was freely and tenderly forgiven.



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