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My case was pronounced incurable.

I grew desperate; my deafness tormented me. Daily I was becoming more of a recluse, avoiding the companionship of people because of the annoyance my deafness and sensitiveness caused me. Finally I began to experiment on myself, and after patient years of study, labor and personal expense, I perfected something that I found took the place of the natural ear drums, and I called it Wilson's Common Sense Ear Drum, which I now wear day and night with perfect comfort, and do not even have to remove them when washing. No one can tell I am wearing them, as they do not show, and as they give no discomfort whatever, I scarcely know it myself.

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Dear Sir:—Replying to your inquiry in regard to the advertising of The Wilson Ear Drum, we beg to state that, although we have carried their advertisements in our magazine for some time and that these advertisements have been very large, and unquestionably a great number of our readers must have done business with them, yet we have never received a single complaint from any of them. In our opinion this is the best possible evidence that the Wilson Ear Drum Co. do exactly as they say. Our readers always notify us very promptly if there is any reason for complaint against any advertiser.

Very truly yours, MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.

Here Are Some People Who Were Cured.

I am furnishing you here the names of a few of the thousands who have been restored to full hearing with the Wilson Ear Drums, and give but a bare outline of their testimony, lack of space forbidding my giving their complete letters. I want you to write to them and find out first hand their experience in having their hearing restored. You will find several hundred more testimonials in my Free Book.

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THE MENTAL INFLUENCE FOR HAPPINESS IN THE HOME

JUST a few words by way of explanation concerning this department, which first appeared in THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES last month.

It will be impossible for us to state the exact time when the prizes offered for articles on this subject may be given and equally impossible to tell just now in which number of the Magazine the articles themselves will appear.

We are obliged to go to press exactly one month in advance of the current issue. This means, for instance, that the April number is on the presses by March first. The May number in turn must be ready by April first, and so on in the same order throughout the year. But, of course, the subscriber receives his number at the proper time—the May number on the first day of May.

The subject of "Mental Influence for Happiness in the Home" is so broad and ennobling in its scope that we feel we want to give all our subscribers a chance in the contest and a reasonable length of time in which to hear from them.

As letters are pouring in from all over the Union, you can readily understand why we ask your indulgence in waiting a little longer than we had originally intended you should.

To encourage our subscribers still further, and at the same time give an idea of the general form in which we would like to see your contributions appear, we take great pleasure in printing the following—the very first that reached us:

"THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES: By reading THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES I have acquired the art of mental influence, and have often exercised it in my home, and am glad to say that I control some of my friends, stop quarrels and give divine love, intense enough to bring them in tune with the Infinite.

"These instances in my diary are too numerous to mention.

"Yours very truly,

"GROSVENOR O. WADHAM.

"62 Prince Street, Cambridge, Mass., March 25, 1904."

"411 Ossington Avenue, Toronto, Canada.

"April 2, 1904.

"DEAR MYSTIC No. 9: It was so nice to get the Magazine yesterday A.M., as there was time to read some of it aloud just then, as we were all together, as usual on Good Friday. All my married life I have found it a great help to read aloud, and I believe I read to the children almost before they could speak, and

nothing seemed to please them more than for mother to read before they went to sleep.

"I think mothers who are clever talkers can do even better. It is to my idea so necessary for the mother to keep cheerful, then all seems to go well.

"I have never had quarrelsome children, for when any little friction has appeared I have suggested that nothing would make me so unhappy as to see them unkind to each other. At other times, too, I have found it so helpful to say, 'Suppose we sing.'

"I always looked forward to the holiday time when I could have my children around me. It was always a happy and busy time, and we talked beforehand of the books we would read and the little jaunts we would take each week if we worked well.

"I made a point of having a quiet hour after breakfast. We each chose and sang a hymn to piano or organ accompaniment, then a simple prayer in which we all joined, a chapter from the Bible, and then part of some other interesting book. This was a happy hour, and a great help for the day of work or play.

"Often I have said, 'Let us sing and so drive away all our cares,' or if any other little playmate came, 'Come and sing with us.'

"I have found singing or reading aloud two great helps in keeping home happy and bright.

"Now the children are older they often read to me, while I sew or work. So we are still a happy family.

"Since I have read more of the 'New Thought' I speed their parting to work or school with, 'Be good,' 'Do your best,' or remind them of the Noontday Thought of The Silent Brotherhood.

"My husband is a man of few words, but he is a good listener, and on Sundays and holidays I read to him what I think will interest him most in THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.

"I would impress upon mothers the importance of managing themselves, so as not to get overwrought, for it is a great thing to know when one has done enough and to rest at the right time. Then one can accomplish much and keep cheerful.

"Keep the worries out by good thoughts and messages of love for ourselves and others.

"We do not nag or scold when we are well.

"The mother has much in her power toward a beautiful balance and poise in the Home.

"Respectfully and lovingly yours,

"(MRS.) ANNIE PLAYLE."

FIFTY DOLLARS IN PRIZES

DESIRING to give the knowledge for obtaining happiness in the home to everyone, we wish our readers to join us in spreading the Blessed Gospel of happiness in the home, and in order to spread these glorious truths we ask all of our readers to write us a letter, which we can publish, telling in few words, and in a plain, straightforward manner, instances that have come under their personal observation whereby the proper mental attitude has restored happiness in the home, and other instances whereby health has been restored, success has been won out of failure by the proper mental and cheerful support given by one member of the family to another.

In order to encourage you to write us letters on the above subject, we have decided to offer \$50 in prizes, to be divided into twelve prizes to be paid for the twelve best letters which give true instances where mental attitude has brought happiness, health or success to the home. The money will be divided as follows: The first prize will be \$25, the second prize will be \$10, and five prizes of two dollars each, and five prizes of one dollar each, making a total of \$50. Send your letters in without delay. Address MYSTIC No. 9, THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, 22 North William Street, New York City.

When We Shall Know As We Are Known

Nora Batchelor, in *Light of Truth*

IN the investigation of psychic phenomena, and especially when communing directly with the unseen inhabitants of another world, the fact which has impressed itself most strongly upon the writer is that our whole mental and spiritual life is an open book to those spirits who come into communion with us. No need of spoken or written language here. No need to put a question in words. His thought is read with a clearness and rapidity that is oftentimes astonishing. The whole contents of his mind seem to lie open to the inspection of the invisible beings who stand at his side. Not a thought, not an emotion, not a desire that is not at once as fully and completely known as if expressed in the clearest, most perfect language.

Whether or not every spirit possesses the ability to cognize perfectly the thought of every mortal is a question which for the present must remain unanswered; but that those spirits who are able to control and communicate intelligently through a medium are able at any time to acquaint themselves with the passing thoughts and emotions of that medium, has been demonstrated again and again to my entire satisfaction. To such a spirit, coming thus into direct communication with us, nothing can be hidden. The whole mind and soul lie open to be read at will. Efforts at concealment prove of no avail.

And doubtless it is not the medium alone whose mental and spiritual state is thus known and recognized by the disembodied. Doubtless every individual, whether possessed of psychic powers or not, has hovering near him the invisible inhabitants of another world, friends to him unknown, but to whose clear vision every thought of his mind, every emotion of his heart, every aspiration of his soul are as fully known as the face of visible nature is to us when we turn our eyes upon it in the clear daylight. But this is a fact as yet undiscovered by the average mortal. While his life is fully known to these angelic visitors, he has no knowledge even of their existence. The garment of flesh, to them so transparent, to him is an impenetrable wall. Only to the psychically endowed is a consciousness of their existence, and the power of communication, possible. And to these favored ones come the revelations. To them is given a knowledge of spirit life and of conditions which there exist. Very soon they learn that all walls are leveled, that all barriers melt away with the passing of the physical man, that on the other side of life soul is revealed to soul as fully and clearly as the face and form of the physical man are here revealed to the gaze of his mortal brother.

And it is something to be thankful for, something sweet to cling to and rejoice over, the knowledge that, no matter how much of misunderstanding there may be among mortals, just behind the veil are those who do know and understand, who see us just as we are, who read our motives aright, who sympathize with our aspirations and appreciate the efforts we put forth toward higher and nobler living.

It is well, too, to have the knowledge that whatever in our life is not of the best and noblest, whatever we ourselves recognize as below the ideal, whether of thought or deed, whether of desire, ambition or purpose, is likewise known to our unseen friends. This may not be a pleasant thought to some, and if so it is sufficient evidence that something in the life is wrong. Something there is which needs mending, a weak spot, a flaw in the character which may be successfully hidden from the eyes of the world, but which no art can conceal from the all-comprehending gaze of the inhab-

itants of higher spheres. Whatever in our lives we seek to hide, whatever we are ashamed to have known to our nearest and dearest, is no part of our higher self, and should be promptly exterminated. The thought we would not utter, the desire we would not express, the motive we strive to conceal through shame, ought never to exist. When we have made it our purpose to harbor nothing in thought which we should be ashamed to have known to our earthly friends we may be sure that our spirit friends have no cause to grieve at our shortcomings. Little do we know of the pain caused them by the pretension, the insincerity, the lack of honest purpose among mortals. Deceit and hypocrisy! Of all the despicable elements in human nature these are the worst. And how pitifully contemptible must appear the soul which stoops to practice them to those clear-eyed denizens of the spirit world to whom all things are known! Someone has said that we ought to hate everything in us that we want to hide, and it is true.

The veil of flesh was not given for nothing. Beneath its covering the soul feels securely hidden, and believes that its real self is known only to itself. It believes that it may appear one thing and be another, with none to know the difference. So it has perfect freedom of choice. And perhaps it is well that it should have. Character could not be developed otherwise. So it happens that the soul goes on and builds up its life, all the while believing that none but itself knows the inner aim, purpose, motive back of all its acts. But behold! along comes the phenomena of Modern Spiritualism and proves that, while as mortals

"We are spirits clad in veils,
Man by man was never seen,"

yet man by disembodied spirits is clearly discernible; that his whole moral and spiritual nature lies open to the gaze of the angel world; that not a thought of his mind, not an emotion of his soul but stamps itself upon his spiritual, real self in characters that all who run may read. It proves that nothing can be hidden; that all things are known; that not a falsehood is told that is not known as such, not a crime is committed but has abundant witnesses, not a vile, ignoble deed but writes itself as such on the doer's psychic self. Concealment is impossible. "The universe is made of glass."

Not an evil thought that lurks in the deepest recesses of the brain, not a base design that is wrought out in silence in the darkest midnight hour, but is published in letters of lurid light to the whole celestial world. Hidden! such a word is unknown to the dwellers in the land beyond the sunrise. O, foolish mortal! to think you can hide your sin and shame and degradation! to think you can bury it so deep that none will ever know! That you can cover up your tracks with such sly cunning that none will ever suspect the evil thing you have done! Know that wherever you go you are attended by invisible companions, mute witnesses of your every act, human beings as real as yourself, living men and women whom you will some day meet face to face.

The phenomena of Spiritualism having proved these things, that the lives and thoughts of mortals are open books to our spirit companions, but one inference can be drawn regarding the conditions which pertain to social life and intercourse in the great beyond. If minds still incased in the earthly body can be so easily read by those who have passed beyond death's shadowy portal, in all probability the dwellers in those higher spheres are known to one another in a manner more real and intimate than we mortals dream.

It is little wonder, then, that there is such a scattering of unlike elements, such a congregation of like unto like, when the veil of flesh is torn away and soul is revealed to soul in all its beauty and perfection, or in all its ugliness and deformity. It is little wonder that, as we have been told, each spirit seeks those of his own kind, those on his own plane of moral development, for nowhere else would he feel at ease. He is known now precisely for what he is, and to mingle with those of a

higher state of development than his own, those whose natures are nobler and purer than his, would bring discomfort. So he goes where he belongs, among his own class.

It will not be intellectual attainments, as some wrongly suppose, but degree of moral and spiritual unfoldment, purity of life, nobility of purpose, desire, aspiration, which will determine our status and companionship in the life beyond. We shall find our own, and we shall know as we are known.

This is the happiest thought of all. It runs in and out through all the bright hopes and anticipations regarding that future life. To have done with errors, fears, misapprehensions. Truly to know, and truly to be known—surely life there will be worth the living! Everywhere perfect candor, truth, sincerity; no falsehood, no deception, no hypocrisy; no possibility of faith misplaced or trust abused. And last the best of all, the soul's lifelong desire for true companionship realized at last.

"Shall they be satisfied, the soul's vain longing
For sweet companionship with kindred minds—
The silent love that here meets no returning—
The inspiration that no language finds?"

"Far out of sight, while yet the flesh enfolds us,
Lies the fair country where our hearts abide,
And of its bliss is naught more wondrous told us
Than these few words, 'I shall be satisfied,'"

Another inspired writer has voiced the same hope in the following beautiful poem:

"We walk alone through all life's various ways,
Through light and darkness, sorrow, joy and change;
And greeting each to each through passing days—
Still we are strange.

"We hold our dear ones with a firm, strong grasp;
We hear their voices, look into their eyes;
And yet, betwixt us in that clinging clasp
A distance lies.

"We cannot know their hearts, how'er we may
Mingle thought, aspiration, hope and prayer;
We cannot reach them, and in vain essay
To enter there.

"Still in each heart of hearts, a hidden deep
Lies, never fathomed by its dearest, best.
With closest care our purest thoughts we keep
And tenderest.

"But, blessed thought! we shall not always so
In darkness and in sadness walk alone;
There comes a glorious day when we shall know
As we are known."

Wireless telegraphy would be as much of a mystery, if not a miracle, to an ignorant man as is spirit or angel communion to the strong materialistic mind. We must live in Spirit to comprehend Spiritual manifestations. To a seer or adept all spiritualistic phenomena are no different from what scientists class as the physical phenomena of the universe. Whatever form an adept sees, he sees in and back of it the forming spirit. Gross, less gross, fine, finer and ethereal forms with their attending inner spirits are all readily seen by the adept—the freed soul. Nothing can be occult or hidden to a freed soul. The great bliss of such a Seer comes in the positive knowledge that all souls ultimately reach Freedom.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

Pleasures Shared

This truth do I hold while the earth blooms fair,
Ere the days of our youth are flown—
Far sweeter one pleasure that two can share
Than a score that we hold alone.

Aye, more; when the shadows of age appear,
With the love of our youth still true,
No selfish delight can be half so dear
As a joy that is shared by two.

Life's trials, I know, lose their power to harm
When she whispers soft words of cheer,
And all the sweetness that gives life and charm,
Being shared, is made doubly dear.

On to the Heights By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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Oh, you who tread the ways of earth,
You are immaculate of birth.

From height to depth, from star to sod,
There is no separate thing from God.

You are in Him, and He in you;
Learn that old platitude anew.

Bask in splendor of the fact
And live to it in thought and act.

Bask in the knowledge and be free.
All things are yours, for you are He.

He does but manifest through man
The scope and purpose of His plan.

He is the All, and All is One;
We are the beams, and He the sun.

Shine then in glory—light the earth.
You are immaculate of birth.

Discard old creeds of fear and sin,
Live to the God who dwells within;

Absorb the grandeur of the Thought,
For thus may miracles be wrought.

Truth is the lock, and Love the key;
All things are yours to do and be;

Go claim the vast stupendous whole—
On to the heights, Immortal Soul!

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AY! Soft May!

This is God's month of serener
hours.

It is the glorious sowing time.

Our Souls and Hearts thrill with
gladness beneath the soft sky of May.In May we realize God's goodness and wisdom
and serene powers.

Serene May!

Joyous May!

Glorious May!

Thou teachest me to be calm and serene and to
sow and to prepare—Blessed May!

The wondrous secrets of God are revealed in May.

Each soul springs into New Life in May!

The Vibrations of Life, Light and Love are every-
where!

It is May!

"Now, when the budding spring escapes from winter's
durance,Hope that hath its flowering, and Faith its sweet
assurance;How shall our hearts be sad when Nature's face rejoices,
And earth and air are glad with her tumultuous voices?"

Everywhere a Golden Light is dawning!

The Bright Smile of God is on the land!

The Holy Spirit is astir—'Tis May!

Glory be to God, the Son, the Holy Spirit and
the Holy Angels!

It is May!

"And all about the softening air

Of new-born sweetness tells;

And the ungathered May-flowers wear

The tints of ocean shells.

The old, assuring miracle

Is fresh as heretofore,

And earth takes up its parable

Of life from death once more."

God's incense of violets and arbutus and the
wood-flowers fills us with joy and life and holy calm.
Blessed May!Honor is the one thing in this world that is not
visionary and perishable. Lose honor—lose your
love and veneration for the right, and you lose
everything.—Rev. Thomas B. Gregory.In universal and eternal love there is a healing
and soothing power that is perfect. There cannot
be universal and eternal love where there is selfish-
ness. "Where self is not there is the Garden of the
Heavenly Life." It is in the centre of the soul that
are to be found the eternal springs of Life and
Health and Peace and Bliss, and"There spring the healing streams
Quenching all thirst! there bloom the immortal flow-
ersCarpeting all the way with joy! there throng
Swiftest and sweetest hours!"No matter to what discoveries future investiga-
tions may lead, there can be no conflict between the
highest, purest religion and true science.—A. C. R.Look within for the healing balm and strength-
ening tonic—the panacea that heals and cures all
our ills.The inner man has no age; it is not young or
old; it is eternal; that is you, beloved, you!Exultant and free is he who has freed his mind
from illusion and lives at-one with the eternal and
universal God—the ALL-MOTHER-FATHER.Courage, aspiring soul! The day is not so far dis-
tant when all the ideals of thy heart, soul and
mind will be fully realized.

We Do Not Die

Why will some men in this age of Light identify
themselves as the physical body? Why do men
of supposed knowledge, who edit newspapers and
magazines, speak in print of men as "dead"?"Where shall we bury you?" said the disciple,
Crito, to Socrates when his body was dying from
the hemlock poison. "Bury—bury me!" ex-
claimed the dying philosopher; "bury me just
where you please, if you can only catch me!"
Then he added, "Have I not often told you and
the wise men that this body is not Socrates?"And so it is with you. Remember, you are an
eternal soul with a body, and not a body with a
soul. Try to think of your self—your real self—
as a spirit, an eternal spirit, now temporarily
occupying and using a physical body; really, that
you are in an etheric body within a coarse body.
At the new birth, or higher birth, called "death,"
you pass out of the coarser body clothed in a fine,
radiant, etheric body. So fine and light and bright
is this etheric body that only the best clairvoyants
can see it.—The Blissful Prophet.The Hindu *heathen* priest, while baptizing the
infant in the Ganges waters, says: "Child, precious
little one, you came into the world weeping, while
all around you smiled. May you so live the true
divine life that, departing, you may smile, while all
around you weep."Toleration is the crowning glory of the freed
soul—the soul's mind freed from ignorance, intoler-
ance, bigotry, illusion and delusion. "The
seeker after truth cannot be a bigot."Creeds and dogmas have cursed the ages by
enslaving the intellect

Being is Unity—oneness.

Alfred R. Wallace, the English naturalist,
scientist and compeer of the late distinguished
Charles Darwin, writing of Infinite Presence
termed it the "Supreme Intelligence of the Uni-
verse." Plato, nearly 400 B.C., said to the doubt-
ers of his time: "Can we believe that He who is
Absolute Being can be without life or thought,
that He is deprived of intelligence?""Adore with me," exclaimed Voltaire, "the
design manifest in all nature and consequently the
author of that design." "I believe in one God,"
said the royal-souled Thomas Paine, "and no more.
I hope for happiness beyond this life." So, all
great souls recognize God in one way or another.
Emerson said: "The universe is my ideal, a grand
spiritual manifestation." Victor Hugo said: "Pity
those who have not a heart in their breast, and
in that heart a God." Great words these, uttered
by great and noble thinkers."The spiritual is the real and the abiding," says
Dr. Peebles. "It is not true that man has a spirit,
but rather that the spirit is the man. This real,
conscious, invisible man is temporarily clothed in
mortal garments, which fleshly garments are as
serviceable to him for a season as is chaff to the
growing, ripening wheat or husks to the corn."Modern Spiritualism is teaching men how to
realize the unity of Being and the beautiful and
orderly coherency of the universe, as well as im-
mortality.In Myer's "Science and a Future Life," page
151, Bismarck is thus quoted: "I live a life of great
activity, and occupy a lucrative post. But all
this could offer me no inducement to live one day
longer did I not believe in God and a better future."Where is there a more painstaking and pro-
found scientist than Sir William Crookes, and yet,
after years of critical investigation and crucial
tests in his own house, he avowed himself a Spirit-
ualist. Honored with being a guest at his resi-
dence in London, I know whereof I speak.He who walks with Knowledge of Spirit walks
upright with strength and a radiant glow on his
face, while he who walks with Faith and Belief
alone totters and stumbles and has the gloom of
doubt in his eye. "Ignorance and fear hath tor-
ment.""The spiritual world has been open to seers and
sensitives in all ages, open because of their refined
spirituality."All souls are ultimately destined for a higher
sphere than earth. Souls advanced on the Path
are not under the law of Reincarnation; most
souls living on the planet now must reincarnate
until they reach that perfect state of conscious-
ness here where they are ready for the celestial
spheres. All Christed-souls (freed souls) are be-
yond the law of Reincarnation.

INSPIRING POEMS WORTH KNOWING

Whatever your occupation may be, and
however crowded your hours with affairs,
do not fail to secure at least a few minutes
every day for refreshment of your inner
life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles
Eliot Norton.

The Now

By Eugene F. Ware

The charm of love is its telling, the telling that
goes with the giving;
The charm of a deed is its doing, the charm of a
life is living;
The soul of the thing is the thought; the charm of
the act is the actor;
The soul of the fact is its truth, and the Now is its
principal factor.The world loves the Now and the Nowist, and tests
all assumptions with rigor;
It looks not behind it to failing, but forward to
ardor and vigor;
It cares not for heroes who faltered, for martyrs
who hushed and recanted.
For pictures that never were painted, for harvests
that never were planted.The world does not care for a fragrance that never
is lost in perfuming;
The world does not care for the blossoms that
wither away before blooming,
The world does not care for the chimes remaining
unrung by the finger;
The world does not care for the songs unsung in
the soul of the singer.What use to mankind is a purpose that never
shone forth in the doer?
What use has the world for a loving that never had
winner or wooer?
The motives, the hopes and the schemes that have
ended in idle conclusions
Are buried along with the failures that come in a
life of illusions.Away with the flimsy idea that life with a past is
attended;
There's Now, only Now, and no Past—there's
never a past; it has ended.
Away with the obsolete story, and all of its yester-
day sorrow;
There's only to-day, almost gone, and in front of
to-day stands to-morrow.And hopes that are quenchless are sent us like loans
from a generous lender,
Enriching us all in our efforts, yet making no
poorer the sender;
Lightening all of our labors and thrilling us ever
and ever
With ecstasy of success and the raptures of present
endeavor.

Brotherhood

THE crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star, is BROTHERHOOD;
For it will bring again to Earth
Her long-lost Poesy and Mirth;
Will send new light on every face,
A kingly power upon the race,
And till it comes, we men are slaves,
And travel downward to the dust of graves.
Come, clear the way, then, clear the way;
Blind creeds and kings have had their day,
Our hope is in the aftermath—
Our hope is in heroic men,
Star-led to build the world again.
To this Event the ages ran;
Make way for Brotherhood—make way for MAN.
—Edwin Markham.

Never Despair

Look to God and never despair, no matter what
may be your troubles; He will help you.
He is always a Present Help.Men must despair as long as they cannot look to
the great God of love and power. This is the Law.
God is ever ready to help any one of us, but if we
simply turn away from Him and ignore Him, how
can we expect anything but worry and despair?
He wants to help us, but we spurn this help and
sulk in weakening despair, for there is nothing so
weakening as despair. God wins all in time. His
radiant, shining love never ceases to shine. He will
yet win thee."Never despair, though the way be dark,
Somewhere the sun is shining;
Keep heart of cheer, through the winter drear,
Somewhere the roses are twining.
Ever be hopeful, ever be true—
Some time for you shall the roses bloom;
A glowing sun shine out of the blue,
On the path now wrapped in gloom."

ABOUT THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

Read and Think It Over

OUR MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING AT A TREMENDOUS RATE. THIS CLUB IS DESTINED TO BE BY FAR THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION OF ITS CHARACTER IN EVERY WAY IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

Will You Help Us?

An Appeal to You from Brother Ananda

BELOVED: Each reader of this Magazine knows of one or more persons who are sick or who are in trouble.

We desire the names and addresses of sick, troubled and unfortunate people.

Will you kindly mail such names to us, and count the trouble in writing us such a letter to the good cause of the Mystics, trying to send out messages of love, good cheer and hope to all?

We have a large, free book entitled, "FROM DISEASE, POVERTY AND DRUDGERY TO HEALTH, WEALTH, POWER AND SUCCESS," that we wish to mail free to anyone who is sick, weak or unfortunate.

This large book was written by a great Holy Mystic Adept of The Mystic Success Club, showing the blessed work of this great club, and also clearly showing how any aspiring soul may be cured of disease and escape poverty and drudgery.

If you are in sympathy with our work and like this Magazine you will send us these names of sick and poor people; we promise not to use your name; all we will do will be to send to each name a copy of the book free, and also a free sample copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.

We are working now for 500,000 subscribers; you can help us.

All we want is names of the sick and sorrowful. Persons who are bowed down by the passing on of those near and dear to them to the higher spheres need our encouraging words.

You certainly do know one or more persons who need such a cheering magazine as ours. Come, beloved, let us hear from each one of you. It will do your soul good to write the old Mystics such a letter.

We will be too busy to reply to such letters, but as your letter is sent and received you will be blessed in a silent, mystic and occult way.

No one can do a good turn without being helped; this is the Law; but we want you to send these letters out of pure love of your heart for humanity and our blessed work and not from a selfish motive.

And right here the Masters, Elder Brothers, Mystic Adepts and all members of our blessed Club are thankful and grateful to God, and you, who have already sent us many names and helped us so much in our work.

Address all these letters to THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, No. 22 North William street, New York City, N. Y., U. S. A.

Listen for a moment to what the great Emerson has written concerning Success:

"Don't waste yourself in rejection, nor bark against the bad, but

Chant the Beauty of the Good

Set down nothing that Will Not Help Somebody.

Omit the Negative Propositions.

Nerve Us with incessant Affirmatives, and

The Affirmative of Affirmatives is Love!"

And just as love begets love, so does Success beget Success.

The business man, the lawyer, the philosopher, are one in their belief and experience that "Nothing Succeeds Like Success." Join our Mystic Success Club ranks, then, and realize for once what it is to be successful.

"O God, Manifest Thyself in Me"

At the very centre of your own soul may be found Divine Spirit, the source of all perfection. It is "Christ in us the hope of glory." The true man is the Christed man, who lives Christ. "O God, manifest Thyself in me." We find the Father through the indwelling Christ, and in no other way. "O GOD, MANIFEST THYSELF IN ME," is the most powerful prayer, if uttered in fervent, burning love; the blessed Divine Answer to this prayer takes us to the Most High; this is the way to direct perception—by yielding wholly to God. "Wisdom is to be attained either by the difficult path of experience or by direct perception;" by going direct to God and giving up all mind and all will to the Father. This is the true and quick way to become conscious that you are a Son of God. "O God, manifest Thyself in me."—THE MYSTICS.

God and Nature are always good and helpful to man; and man only suffers because he ignores and disobeys the eternal, changeless Law of God and Nature. The Law of Life will not change for any man's self-will.

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

Health, Wealth, a Long, Useful and Blessed Career for You

"No Enterprise Is Too Venturesome, No Effort Too Daring"

To accomplish great things one must do the small and simple duties of life thoroughly.—A MYSTIC.



The whole world around us, and the whole world within us, are ruled by law.—THE DUKE OF ARGYLL.

Men of an extraordinary success, in their honest moments, have always sung, "Not unto us, not unto us."—Emerson.



Practice yourself, for Heaven's sake, in little things; and thence proceed to greater.—Epictetus.

IT is simply inspiring to think of the tremendous progress THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB has made in the last few months, greater in proportion than ever before.

The membership has increased to over a thousand a month! Think of these figures for a moment, and then draw your own conclusions.

And the letters that tell of the happiness and peace of the members as they pass through the Four Degrees come to us by the thousand also.

We ask you to read as many testimonies as we are enabled to print, for, remember, we have not space to print the hundredth part of all we receive.

They come to us from every State and Territory in the United States, as well as from the distant, occult lands of India and Japan.

There is a saying as old as the hills which reads: "Man, Know Thyself." This is in reality a commandment given unto us in order that we may all walk in harmony and peace with ourselves and with one another.

It is only after we have attained this Blessed State, O Beloved, that we can truly say We Are Free—free to serve, and to plan, and to do. And when a man is free then does he also enjoy that blissful state concerning which the Prophets of Old have written.

The Mystics understand these things, for they have devoted their entire lives to the study and practice of these divine precepts, and remember this same Glorious Privilege shall be granted unto you, O Beloved, from the moment you become a member of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, and so share with the Mystics the realms of everlasting bliss and peace.

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB encourages and fosters the best that is in you, for there are qualities that abide in you of which you have not heretofore even dreamed, and after one has passed the Four Degrees and followed conscientiously the precepts as laid down for your special benefit, the ideals that have been cherished in your hearts as well-nigh unattainable become Positive Realities of your own for all time, and You Will Bless the Day When All These Blessed and Glorious Truths Shall Be Revealed.

Rest well assured—The Awakening Will Come!

This is our plan as formulated and carried out by great Mystic Adepts, Seers, Sages and Prophets:

First—Lead you to Health. (First month.)

Second—Lead you to Receptivity. (Second month.)

Third—Lead you to Personal Magnetism. (Third month.)

Fourth—Lead you to realization. (Fourth month.)

This requires serious thought and study, but it only remains with you together with the help THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB offers, "when all these things shall be added unto you."

There is no greater or more beautiful promise given in the Good Book than this:

"And he shall give thee thy heart's desire."

Beloved, the realization of this promise may also be yours, Here and Now, on this earth plane.

The Mystics have found the way to make the rough places smooth, and are more than happy to show this same enlightened path to all who choose to become partakers of this earthly Kingdom of Heaven.

It is utter nonsense and waste of time to talk of Dead Yesterdays and Unborn To-morrows.

Now Is the Accepted Time to Enroll as a Member!

It is said all great men become great through their own untiring efforts and watchfulness. Yes, but without other help than their own the struggle becomes not only overpowering but bitter, and their lives here are not blessed with that calm and peace which rightfully belong to them.

The Brotherhood of Man is only accomplished through the united joining of all hearts and hands, and this is why THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB has been such a lasting success.

And just as sure as the sun will rise and shine to-morrow, and for all to-morrows, just so sure will we radiate to every member as much happiness as he can carry and vibrate.

All these things are absolutely beyond the price of gold. What you gain from THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB abides with you forever, and nothing under heaven can rob you of it.

No matter how successful you may have been in the past, there are further heights of Happiness, Health and Success yet to climb.

If you Never Have Been Successful join our SUCCESS CLUB now, and forever after walk in the Pathway of Success, as the Mystics have experienced it—as all the world will experience it in time.

Surely then it is worth everything to you to be One of Us.

The Ancient Mystic Adepts never knew what trouble and disorder meant.

The whole world to them was One Everlasting Harmony. Why?

Because they carefully examined themselves, discovered their invisible occult powers, Profited by Them, and so were at peace with God and man.

But It Took a Lifetime to Do It!

The conditions of life in our hemisphere are in strange contrast.

Our hearts are often heavy. Our bodies do not respond to the many calls made upon them. We fret and worry. We grow old. We lack Poise, Power and a certain Majesty of Being which is ours by inheritance.

This should not be so, Beloved, and we open the way whereby, comparatively speaking, in the twinkling of an eye all this may be changed.

We of to-day reap the benefits that have accrued to us from the long vigils held by these Ancient Mystics, so that in the space of four short months you may, if you will, be *Past Masters in the Art of Perfect Living and Become Even as One of Them.*
Come! Join us this day!
Learn how to live "In Tune with the Infinite."
We can in this psychic age of action and results achieve success for you to a degree beyond your expectations.

Anyone desiring perfect health, strength and grand success should fellowship with THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB; if they doubt this statement for one moment they should send at once for a free copy of our large, inspiring, mystical book entitled, "From Disease, Poverty and Drudgery to Health, Wealth, Power and Success."

After reading this book your faith can never be shaken.

What, after all, is that mystic something that makes for success?

There are but four steps to success, viz.:

First Step—Perfect Health.

Second Step—Receptivity.

Third step—Attractiveness, Personal Magnetism.

Fourth Step—Full Recognition and Realization of your Psychic-Mental Powers.

In a little while our Mystic Adepts take you through these *Four Steps* or *Four Degrees*, by correspondence, and you come into HEALTH, RECEPTIVITY, ATTRACTIVENESS and REALIZATION.

You are also held in a psychic and occult way by master adepts for health and success.

But you must read and re-read the occult and mystic writings we send with each degree to fully realize success.

Much time and money have been expended in organizing and formulating our plans and preparing the Four Degrees so that they might be simple and comprehensive to anyone. A child can comprehend them.

BELOVED, YOU CAN BE SUCCESSFUL.

Thousands of letters are pouring in, speaking in glowing words about the wonderful blessings that have come to members since they enrolled their names as life members of this Club. Read some of these letters printed on these pages devoted to the Club.

Distinctly understand, THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is in no way a money-making organization. We have set aside a large sum of money to make it a grand success, and in turn for what we do for you in helping to make you successful and happy we expect you to help us to *partly* pay the expenses of supporting the Club (printing, postage, clerks, etc.).

To that end each member becomes a yearly subscriber to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES at one dollar, and gets *three* (3) friends to subscribe for the Magazine at one dollar a year, sending us the three subscribers, with three dollars. Upon receipt of the three subscribers, with three dollars, you are entered on our membership books as a *full life member*, with no further dues or payments of any kind whatsoever. We then mail you the First Degree (Health Degree), which, if you will work out, giving to it a little time each day, will put you on the road to perfect and permanent health. At the end of thirty days we mail you the Second Degree (for Receptivity); in thirty days more the Third Degree (Attractiveness; or, Personal Magnetism), and in thirty days more the Fourth or final Degree, which prepares you for full Realization. It takes four months to work through the Four Degrees, and you are then in a far more healthy, receptive and attractive condition than you ever thought of being here on the earth plane of existence. Some will develop the most perfect clairvoyant and clairaudient powers, which are always helpful to success; *all* will be more successful than they ever thought possible. Now, at the end of four months is the *real* beginning of *real* and *permanent* success.

At the end of four months all of your Psychic-Mental powers will have been developed to a most wonderful degree, and new doors will open to you for success, and Life will be beautiful.

Read this department each month, which will print about success, the growth of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, special success and achievements of individual members, etc.

In conclusion, remember, you become a life member of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, and will receive our daily vibrations that we send out in the Silence, upon becoming a subscriber for one year, at one dollar, to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and securing three more subscriptions from three friends at one dollar each. If you are already a subscriber, then send three subscribers, with three dollars; if not, then send three subscribers and your own subscription, with four dollars. We will immediately enter your name as a Life Member on our books and send you one degree each month. There are no further dues, assessments or payments to be made.

Come, Beloved! We speak to you in all kindness, sympathy and love. We want your help and co-operation in the spreading of this blessed gospel of peace, hope, high endeavor and good-will toward all, just as we feel you need the help we have offered.

Come, beloved—we speak to you in love, sincerity and earnestness—join hands with us for life, and help us spread the glad song of hope, health, courage, optimism and success to the whole world.

This is the golden opportunity of your life. If you doubt it, go into the Silence and ask the God within the soul about it. Read this over thoughtfully and ask yourself about it.

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is organized and founded by men and women who have realized tremendous success, and it will be in a prosperous and forceful condition as long as there is one discouraged soul on this planet.

A great Mystic Adept, who has realized all that is successful, will have encouraging and hopeful words printed here in this department each month.

Each member of this Club becomes a determined and purposeful conqueror of discordant and adverse conditions of Life, *now* and *here*.

In a while each member assists others to rise and realize the fulness and wholeness of Life.

It is a grand union of eternal souls for self-expansion and all-expansion—for Growth, Progress, Enthusiasm and Optimism.

We bring out in you, beloved, all the resources of your soul, heart and mind.

We fit you for the highest and noblest service—the highest and noblest success.

No power can ever take away from you what we give.

We help you to make your Life, *now* and *here*, larger, broader and grander in every way.

With holy love, peace and good-will to all beings in the universe, we are, always for grand success, THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, Care of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, 22 North William Street, New York City, U. S. A.

N. B.—We desire members from all parts of this great and blessed planet.

From Poverty to Fortune

THE OCCULT MYSTIC WAY

MANY of the best testimonies sent to The Mystic Success Club are from persons who were only a little while back overwhelmed with sickness, debt and poverty, and are now in such health and success that they are paying their debts and saving some money. Yet, these people seem to be ashamed to acknowledge God's blessing and say at the bottom of their letters, "Please do not print this."

We ought all of us to be glad to acknowledge God's blessings, and to be willing to publicly testify with gratitude as to God's power to help us. This testimony is both good for our own souls and helps call the attention of our less fortunate brothers to the blessed work of our club.

Any loyal and steadfast member of The Mystic Success Club will soon come into success—spiritually and materially.

But to succeed in anything we must keep up a deep interest in it. The earnest, enthusiastic workers in the Club have a great deal more success than those who are not so earnest.

The special messages written by the Mystic Adepts that we send to each member every two months fire and inspire the members. These Mystic Messages are grand helps.

Remember, beloved, when you fellowship with the Mystics you are fellowshipping with the great silent workers of this world. We have nothing whatever to do with *strenuous strife*; we only live the *successful life*; and we will help you to do likewise. Our success is great, thank God.

All of us Mystics are tremendously successful. All our Magazines and organizations and our countless works are tremendously successful. Individually and collectively we are very successful. ALL PRAISE BE GIVEN TO THE GREAT GOD!

Now, beloved, we can, through the Spirit, in the Ancient, simple Mystic Way, help you to help yourself to perfect health, wealth and success.

We are helping thousands from poverty and drudgery to peace, power and plenty. Come, let us help you, too.

WE CAN HELP YOU, BROTHER OR SISTER!

This mystic work is definite and sure and scientific as well as divine and spiritual. It is not an experiment.

There is but one sure and simple way to Success.—THE MYSTICS.

A loyal, God-loving workman hath nothing to fear. His services are much sought. Many excellent employments await him. Only good, kind and generous employers find him: he is protected by unseen Powers from the unjust and ungenerous employer. In a little while he reacheth the top and his success is great: he is loved, honored and respected by all and his reward in spiritual and material growth is great.—A Mystic Adept.

You need not look the World over for peace. Peace dwelleth within you; she is your inmost nature. Oh, when will men cease to seek abroad what is at home? When they find God within their own souls, and know He is in all souls they will have perfect peace.—Frank Harrison.

Is anything in the universe fixed and enduring? Yea! the immortal life of man. He whose material existence is like the fitting cloud-shadows possesses a real selfhood that will expand and develop when yonder solid peaks shall have dissolved to dust and found their lowest level.—Henry Wood.

Oh, how blessed is the wisdom of God! How He and the blessed angels lead us here and there, from one field of work to a broader and more pleasing and delightful field! How one door closes and two or three more doors open. The spiritual man who is led by the Spirit is led from peace to peace, power to power and bliss to bliss.—The Blissful Prophet.

Centenarian's Health Rule

ANYONE who takes plenty of fresh air and never worries will live to be one hundred years old, in the opinion of Hiram Warren, of Springfield, Mass., who became a centenarian a few days ago.

"Temperate living is the explanation of my long life," said Mr. Warren. "I was born on a farm, was brought up to work, but not to overwork, and never worried. Worry will kill a farmer as quickly as it will a banker."

"I always kept my lungs filled with fresh air. More people than you think don't know how to breathe, and nature gets tired of waiting for them to learn. Liquor and tobacco shorten life. Healthy men do not need them."

The Mystic Adepts of The Mystic Success Club give all the members the true mystic secret of how to cure worry. In this great Age of Love and Light man will hold his body in beauty, fineness and perfect health for a great period. More than that, he will be very successful. We could fill this Magazine each month with accounts of people who have lived in the body for one hundred years and upward. Learn to live a long, useful and prosperous life, say the Mystics.

About the Mystic Success Club

HEALTH IS YOUR BIRTHRIGHT. HEALTH IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO TRUE SUCCESS. COME, BELOVED, JOIN THIS MIGHTY BAND OF SOULS AND HAVE HEALTH. "WHY SHOULD ANY DISEASE BE TERMED INCURABLE? EVERY MOMENT OLD CELLS ARE BEING DESTROYED AND NEW ONES CREATED; AND PHYSIOLOGISTS NOW TELL US THAT CERTAIN PARTS OF THE BODY TAKE BUT A SHORT TIME TO REBUILD THEMSELVES, WHILE THE MOST OB-DURATE ARE RENEWED IN LESS THAN TWELVE MONTHS, SO THAT EACH NEW YEAR WE LITERALLY DON A NEW GARMENT," if we know how.

Sister Mrs. A. H. Newman, Box 87, Haverstraw, N. Y., writes in Holy Love: "I am now at the end of my Fourth Degree, and it has been the first four months of my real and true happiness in this life. I am now helped every day by the Unseen Forces, and my health is much better than it has ever been, and the world grows brighter and brighter to me. Oh, I am so glad that I am a life member of this dear Club, and I intend to do all I can to help it and THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES." Blessed is he or she who helps any work along that gives love, hope and faith to mankind.

Sister Nellie C. Wilson, St. Elmo Station, Chattanooga, Tenn., writes in Universal Love as follows: "It has been the happiest and most blessed period of my earth-life since I joined this Club." And so do thousands write us. God is certainly prospering our blessed work far beyond what we expected when we founded this Club. The blessed Father hath many surprises in store for those who are loyal and fervent.

The Mystic Success Club is opening wide the doors to New Life to many men and women in all parts of the world who heretofore have lived a narrow life—lived in ruts, limitations, disease, poverty and general failure.

The most enduring kind of success to acquire is that success which will make you permanently healthy, peaceful, progressive, prosperous and a noble child of God.

This Club is growing at a tremendous rate and will soon number its members by the many thousands.

The more members the more powerful the Club for general good.

Brother Dr. W. L. Michael, Sherman, Tex., is a blessed brother who is making grand progress and will have great success. This blessed Club has many M.D.'s and Spiritual healers in its membership and we work with peace, harmony and melody. God putteth light, understanding and wisdom into the mind of the God-loving man of *materia medica* the same as He putteth Healing Power in the Spiritual man, saith the great Mystic Adepts. Our brother writes in holy Christ-love as follows: "I now begin to realize that love and charity for all with perfect faith and trust in Providence is the secret spring that must be touched for success in life." And so it is, beloved brother. He who has love in his heart for all and is free from bigotry, prejudice and fanaticism is already a success. We are all here on earth by Divine Will to co-operate and work in love, for the good of the All. He who knows this great truth is a blessed soul and will have Peace, Power and Plenty.

If you are an orthodox Christian or Jew, come and fellowship with us. If you are bound and ground by creeds and dogmas and fear, come and join us, and we will help to make you free. All are welcome!—Christian, Jew, Buddhist, Atheist, Infidel, Pagan, Agnostic. We are all eternal brothers, children of one All-Father-Mother. Come, let us get together, in Holy Love, and be blessed, and do blessed works, in divine co-operation, for the good of the Whole—the All. Come, let us cast away our tags and labels and know we are all brothers, all going onward, forward and upward by the Inward Light, to one goal—infinite perfection. —One of the Mystic Adepts of The Mystic Success Club.

Brother B. A. Benson, Master Scotland Light Vessel No. 11, care of Pilot Commissioners, 17 State street, New York City, writes in holy love and truth: "I am very much pleased with this Club work, as it is such a grand and loving work. I am better in health than I have been in many years and am at peace with the whole universe, and I am so happy in being a member of so grand and noble a club. I will endeavor to spread the good news about this blessed work among my friends wherever I go." And, beloved brother, it is thus our Club grows; all of its members are earnest and enthusiastic and are spreading the glad tidings of peace, power and plenty that all true God-loving men and women may have.

Brother C. Henry Mills, 2014 E. Fletcher street, Philadelphia, writes us a long, glowing letter, in the Christ Spirit. Among other things, our brother says: "Since joining our Club I have been endowed with a clear understanding about the grand plan of Involution, Evolution and Reincarnation and am fired with a fervent love and aspiration to move onward to the mark of a higher calling, which is in Christ, the Lord. The teachings and instructions which I have received from the Club have fitted me for a higher duty, and it has taught me to look at beautiful Life in an entirely different light. I have become more humble, tolerant and conscientious and do my present duties with a merry heart, knowing that if I do my duty with a willing mind there cannot be any failure; therefore I will achieve success in the end. Every day I feel more encouraged in my work. I thank God and bless Him that I was led to this blessed Mystic Success Club, as I can now serve God in a different way. May God bless all the members of this great Club." Let us

praise God that we have so many thousands of fervent God-loving brothers and sisters massed together with but one prayer, one hope, one desire—to live the pure, holy, God-like or Christ-like life. The world is all right when we come into oneness with the Blessed One.

All loyal and earnest members of this Club soon come into the blessed Light where they see God, man, the world and the universe as all right—all right for to-day.

In sorrow and in sighing,
In darkness and in light,
Just keep this motto flying:
"The world's all right!"

Think hate and wrong are dying
From human sense and sight;
Keep still this motto flying:
"The world's all right!"

For love to love replying
Makes melody and light;
Keep you this motto flying:
"The world's all right!"

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Sister Clara J. Shumway, 35 Middle avenue, Taunton, Mass., is far advanced the Path and is entering into that state of love and righteousness where she will attain many blessings. She writes: "My health much better and I sleep beautifully. I work can I do for our blessed Club?" Blessed sister and all members, there is much work to be done toward bringing the Kingdom of God to earth. Read all of Brother Ananda's letters and act upon the suggestions therein. These Messages mean much for all when they are followed in the Spirit of Love. This work brings great blessing to the members and the Club. The S speaks great truths through our brother Ananda.

Sister Annie M. Barker, 228 South Fort street, Terre Haute, Ind., writes in holy love: "I cannot express in words my happiness being a member of this Club. God bless all. O, beloved, thy peace and power grow in exact proportion as thou dost at thyself to God and are non-resistant to worldly things, and non-resistant to apparitions."

As we grow in the Spirit our strength power increaseth. Always remember much that is called "spiritual" is not spiritual.

Brother Carl Stuber, 30 Conklin street, Cincinnati, O., is an earnest, loyal member of Club, and will be greatly blessed as he is being to circulate THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and also working in getting new members to the Club. Blessed is he or she who helps work of the Holy Mystics. All our members know who the real mystics are, have great discrimination and discernment Listen always to Ananda; his messages are much. Remember all members of the Club get a number of messages from Brother Ananda.

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Sister Nellie C. Wilson, St. Elmo Station, Chattanooga, Tenn., writes in Universal Love as follows: "It has been the happiest and most blessed period of my earth-life since I joined this Club." And so do thousands write us. God is certainly prospering our blessed work far beyond what we expected when we founded this Club. The blessed Father hath many surprises in store for those who are loyal and fervent.

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Brother B. A. Benson, Master Scotland Light Vessel No. 11, care of Pilot Commissioners, 17 State street, New York City, writes in holy love and truth: "I am very much pleased with this Club work, as it is such a grand and loving work. I am better in health than I have been in many years and am at peace with the whole universe, and I am so happy in being a member of so grand and noble a club. I will endeavor to spread the good news about this blessed work among my friends wherever I go." And, beloved brother, it is thus our Club grows; all of its members are earnest and enthusiastic and are spreading the glad tidings of peace, power and plenty that all true God-loving men and women may have.

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Prof. W. J. White, Olla, La., writes in holy love as follows: "I can say with a grateful heart and with praise to God that this Club has been a wonderful help to me. My future is now very bright; I now see light where once it was dark and dreary. I hope to do the will of God the remaining part of my life. Pray for me, brothers, that I may grow stronger and stronger each day in love and faith. THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES is a great help to me. I call it my angel of light. Come, brothers and sisters, let us all pray for our brother, always remembering prayer is its highest and purest form is when we pray for others. Let us all remember also that THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES is a blessed publication and we ought to strive to help all we can."

Sister Madeline Dumiger, 3838A Olive street, St. Louis, Mo., is an earnest and fervent God-loving soul. She writes: "My progress has been blessed. My whole life has been changed since I joined this blessed Club. I now live in a more beautiful world. Yet I would ask the prayers of my brothers and sisters, that I may come into more light and more wisdom to do God's Will in all things. Oh, how blessed is the Power of the Unseen! My sister is working her First Degree and she feels very much better. We are very happy with this great band of Holy Brothers. May many others join the Club and receive what I have received. I will do all I can to get new members." God bless our sister! Let us all pray for her. Strength cometh to us in prayer and good will to all. This indeed is a great work, and all in this Club must try to feel that all are equal. This is the only universal organization that has no officers; each member is of equal importance; each one is a holy child of God; each one is a holy brother. Praise God forever!

Sister Clara J. Shumway, 35 Middleboro avenue, Taunton, Mass., is far advanced on the Path and is entering into that state of love and righteousness where she will attract many blessings. She writes: "My health is much better and I sleep beautifully. What work can I do for our blessed Club?" Blessed sister and all members, there is much work to be done toward bringing the Kingdom to earth. Read all of Brother Ananda's Messages and act upon the suggestions given therein. These Messages mean much for each and all when they are followed in the Spirit of Love. This work brings great blessings to the members and the Club. The Spirit speaks great truths through our brother, Ananda.

Sister Annie M. Barker, 228 South Fourth street, Terre Haute, Ind., writes in holy love: "I cannot express in words my happiness in being a member of this Club. God bless you all." O, beloved, thy peace and power will grow in exact proportion as thou dost attach thyself to God and are non-attached to worldly things, and non-resistant to apparent evil.

As we grow in the Spirit our strength and power increase. Always remember that much that is called "spiritual" is not spiritual.

Brother Carl Stuber, 30 Conklin street, Cincinnati, O., is an earnest, loyal member of our Club, and will be greatly blessed as he is helping to circulate THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and also working in getting new members to the Club. Blessed is he or she who helps the work of the Holy Mystics. All our loyal members know who the real mystics are, and have great discrimination and discernment. Listen always to Ananda; his messages mean much. Remember all members of the Club get a number of messages from Brother Ananda.

We find a number of persons prefer sending us \$3 for three subscriptions to be sent free to friends or public institutions, and thus earn the privilege of being enrolled as a life member of the Club. While we prefer all members to secure three subscriptions from friends or acquaintances, we have concluded to accept yearly subscriptions that may be given as presents to persons whom you may think need such a cheering and uplifting magazine to smooth their path of life for one year. No doubt you can select three persons who would be glad to receive the Magazine for one year as a present from you, who would thus be reminded of your interest in their welfare each month for one year. So, if you will send your own subscription for one year and the names of three persons whom you desire it sent to for one year, together with \$4 to pay for same, we will be pleased to enter you as a life member, and forward the Four Degrees. You can do good by sending copies to the reading-rooms or some home for aged people, some society, club or public hospital, or other similar institution. Many of our regular subscribers often send us subscriptions for homes and institutions of this nature or to some poor "shut-in" invalid or cripple. Your own soul will tell you what to do in the matter. In no way will we receive mere money for a life membership in this Club.

About the Mystic Success Club

ALL MEMBERS OF THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB SOON COME TO LIVE IN LOVING-KINDNESS AND GENTLENESS TO ALL. WE ALWAYS GIVE THE GENTLE ANSWER, TO THOSE WHO WOULD QUESTION OR OPPOSE US, THAT TURN AWAY WRATH. THE SECRET OF GENTLE POLITENESS IS TO LOVE.

Sister Mattie S. Chaffee, 366 Fourth avenue, Aurora, Ill., is making excellent progress, and will be wonderfully helped by the great Unseen Forces all through her life. She writes: "I am greatly helped by being a member of The Mystic Success Club. At times I feel as if I were in communication with every thing on the planet and feel a mighty power. We have power as we dwell with the Powerful One; the more Godlike and righteous a man is the more powerful and positive is he. Man is weak, powerless and negative to the extent that he ignores our blessed Father. Oneness with the Almighty makes one mighty, and nothing else can. The Mystic Way is a blessed Way."

Sister Elise Moore, 1202 West Bay street, Jacksonville, Fla., writes us in the quiet enthusiasm of Holy Love. Among other things our God-loving sister says: "My health is greatly benefited; my life now, since joining the Club, is calmer and more serene; there is an equanimity of mind and spirit never before so manifest to myself. So many desires seem to crown my every wish. My desires are gratified almost before they are positively known to myself. I cannot doubt the advancement one makes when such a great band of well-wishers are sending out their soulful vibrations for the benefit of mankind in general and the members of our Mystic Success Club in particular. While we are each independent we are interdependent; we cannot stand alone. There is always success in union and in numbers. And what a grand idea this Club has! So many thousands holding the same thoughts for the good of all. Such a great circle of minds in union truly creates a greater self-reliance and a stronger desire to help scatter the universal sunshine of Love, striving to bring Love, Light, Knowledge and Wisdom into the life of everyone. It is a beautiful world when we live the pure life of Love—the Christ-life. And now, may Peace, Joy, Bliss and Success come to each member of our blessed Club and to our Elder Brothers whenever they may be in the sincere wish and prayer that comes out of my heart." Praise God forever! Is it any wonder with thousands of such fervent God-loving brothers and sisters praying every day for humanity and the work of our Club that we should have such grand success and that so many thousands are joining hearts, souls and minds as in this blessed work? Again, praise God forever, from whom cometh all blessings! Come, let us all walk in His Will.

"Make me walk in thy commands;
'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my head, or heart, or hands
Offend against my God."

The more we love others, the more we love God; and the more our hearts will be purified, the more God will be in them.

Sister Samantha Palmer, Woodlawn, Ore., is a simple, holy child of God with that love and faith that moves mountains. God, through the help of this Club, is curing our sister of a tumorous growth. Here are her own words: "All people ought to read THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and the Hindu Book of Astrology. When I first began to read the Magazine one year ago last October, I was sick in bed with what my doctor called a tumor. He said I must go to the hospital and have it cut out if I ever expected to get well, and that I would have to act quickly, for the more the fibres grew the more dangerous the operation would be. Not feeling inclined to go to the hospital, I resolved to try The Mystic Success Club, for which I now thank God. I am nearly well without the use of the knife. God, through the Holy Mystics, is healing me. Since I went through the Four Degrees of this Club I can truly say my health is much better and that my physical condition is much improved." The blessed Ancient Physician, our one great God, can heal any disease; by Him we come into wholeness and completeness, and in God is man's only hope; all other means fail; the Way of Love and Righteousness is the only Way.

James Allen says: "Just as suffering and strife and failure inhere in, and spring from, their root-cause, selfishness, so blessedness and peace inhere in, and spring from, their root-cause, righteousness. And it is a full and all-embracing blessedness, complete and perfect in every department of life, for that which is morally and spiritually right is physically and materially right."

Sister Anne W. Jones, Duluth, Minn., writes in Holy Love: "I breathe out to you all love and glad greetings; may you all prosper and love. I am now very prosperous and happy. All blessed things come to me now since I joined our blessed Club. How thankful and grateful I am to God! Oh, what a blessed difference there is in life when we love and understand how, when and where we find the Father. He is within ourselves. Blessings be on our Elder Brothers who teach us this high and holy life. Now I just begin to live." We only begin to know life as we begin to live with God.

Blessed is he in all blessings who lives in the simple, silent, mystic way with the blessed Silent One.—Ananda.

Sister Frances Finney, 471 State street, Cincinnati, O., writes in spiritual enthusiasm: "I am more than delighted and pleased and

thankful for the great improvement spiritually, mentally and physically. I consider it a great blessing to be a member of such a great and helpful Club. I am astonished at results! I could not see it in this way before—the nearness and power of God. His nearness to me thrills me! I feel inspiring influences about me—they seem to overwhelm me with power and joy!" Angels of Peace, Power and Light surround all aspiring, God-loving souls. God is nearer to us than thought. A pure, God-loving, mystic man need not think at all. The fervent, universal God-lover needeth no New or Old Thought.

Thought binds; love frees. Love is the Supreme Good and the most blessed thing in the world. Love will lead a man to the Most High quicker than will thought; indeed, Thought can only lead us to Love, and Love is the only Power that can free us from all bondage.—The Blissful Prophet.

Brother Walter B. Hennig, 1731 W. One Hundred and Sixty street, Chicago, Ill., writes in holy love: "New Life and blessings have come to me since joining The Mystic Success Club. Great messages come to me from the Unseen, and I wish all could see the great work that this pure, holy Club is destined to do. The blessed time is here when God is raising many of His beloved children to higher planes than He may work through them for the good of the All. To-day man is listening to God and is advancing as he never advanced before. The Spirit is giving this Holy Club and those Holy men great power to do good. Everywhere the invisible Elder Brothers have nothing but words of praise for this great work. They say, 'I write in deep gratitude to God, for assisting to uplift the world.' Come, let us all go in and join heart and soul and mind and do our part." God bless you, brother! What a great and blessed world this will be when we are all of us eternal and universal lovers, mystic sons and daughters of the great God of Love!

ALL WHO JOIN THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB WILL BE GREATLY HELPED IN COUNTLESS WAYS.

Brother G. E. Williams, 59 Spruce street, Newport, R. I., writes in holy love and deep gratitude and reverence. He says, in part: "I write in deep gratitude to God, for His loving-kindness to me since joining the blessed Mystic Success Club. I also send love to all members and give thanks to the blessed Elder Brothers for the great help I have received from them. I also wish to testify to God and the world that the Four Degrees have made an entirely different man of me; that as I value them very highly and shall always treasure them as priceless gifts from The Mystic Success Club. I am very proud of my membership in this blessed Club and can truthfully say I have derived great benefit from it, and my earnest prayer is for the continued success of the Club." And, beloved, your success will grow and grow, especially if you become an active worker in helping the Club. The larger our membership the greater our power to help humanity.

Brother W. S. Jordan, Deputy to County Auditor, Clarinda, Ia., writes in great joy and gladness over his success since joining our Club. He says, in part: "I keep the four books of the Four Degrees near me all the time as I value them very highly and shall always treasure them as priceless gifts from The Mystic Success Club. I am very proud of my membership in this blessed Club and can truthfully say I have derived great benefit from it, and my earnest prayer is for the continued success of the Club." And, beloved, your success will grow and grow, especially if you become an active worker in helping the Club. The larger our membership the greater our power to help humanity.

Our Blessed Brother Thiebaud, of Mendon, Mich., writes us a letter full of Love and Good Will. He says: "May God guide us in our grand work. Yesterday was one of the grandest days of my life. I wish we could enroll every mortal in the world as a member of this grand Club or Brotherhood. I received your two letters announcing I was a member of the Club, and on my way from the post office it seemed that the very birds were singing songs of joy. I was so free and light of heart that it seemed I could soar away into the heavens. I feel your vibrations with me all the time, and I often wonder at my progress in spiritual knowledge. What a blessing THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES has been to me. God bless you all for what you have done for me."

Brother William M. Lashorn, care of J. Kennard & Sons, Importers and Jobbers, St. Louis, Mo., writes in great enthusiasm as follows: "I have never felt so happy, healthy and peaceful as I have since taking my degrees. I love and thank God, the Creator, and all my brothers and sisters for my many blessings. The world now has a different aspect to me, and I feel fearless and courageous; my sleep is sweet and restful, and I am at peace with the world. I pray that all members of The Mystic Success Club may have health, wealth and happiness, and may our Club increase in membership until all the world belongs to it; nothing is impossible with God, our Father." Blessed is he who wishes for the success of all; it is a low animal nature that envies the success of others. In this blessed Club we all pray for the success of others and general progress in the world, and that is the reason the great God prospers us and our work. The Mystic Success Club is now by far the largest and most successful organization of its character in the whole world. All this has been done in a little over a year. Such is the power of holy and silent mysticism.

Sister F. E. Kent, Flushing, N. Y., writes in holy enthusiasm: "Oh, how much better are my health and spirits since I joined The Mystic Success Club. I pray every day for all the members that they may all be kept together in happy unity. May God prosper the work of this beloved Mystic Success Club." And so the blessed Spirit speaks through the many thousands of our members. We re-

ceive many thousands of such letters. Let us praise God forever. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." "Blest are the souls that thirst for grace, Hunger and long for righteousness; They shall be well supplied and fed With living streams and living bread."

Sister M. P. Betts, General Delivery, Providence, R. I., is an earnest, simple, God-loving child who is making great progress. She writes: "I have had much delight in the work and find many blessed surprises; am gradually growing in mind and daily a little more light comes to me. I feel a great Power sustaining and supporting me, and I am sure I shall attain to perfect peace and joy while here on earth; I know it is my rightful inheritance." Certainly it is, beloved sister. All the mystic teachings in the Mystic Text-Book say so. We all should live right here and now and forever in peace, harmony and melody, and so we will when we live the simple teachings of the God-loving mystics.

Brother George W. Clay, Brooksville, Miss., writes us in deep gratitude, saying: "Please accept my earnest and sincere thanks for your powerful aid. I am going onward and upward. I now love everybody, and my business prospers very much better than before. My irritability has ceased. Love to all members." One of the essentials to success is calm and serene nature; the work in The Mystic Success Club soon cures forever all angry and irritable natures. "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you."—Eph. iv, 32.

Sister Annie M. Barker, 228 South Fourth street, Terre Haute, Ind., writes in Holy Love and fervency. She says: "I do not know how to express my delight, but will be satisfied by thanking and praising God for leading me to The Mystic Success Club." Thank God for all blessings. This Club desires no thanks. The Mystics work without a personal name because they do not want any praise, any honor or any glory; they want all the praise given to God. Bless His Holy name forever!

AND THE SPIRIT, THROUGH BROTHER ANANDA, SAITH: OH, HOW GREAT IS HE WHO WORKETH FOR ME NON-ATTACHED TO PRAISE, HONOR AND GLORY; THIS BLESSED, UNSELFISH AND NON-ATTACHED MAN I TRUST WITH ALL MIGHTY POWERS.

Brother Dr. Charles M. Guinn, 210 East North Fourth street, Abilene, Kan., is one of our physicians and healers who belong to our Club. All men, regardless of color, nationality, religion, sect or profession, are welcome to fellowship with us. This is a Club of Universal Brotherhood in the broadest sense of that term. Our brother writes: "I wish to say this work has been a wonderful help to me; I am healthier, happier and stronger; business is improving; things seem to be coming my way more. I have had many strong trials, but, through the love I have for humanity and the help of the Unseen, I have passed smoothly and peacefully along and am gaining wonderful power, love and wisdom. I rejoice in the success of others and hold no enmity against anyone. I trust in God and thank Him for all. May the Lord bless the Mystic Adepts in their work, and also each member of the Club." Blessed in great power is he who can rejoice in the success of the fortunate and who hath love and compassion for the unfortunate. Men fail because they are envious and jealous of successful men.

MAN ATTAINETH TO PEACE, POWER AND PLENTY THROUGH PURE LOVE AND GOOD WILL.—ANANDA.

Blessed are the Universal Lovers and cheerful well-wishers of the world.—The Blissful Prophet.

Sister Mrs. W. F. Worley, Gainesville, Ga., is very enthusiastic over the blessings of membership in our Club. In a letter filled with love and gratitude she says, in part: "I have been greatly blessed in every way, and my health continues to improve. My mind is now clear and my conception of things much better than in all my life. No price could buy my place in The Mystic Success Club. I send my love to all." No one may expect to have real peace, power and plenty until they begin to live in universal love and righteousness.

Brother W. S. Ellis, 289 Fremont street, Chicago, Ill., writes in holy love and says: "I find great comfort in this work." We always find peace and comfort in doing right, and woe and misery in doing wrong; there are only disease and weakness in sin.

Brother C. F. Hopkins, 4129 Langland street, Cincinnati, O., is delighted with results since he began to fellowship with us. He writes in part: "The degrees are an inspiration; they have a wonderful uplifting influence. I hope some day to be a forceful help to those who need sympathy and encouragement. I am thankful to God He directed me to you." And it is thus God leadeth an aspiring soul into helpful hands. But it must be remembered man must come to God and convert his mind and will and surrender it to God completely before we may expect any great and lasting Peace and Power. "Verily, I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."—Matt. xviii, 3.

Sister Mrs. George Chambers, Ontario, Ore., writes in holy love she is receiving many blessings. Among other things she says: "I truly have received great help in this blessed Mystic Work. My blessings are now much better than I ever hoped for. I send you all love and very best wishes." The good will and prayers of our many thousands of members give this Club a mighty Psychic and Occult Power to help humanity that is being felt all over the world.

Man must surrender his mind and will to God completely before he may expect peace, power and plenty, with all the old text-books and writings of the Mystic Adepts.—Brother Ananda.

Sister Inez L. Osgood, 19 Mansfield Place, Rutland, Vt., writes in holy love: "I now have more faith. I think you are doing a great and good work and may God bless and prosper you in all you undertake." And so He does, beloved. All our works prosper when we live and work in universal love and righteousness. No man can fail who really loves God and the All and lives righteously.

Sister Mrs. J. Bell, 596 Fourth avenue, Detroit, Mich., writes: "I am more than delighted to be a member of our Success Club; it has been a great help to me in many ways." We receive many thousands of such letters as Sister Bell sends; we could print thousands of letters if we had the space. We keep these thousands of letters on file and they are open to anyone who desires to read them.

Sister Mrs. M. Edna Jones, Station A., Pasadena, Cal., writes in joy and gladness. She says: "I am so glad and thankful to be a member of The Mystic Success Club. I feel your vibrations and am much improved in mind and body, and am much happier. God bless you, dear brothers." In holy and silent mysticism there is much peace and joy; no one can have peace unless they love and serve God and man in righteousness.

Sister Mrs. J. B. Miller, 850 Twenty-sixth street, Newport News, Va., is having many blessings, for which let us all praise God. She is an earnest, simple child of God's and writes: "I am so thankful to our God and my brothers and sisters of The Mystic Success Club, for I am so much improved in health. I now sleep all night. I have been financially embarrassed, but all is well now and my other troubles are passing away. God's help and your prayers are doing wonders for me." This is the universal testimony of the many thousands of members of our blessed Club. Is it any wonder that upward of one thousand new members enter this Club each month? The great success of our Club and its work is proof conclusive that it is a divine institution. Blessed are those who fellowship with the Holy Mystics!

It is a blessed privilege to be able to fellowship with the Holy Mystics and receive all of their ancient teachings. All members should pay special attention to the Messages of Brother Ananda, which we mail to all members who have worked the Four Degrees; these blessed Messages of Love and Inspiration are written and mailed about every six or eight weeks.

Sister Julia E. Tanner, Beaumont, Tex., writes in Holy Love: "I can truthfully say I now have better health and feel more contented than ever before. I feel that a new and beautiful life is unfolding in me. I am so thankful and grateful to God that I am a life-member of such a glorious band of holy workers. I feel I am in the King's Highway of Holiness. O brothers, may God bless you all. I still ask for your prayers. I feel your vibrations more and more each day. I cannot describe them; they come like a cool refreshing breeze on a hot day in summer. Oh, how full of care and anxiety my life has been, but all that is disappearing now. God bless Brother Ananda; his messages help me. I am so glad I grasped the golden opportunity of life and joined The Mystic Success Club. I have some friends who I think will join; I am doing all I can for the advancement of the cause of Christ-love. O Lord! increase my love and faith." Come, let us all pray for our earnest God-loving sister. Never forget, beloved, that prayers for others are the best prayers.

The power and serene calm of the Holy Mystic are due to the holy inspirations that come to him by praying, listening, obeying and doing. All real mystics are tremendous and tireless workers. A holy man is never slothful nor a mere dreamer. He who lives with and for God is the worker of all workers and the producer of all producers. The mystic under divine direction knows what to do and how, when and where to work. He works with love and great energy and for work's sake alone, perfectly non-attached to his work or the fruits thereof, yet fully enjoying both the work and the fruits.

Sister Georgie E. Dewees, 2214 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill., is a simple, loving child of God, with much trust and faith, and is bound to succeed. She writes: "God, through this Club, has helped me wonderfully. It has taught me how to have peace of mind and love and forgiveness. I have gained much in spiritual development and in physical health I am very much better. I know I am now on the road to real success, and I thank God for leading me to this blessed Club." Blessed indeed is that soul which fellowships with other fervent God-loving souls. Our associations mean much; yet in no way must we think we are superior to our brothers. By continually loving our unawakened brothers we help awaken them. One of the aims of this Club is to rouse the Christ within the souls of our brothers.

TO MANY INQUIRERS: The Mystic Success Club is in no way connected with any so-called religion, or any so-called religious denomination. It gladly welcomes to membership and fellowship brothers of all religions, no religions, all nations. We are all children of one God. We teach universal love, tolerance, charity, progress and prosperity. Our religion is love of God and all His children, love for this world while we are here, and love and admiration for the countless other beautiful worlds and spheres comprising His universe. We teach the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God, the All-Father. But our main aim is to inspire and awaken souls so that they may be healthy, strong, vital, progressive and prosperous here and now. These are only "hard times of oppression" to those who are asleep spiritually, mentally and physically.

The Mystic Healing Circle

LET US GIVE YOU HEALTH

"Your Body is the Garden, Your Soul is the Gardener, Your Birthright is Health."

HOW WE HELP THE SICK

Any of our readers who are suffering from sickness of any kind are requested to write a personal letter to our Mystic Adept Spiritual Healer. Tell him candidly the nature of your disease and he will immediately give you SPECIAL TREATMENT, surrounding you with MYSTIC HEALING VIBRATIONS, also giving you TRUTHS that will UNFOLD THE KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE'S LAWS, revealing the secret of PERFECT HEALTH AND LONG LIFE.

This is truly a spiritual work and cannot be estimated by dollars and cents. IF YOU ARE SICK YOU WANT OUR HELP, AND WE ARE EQUALLY ANXIOUS TO HELP YOU, UNTRAMMELED BY THE DOLLAR MARK.

We want every one of our readers to be HEALTHY, STRONG AND VIGOROUS. If you are sick or suffering, let our MYSTIC ADEPT SPIRITUAL HEALER RESTORE YOUR HEALTH. We now find that we can carry on this great work for the small sum of \$1.00 a month for each person (husband and wife as one person). Many of our friends who have so kindly sent large sums of money to help establish this grand work are hereby notified that \$1.00 from each person will now pay all the necessary expenses. We are pleased to make this announcement, as it shows how little money is required to do good and help each other when the right spirit is manifest.

When writing for vibrations kindly give full given name instead of initials.

In writing enclose a two-cent stamp for reply. Address Mystic Adept No. 12.

We print a few of the many letters received from grateful hearts who have been blessed by the work of Mystic No. 12. Should you wish to aid in this great work and help the sick please send in a few words that we may publish.

"LET THERE BE LIGHT"

The Call and Answer

"Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

By Mystic No. 12.

TELL me the old, old story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love,
Tell me the story simply,
As to a little child,
For I am weak and weary,
And helpless and defiled.

Tell me the same old story
When you have cause to fear
That this world's empty glory
Is costing me too dear.
Yes, and when that world's glory
Is dawning on my soul,
Tell me the old, old story:
"Christ Truth shall make thee whole."

What Shall the Harvest Be?

SOWING the seed by the daylight fair,
Sowing the seed by the noonday glare,
Sowing the seed by the fading light,
Sowing the seed in the solemn night;
Oh, what shall the harvest be?

Sowing the seed with an aching heart,
Sowing the seed while the teardrops start.
Sowing in hope till the reapers come
Gladly to gather the harvest home.

The Arrow and the Song

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I SHOT an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I know not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight,

I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I know not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong
That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.

SPEECH is said to be silver; silence gold. Be still. Remember that God wants us, first, "to be," and then to manifest Him. All, like sheep, have gone astray. Ceaseless activity is all about you and all like to be in the fashion. To those who are seeking health in The Mystic Healing Circle I say,

"Be Still." Let go of all anxiety, all fear, all doubt, all haste, all grief, all inharmony, all worry, and let God's Spirit come to you, and abide in your heart. Whatever your outward surroundings are let the white dove of peace find rest in your soul. It is as man thinketh in the heart. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."—Psalms LI, 10.

"Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment."—Matt. XXII, 35.

Jesus said unto him, "why callest thou Me good? There is none good but one, that is God."—Matt. XIX, 17.

Now, if I ask you to believe in God, you might answer, "I do believe in God."

When we speak of God we use symbols. We say God is Good. God is Love. God is Life. God is Truth. God is a Spirit. I therefore ask you to believe in Good. To believe in Love. To believe in Life. To believe in Truth. If you love the Good you love God. If you love Life, you love God. If you love Truth, you love God. Sickness and disease are negations; negative conditions. As the earth turns round to receive the smile of the morning sun, so "about face," and henceforth be positive. Bathe in the Light of Truth. Love Good. Believe in Good. Love Life. Believe in Life. My Doctor and Teacher many years ago, said, "if he saw a well spot on a patient as large as a dime, he only saw that well spot until 'all was well.'"

If you will work along these lines you can change so-called inherited conditions. Go beyond your earthly parents. Claim your birthright—health—from God, your Father-Mother.

God is a Spirit. You, as their child, are spirit. "And call no man your father upon the earth: for One is your Father, which is in heaven."—Matt. XXIII, 9.

If there is one way more than another we have gone astray, it is using superfine white flour. If you doubt my word, ask your dentist to let you read some of his books telling why people have such bad teeth. Let me plead with you, and say: "If your bread is made of wheat, corn or rye flour, let no one take away your birthright, health."

"Wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."—Isaiah LV, 2.

"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of

your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."—Romans XII, 1.

Let these words come to you this month: "God is my life." "In Him I live, and move, and have my being."

The Light Has Been Comprehended

Dear Mystic No. 12—Another soul made happy. For months I have been in your blessed vibrations, and now feel like a new woman and can stand alone. The "Light" has been comprehended in darkness. To it and you be praise now and forever.

Your faithful servant,

L. LOVERING

If I have ever written anything you wish to publish, please do so. I hope to send others to the "Blessed Fountain." Sincerely yours,

L. L.

No. 49 Marlboro street, Lowell, Mass.

Health for All

To Mystic No. 12—Dear Brother—Thank you for the wonderful help you have given me. I wish the whole world could realize that there is health for all.

HARRIET AYER SEYMOUR

Spiritually, Mentally, Physically

To Mystic No. 12—Beloved Brother—I wish to thank you with my whole heart for the good you have done me and my sister, during this month, through the healing vibrations, and for the printed messages, which have been read and read, always bringing comfort and Light upon the path. Everything seems changed within us for the better; and I feel so much better in every way, spiritually, mentally and physically. At the "holy hour of evening prayer" it seems that the Father and the Angels, too, are so near, and that their hallowed presence can be felt. I have tried to do as you have suggested in one of your messages. "Help yourself." May God bless you, and The Mystic Healing Circle through you.

Ever yours in gratitude and love,
Mrs. H.

Wonderfully Improved in Many Ways

Dear Mystic No. 12—I wrote for treatment last month for noises in head and ears, which makes me at times hard of hearing. I find I am wonderfully improved in many ways. My head does not get so tired, and I am more inclined to go among people and enjoy life, which I have not done for a long time.

Sincerely,
E.

I Thank You so Much for the Printed Messages You Send

Mystic No. 12—Dear Brother—Let this letter speed on wings of love to you. I can work so well now; the time goes by rapidly. I hardly realize that a month has gone by. I thank you so much for the printed messages you send.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. J.

Much Better in Every Way

Dear Brother, Mystic No. 12—I am much better in every way; mind and body. I thank you and God and the Angels for my good health.

Your sister,
Mrs. S.

The Bible Seems a Book of Revelation

My dear Brother—The month has almost expired that we were to receive your vibrations. I would be glad to find words to express to the world the benefit you have rendered us. I am bright and happy, free from despondency, which has been almost a consuming fire in the past. I now worship God in spirit and in truth, and since studying your messages, the Bible all seems a book of revelation, especially the New Testament. I want to continue in your vibrations that I may gain understanding of the Laws of Life; gain wisdom and be pure in heart. I am trying to help myself. I have difficulty to concentrate my thoughts. When at my work I do it well, but think of something else. Please find one dollar inclosed for another month.

Faithfully yours,

F. B.

When we know we cease to think. It is good to "let go" of all tension. "Love seeketh not its own." "Be still and know that I am God." Be still. Let go. Let the Spirit come to you and use you. Say in your heart, "I do not think, I am thought; God works through me to will and to do that which ought to be done by me."

I Am Well Pleased With Your Instructions

Dear Mystic No. 12—I am glad to tell you that I am gaining. I am well pleased with your instructions, and I feel that I am improving in proportion to my ability to understand and follow them. I am doing all that I can to help myself. I have perfect faith in your teachings.

With Love,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. C.

Our Home is a Paradise

Mystic No. 12—Many, many thanks for your great kindness. You have done so much for me and mine. Our home is a paradise compared to what it was a few months ago. All thanks to the dear Mystics who put me in the right way to find my Saviour.

Mrs. M.

Many Blessings

Mystic No. 12—I think I can get along now without any more treatments. I am feeling well, and thanks to you and my Heavenly Father for the many blessings I have received through the Mystic Adept. I feel now that I can live in Him and Him alone.

Mrs. L.

I Am at Last Getting Understanding

Dear Mystic Adept No. 12—I am so grateful to you for the good I have received from your treatments. I am a woman that worried a lot over sayings in the Bible, and took the worst side always to myself, and would worry until I nearly lost my mind. But, thank God! I am at last getting understanding, and I am so thankful to the All-Father-Mother for the good I have received, and I pray God will ever bless and guide you, Mystic Adept No. 12, in your noble work.

Yours in love,

J.

All Nature Proves It

Dear Brother Mystic No. 12—I feel that I want to add my testimony in a childlike way. I have read the Bible from childhood. I understand your printed messages. Thanks be to the All-Father-Mother I don't walk with a cane now. I am doing my own housework. When I start to walk I think of the words, "Lo, I am with you always." Truth

seems to flow to me from everywhere; all nature proves it. I love to read your printed messages. They are soul cheering. Oh, I am so thankful to you and The Mystic Club for what you have done for me.

M. G.

I Am Doing All I Can to Help Myself

Dear Mystic No. 12—I received your blessed message all right, and was, as I always am, glad to hear from you. I am doing all I can to help myself.

M. C.

"Oh, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud?"

Mystic No. 12—I received your loving messages, and it does me good to read them. I have also read the poem, "Oh, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud?" I have gained seven pounds since I first corresponded with you. Thanking you for the kindness you have shown me, I shall continue to be a member of The Mystic Healing Circle.

K. B.

Rheumatism

Mystic No. 12—We received your special message No. 6. Uncle has not had a touch of rheumatism since he has been under your care.

CORA.

House Cleaning

Mystic Adept No. 12—Dear Friend—I have been helped very much by your vibrations. Have not felt a pain since I wrote you, and have kept up with a strong woman cleaning house, which lasted three weeks, as our house is very large. Everyone wondered at my strength. Of course, I was tired, but did not feel an ache or pain, while before I was troubled with my back a great deal. Feel that I have been helped wonderfully, and thank God that He has led me into the Light. Think I do not need to send for another month's treatment.

E. J. D.

Light Has Come

Dear Friend Mystic No. 12—Glory be to God for His loving-kindness. Please find inclosed one dollar for your vibrations another month, as I receive a great deal of Light.

Yours very truly,
L. W.

Instructions and Treatment Have Developed Me

Mystic No. 12—Dear Brother—I am getting along nicely, and allow me to say that your instructions and treatment have developed me wonderfully.

With much love,
W. A.

Received the Word Gladly

Mystic No. 12—I took my husband into the secret at once, and he read all the treatment lesson to me, and seemed to enter right into the thought, and now enjoys reading THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES to me very much better than before. May God bless you in your good works is the prayer of your sister and brother,

A. AND C.

Gratitude and Thanksgiving

Dear Mystic No. 12—I know no better way to show my gratitude on this Thanksgiving morning than by writing and telling you that I have been marvelously benefited by your vibrations the past three weeks. I sleep beautifully and do not worry about anything. Everything is better since the printed messages came.

Sincerely yours,
L. L.

Nov. 26, 1903.

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Dear Mystic No. 12—I inclose one dollar for another month's vibrations, and with God's help I will continue until I am healed. I feel that a great burden has been lifted off my soul. I am full of hope. Once I was depressed and these lines oftentimes fill my mind: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Gratefully yours,
Mrs. H.

I Am So Happy

Mystic No. 12—Dear Brother—Oh, how glad and happy I am that I joined The Healing Circle! I feel like a new creature. I am so happy and cheerful all the time. I am so strong now. I live on a farm, and sometimes I have to do very heavy work, but I never feel tired as I used to do.

Yours gratefully,
KATHERINE.

Faith and Works

Dear Mystic No. 12—Kindly surround me another month with thy healing vibrations. I have been feeling very much better the last month. I rest better nights, and feel stronger during the day. I used cracked wheat and my father eats it also. We like it. I read the paper you sent, repeat the prayers and take comfort in them. May you have many blessings for the good you do.

Miss J.

Thankful to God

Dear Mystic No. 12—Please find inclosed one dollar for another month's treatment. I am feeling much better and I am very thankful to you for helping me so very much. I hope every member of The Mystic Healing Circle has been as much benefited as I have been. I am so thankful to God and The Mystic Healing Circle.

With Love to all,
M. F.

Mystic No. 12—Dear Brother—I thank you so very much for the printed letters you sent me. Oh, how much they cheer me and help! I am growing in wisdom and understanding.

Yours with sincere gratitude,
MINNIE JENSEN.

No. 2023 Sherman avenue, Omaha, Neb.

The Bible the Best Guide to Health

Dear Brother Mystic No. 12—I have read the Bible from childhood, and never knew of the message in it connected with The Laws of Health. Now I read it and can see where I have been living in ignorance. You have opened my mind to the real way to health.

Mrs. W.

I Am So Glad to Find Out How to Help Myself

Dear Mystic No. 12—I am thankful for the help that I know my husband and myself are deriving through your treatment. I am so glad to find out how to help myself, and with God's assistance I will follow out your advice as nearly as possible.

I am yours gratefully,
C. S.

I wish you to have the same knowledge of God's Laws that I have. This will make you free. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."—St. John, viii, 32.

116 Years in the Body

Mrs. RAMSEY WOOD, of Hillsboro, Ore., is full of life, health and peace at 116 years of age.

There is no guesswork about her age; she has a genuine birth record to prove she has lived in the body 116 years.

Like many another who has reached a ripe old age rich with blessings, our sister has had her trials and endured many hardships of the early days in the Far West.

Mrs. Wood still takes a lively interest in life, and she is quite active at her ripe age.

The neighbors of Mrs. Wood have been so accustomed to her sprightliness that they marveled not when they saw her making the dirt fly in her garden beds.

Mrs. Wood crossed the plains fifty years ago, riding horseback almost the entire distance. The mare she rode was a blooded animal, valued at \$1,000, and was named "Martha Washington," in honor of the first President's wife.

Mrs. Wood is not affected with "nerves," as she prefers the bustle of town life to that of quiet in the country. Fourth of July bombs and fiery "nigger-chasers" have no terrors for her. She has become accustomed to their antics in the great number of patriotic days she has witnessed in her long life.

A year ago Mrs. Reynolds, Aunt Mary's youngest daughter, prevailed upon her mother to accompany her to the country for the summer. But life was too humdrum for Aunt Mary, so she insisted that they return to Hillsboro, and they did, greatly to her satisfaction.

Mrs. Wood has not found the fabled fountain of youth, but she seems to have discovered the fountain of life, being blessed with good health and a long-lived parental stock.

Mrs. Wood, with her one hundred and seventeen birthdays staring her in the face, finds life full of enjoyment, and she is in no hurry to exchange it for another. She spends many happy hours with her numerous friends and recalls occurrences with their numerous details which have been long forgotten by those many, many years younger than she.

This little lady has not been averse to matrimonial risks, as she has been married three times, first in 1805; she now bears the name of her last husband. She has had five children, Mrs. Catherine Reynolds, the youngest, being the only survivor.

Hillsboro is not only proud of the distinction of possessing one of the oldest, if not the oldest, person in the world, but it is justly proud of Mrs. Wood's personality and character, and she is a favorite in the town. There is not a wedding nor a burial of her friends which does not call forth Aunt Mary's congratulations or sympathy.

Mrs. Wood has six great-grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and twenty-one grandchildren, making thirty-six direct descendants in all.

The Mystic Success Club is teaching its many thousands of members the ancient Mystic Secret of having perfect health, peace of mind, occult and mystic powers, and a long, useful, happy and prosperous life.

Who can say he loves God if he is unkind or unjust to one of His beings?—A. Z.

Woe to the selfish! Woe to him who is for himself and careth not for his brothers! The selfish sensualist suffereth all woes and miseries. Whoever loveth all men, all animals, loves God and fulfils all of God's commandments. Indeed, such a great soul needeth no commandments. It is not sufficient to love the good or righteous, but thou, beloved, must love all; therefore God saith through masters and mystic adepts, love each and all, saint and sinner, and be like God.—Ananda.

Jesus, our blessed Master, forgave the Jews, His brothers, who delivered Him to the cross, and the Roman soldiers who crucified Him. Man can have no positive peace or power until he fully forgives and loves him who would do him the utmost injury. No man can be a God-loving Christian until he really lives the Christ-life of returning good for evil. It is written in all truth that it is not enough to love those who do good, but we must love the sinful, and forgive the acts of the wicked; it is only by such pure and Christ-like love that we can overcome the evil in our brother: in the silent mystic non-resistant way is all power, and all good, for each and all.—Ananda.

O beloved, in thy grief and sorrow go into the Silence and turn thy mind toward God, and pray to Him in thy anguish and sorrow, and surely thy grief and sorrow will be turned into joy and peace. O beloved, look deeply and carefully and sorrowfully into the great depths of thy own soul, and have all thy sorrow transmuted into joy. Such is the mighty power of the great God! He turneth all sorrow to joy!—Ananda.

Blessed is the old or new thought that leadeth thee to Christ.—Ananda.

God is Spirit. The kingdom of God is within you.—JESUS.

And listen, beloved, the Spirit of Love saith through its son, Ananda, that virtue and goodness, through pure and fervent love for Me and All is profitable, and that there is no profit in that assumed virtue or forced virtue that cometh out of fear of Me. Virtue through pure love and faith is of priceless value; and virtue through fear is of no value. Virtue and Truth should be loved and sought, for themselves, without fear of punishment or in expectation of reward. The more one loves God the more virtuous is he: we become the beloved children of God only as we love and live in exact righteousness.—Ananda.

There is supreme peace and bliss on earth to men who love and are of good will.—A. Z.

How blessed is the eternal law that causes all pride and corruption and selfishness to fall and perish, sooner or later: the unrighteous man, for his own good, and the good of the Whole, comes to great suffering: the selfish, sensual man cannot have health, peace or bliss or real power until he surrenders self to God: there can be no health or wholeness (holiness) in the mind or body of him who is not at one (in consciousness) with God. The simple God-loving mystic man is the peaceful, powerful, positive man of the world.—Brother Ananda, of The Mystic Success Club.

Evolution and Reincarnation are one doctrine, and can only be proven by appeal to the soul, and the reason of a fervent God-loving mind. The Mystic Adepts are now permitted (by Divine Authority) to print and circulate some great works on Reincarnation. About two-thirds of all the people living on this planet to-day know the truth about Reincarnation. It is only in the Western World that the doctrine is not generally known. But it is spreading in England and America at a wonderful rate. There is a great demand for sane books on the subject: this demand is growing.—The Mystics.

The spiritual-minded man hath many a glimpse into the Unseen World.

No great and enduring success cometh to the selfish or unrighteous man.

The great and mighty Unseen Forces and all the Angels helpeth the holy, simple, mystic man who loveth success and progress of the Whole.

The wonderful dynamic force and power of nature is due to eternal and universal life within the cosmic ether. The adept comes into oneness with life, hence his wonderful power to control nature internally and externally; it is known and worked by the Yogis of India, who by the law of magnetism, vibration, gravity, affinity and etheric force, and by a perfect control of Prana, are enabled to transfer thought at a distance, to alter the conditions of ordinary physics, and to constitute a phenomenal force for tremendous success.

HAS A SAY

The School Principal Talks About Food.

The Principal of a High School in a flourishing California city says:

"For 23 years I worked in the school with only short summer vacations. I formed the habit of eating rapidly, masticated poorly, which, coupled with my sedentary work, led to indigestion, liver trouble, lame back, and rheumatism.

"Upon consulting physicians some doped me with drugs, while others prescribed dieting and sometimes I got temporary relief, other times not. For 12 years I struggled along with this handicap to my work, seldom laid up but often a burden to myself with lameness and rheumatic pains.

"Two years ago I met an old friend, a physician, who noticed at once my out-of-health condition and who prescribed for me an exclusive diet of Grape-Nuts, milk and fruit.

"I followed his instructions and in two months I felt like a new man, with no more headaches, rheumatism or liver trouble, and from that time to this Grape-Nuts has been my main food for morning and evening meals, am stronger and healthier than I have been for years, without a trace of the old troubles.

"Judging from my present vigorous physical and mental state I tell my people Methuselah may yet have to take second place among the old men, for I feel like I will live a great many more years.

"To all this remarkable change in health I am indebted to my wise friend and Grape-Nuts and I hope the Postum Co. will continue to manufacture this life and health giving food for several centuries yet, until I move to a world where indigestion is unknown." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Ask any physician what he knows about Grape-Nuts. Those who have tried it know things.

"There's a reason."

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

ECONOMIC VALUE OF HEALTH

By ALEXANDER WILDER, in *Weltmer's Magazine*



Political Economy is denoted all knowledge that conduces to the general prosperity and the proper methods of its application. Mere abundance of material wealth is by no means the chief conception, not even the accumulated means of protection and defense. It includes everything that tends to assure the perpetuity of the commonwealth and the welfare of all its members. It is not the perfection of strength to provide armies, maintain order, facilitate commerce and industrial enterprise, and encourage popular education. These do not go far enough. Political economy cannot attain the height and dignity of a science except by the fulfilling of all the conditions of a natural civilization. More important even than costly schools and lucrative industries, than arms and armaments, is the existence of health among the people. It is not possible to create prosperity or to assure its permanence, except there is salubrity in the climate and at the homes, and physical vigor of the population. Health is the important factor of individual and national greatness.

We find this forcibly illustrated in the history of nations. The seat of civilization was in earlier times upon the Euphrates and the Nile. Egypt Herodotus affirms to have been the most healthful region of the world, and in the valley of the Euphrates was the traditional Paradise of Eden. But war and conquest here wrought a woful change. The diseases of Egypt have been a familiar byword. The countries of the Orient are deserts, the repair of wild beasts or hotbeds of pestilence. Syria, Armenia, Asia Minor and neighboring countries have become servile and impotent from misgovernment and the plague, and now take a sorry revenge by the incubating of pestilence and the transmitting of it to the other regions of the globe. Roman cupidity sowed the earlier seed which Turkish rapacity has assiduously cultivated.

Once in Italy the Campagna was full of cities and alive with human activity. The Tarquins made Rome habitable by constructing the famous Cloaca, which drained a lake and converted a large area of marshy ground into a healthy district. But the Romans became a conquering people, and destroyed all the communes about their city. An exemplary revenge followed upon this intolerable rapacity. The mortal dampness, now known as "malaria," returned, like the unclean spirit of the gospel, to its former abiding place, and the last state became worse than the first.

The annals of Mediæval Europe are a sorry record of disasters, of cities devastated, of countries made desolate, and the inhabitants carried off by myriads and millions by the waves of pestilence which followed one another with a frequency and regularity almost incredible. The establishment of the new "Holy Roman Empire" was very largely the occasion of these manifold horrors. Gothic and Saxon paganism and Aryan Christianity were annihilated by the sword of Charlemagne and his successors; but with the new worship came likewise the vices and diseases of the South. Smallpox, the plague and syphilis were the boons thus conferred upon the Teutonic peoples. Life was well-nigh worthless, by reason of the general lawlessness and the recurring invasions of epidemic. Every country was more or less depopulated. War and the creating of the squalid denizens of the towns into circumscribed localities were often the occasion of spontaneous outbreaks of pestilence, against which no adequate means of protection were attempted or even understood.

For a thousand years the population of Europe was stationary. Wars, almost continuous, famine alternating with them, and pestilence recurring as steadily as the seasons, prevented human increase and arrested the progress of civilization. The population of the different countries became little better than savage outright. Hardship, privation and disease kept every country wretched and sparsely inhabited. The surface of the continent of Europe was covered with forests, and the lowlands were undrained and reeking with miasmatic vapor and dampness. The cities of London and Paris were mere collections of wooden houses unfloored and abounding with filth and vermin. A pile of rubbish and garbage stood at every door. Men, women and children, dogs, hogs, goats and other animals slept in the same apartment. Personal cleanliness, even among the dignitaries of the State and Church, were utterly unknown. The first Stuart king of Great Britain and the famous Thomas Becket, of Canterbury, were notorious for being unwashed and lousy. Resort was had to the profuse employing of perfumes to neutralize the poison and conceal the odor of impurity. In the famine of 1030 human flesh was bought and sold as food; and in 1258 fifteen thousand persons perished with hunger in London.

The conflict of races and religions which existed for centuries was frightful for its massacres and atrocious cruelties; but the encounters with disease

and pestilence were infinitely more terrible. There was truly an apocalypse of the rule of Death and the insatiable grave, where power had been given over a fourth part of the earth to kill with sword, with hunger, with mortal disease, and with wild beasts. For ten years, from 1345 till 1355, the Black Death ran riot over Europe and destroyed a fourth of the population. In 1348 it entered France and destroyed a third of the people. The ensuing three centuries constitute a history of successive pestilences. An array so formidable, mortality so apparently inevitable, blanched the very hearts of men. Literally there was "upon the earth men's hearts failing them for fear and for apprehension of the things that were coming," from which there seemed to be neither escape nor redemption. They became mad in their despair, and the ties of social life snapped asunder. Many forsook their families for the convent, others plunged into wild excess, often too horrible to describe, from the sequences of which those who descended from them have not yet recovered.

Our record of visitations is unfortunately not scientifically complete. It was plague, the Great Death, that so often depopulated Europe. But the distempers which have been so denominated have not always been accurately determined. Sometimes it was a frightful form of variola, "the black smallpox," which is represented as having come from Arabia and Africa with the wars. Again, it was a typhoid seizure, typhus with buboes, one of "the diseases of Egypt," which foreign invaders had transplanted into that once most healthy of countries. Nevertheless these are maladies that, like fungi, have repeatedly sprung up spontaneously in foul places, as where armies are long kept together or the population congregated too closely.

No imported contagion is required in such conditions for any of these visitations. The Thirty Years' War originated smallpox and distributed it over Germany. It seems to accompany armies during active warfare. The Franco-German war of 1871 was characterized by an epidemic attended by great fatality, and the American forces in the Philippine Islands have been severely scourged. After the Black Death came syphilis. It may have been some other seizure raging like epidemic and hidden from sight as well as perpetuated under the name of plague. It appeared four centuries ago among Spanish troops in Italy, and scattered with the rapidity of a visitation of pestilence to every other country of Europe. A Pope, a King of France, nobles, clergy and yeomanry alike contracted the malady and those who were attacked died in vast numbers. Since that infamous period three and a half centuries and more have run their course, and yet there is great reason to apprehend that the taint of blood which has proceeded from that single cause is not yet eradicated. Scrofula, once called king's evil because the magic touch of a king's hand was believed to be salutary for it, had become an evil common to kings and royal races.

The condition of the populations of Europe in those woful times was wretched in the extreme. Every country was impoverished and became empty of men. Thus when William the Conqueror held the sceptre of England there were barely two million inhabitants; not till five centuries later had the number doubled. The average length of human life four hundred years ago was less than eighteen years, but now it exceeds thirty-six. In the better governed countries of the European continent there has been a like increase with the improvement of conditions.

The last outbreak of the plague in England took place in 1665. Its ravages in London are minutely portrayed by Dedoe. The next year came the Great Fire, which seems to have arrested the pestilence and to have obliterated its remains. It disappeared at once, and after the sanitary improvements instituted by Sir Christopher Wren has never again appeared.

The material results of this great renovation added to a governmental policy generally sagacious are manifest in the political, industrial and commercial greatness of the country. The supremacy held in turn by Venice, Spain, Holland and the Hanse Towns is now exercised by the bankers and merchants of London. At their dictation silver has been diminished from the standard coinage of the countries and made subsidiary to gold, as in the days of King Solomon (2. Chronicles ix., 20). The lesson thus inculcated has also its illustrations in this country.

The health of the people is the higher law. No country can arrive at prosperity or long remain prosperous where the permanent conditions are insalubrious. An individual, in order that he may gain wealth, must be of steady and industrious habits, thrifty and, beyond all these, healthy. If he is weakly and enervated, he cannot labor and acquire; and when he is prostrated by sickness what he may have earned and saved must be expended. In a sickly family, no matter how great the income, thrift is not possible. That family must be poor. Sick-

ness is among the most costly of all luxuries. What it ever it exists it impoverishes. What is true of families and individuals is infinitely more true on a larger scale. No sickly community can be prosperous. If it is moral and intelligent it does well; if it will not be so long.

The rapid accumulation of wealth which has characterized our modern period has been the wonder and admiration of students of political economy. The working capital of the world has more than tripled in a lifetime. Another index of prosperity has been the large increase of population. In England for example, where there is every year a considerable emigration, the number has mounted to ten times what it counted under the first William.

The accumulation and aggregate savings of the last few decades have more than equalled those of hundreds of years preceding. Much has been attributed to machinery, to the employing of steam to what we are learning to do with electricity, to greater facilities of transportation and commerce to the applications of science to the arts and manufactures, to the greater abundance of the precious metals and to the beneficial results of the more general diffusion of knowledge. It would be so fatuity to underrate the advantages which the agencies have conferred, and it is impossible to appreciate them adequately. With all their drawbacks, and the price which the inexorable law of compensation requires to be paid for ever these benefits are inestimable. No Egyptian pyramid has been erected; no Tower of Babel pointed to the sky; no Mount of Ellora has been honeycombed for miles by excavations for religious sanctuaries; everlasting houses of the dead or for human abode nor have men explored the region where the Roc or the Simorg had an eyrie. But the stream turns the spinning-wheels and weaves our textile fabrics; the hissing water swelling into vapor propels vessels on the ocean and caravan trains over the continent; the sun, regent over our system of planets and asteroids, has become our limner to paint portraits and copy landscapes; and the electric ether, summoned perhaps from the outermost star in space, now carries our messages and even speech itself, hither and thither, moves our vehicles and is ready to become our minister to invade the realm of night, to introduce a perpetual day, and perhaps to establish a new order of seasons.

The great factor which has enabled all this to be already framed. Political changes have aided; science itself was but an auxiliary. Above them all this marvelous increase of wealth, this prodigious achievement, this general amelioration of human conditions are due to the general exemption of the civilized world from pestilence, to the better health that prevails, to the longer average term of human life.

War alone did not keep Europe poor for so many centuries. Modern campaigns are far more costly than protracted contests in former times. The countries of the Old World might have prospered without precious metals and the advantages afforded by machinery. It was disease that spread the poverty over Europe. Every family was wasted and enfeebled by sickness, herds having to meet several times in each century the unsparing description of pestilence. The short average period of human life permitted less time individually to men to amass wealth. The diminished power of producing the waste by sickness and the recurring plague which were worse than prohibitory tariffs in the interrupting of commercial intercourse, all combined to check endeavor and to keep everybody destitute.

We have not been without our experiences in the United States. Cholera, yellow fever and other deadly epidemics have been periodical in their recurring. They overlook any quarantine where there are insalubrious conditions for their inception. The cities of the Southwest, New Orleans, Galveston, Shreveport, Memphis and other places that may be named, have seemed to be always incubating pestilence. We all remember the disorder contracted by many who visited Philadelphia during the Centennial season. New England also has attained to an unhappy distinction of being the hotbed of pulmonary consumption. The influence of this fact upon her financial prosperity is manifest. The Governor of Connecticut once invoked the attention of the Legislature to the matter. A high death rate, significant of deficient physical energy, moral deterioration, limited productive power, and restriction of energy. In the South the city of New Orleans has been as an incubus on the prosperity of that region from the recurring epidemics of yellow fever set in action by the seething accumulations of filth and the barbarous method of piling up the dead.

It is impossible for an individual or a community to be sick and prosperous at the same time. When an epidemic rages all business is paralyzed. The peculiar losses by pestilence transcend those of devastation by fire. Savannah had a single epidemic of yellow fever lasting but a few months and w brought to the verge of bankruptcy from which many years were taken to recover. Philadelphia was so disabled in resources by the yellow fever in 17 as never to be able to regain her commercial metropolitan rank. Some more than twenty years ago she lost more than twenty million dollars from visitation of smallpox, which might have been averted by proper hygienic precautions. An epidemic of yellow fever like that of Memphis, if it be

ECONOMIC VALUE OF HEALTH

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Political Economy is denoted all knowledge that conduces to the general prosperity and the proper methods of its application. Mere abundance of material wealth is by no means the chief conception, not even the accumulated means of protection and defense. It includes everything that tends to assure the perpetuity of the commonwealth and the welfare of all its members. It is not the perfection of strength to provide armies, maintain order, facilitate commerce and industrial enterprise, and encourage popular education. These do not go far enough. Political economy cannot attain the height and dignity of a science except by the fulfilling of all the conditions of a natural civilization. More important even than costly schools and lucrative industries, than arms and armaments, is the existence of health among the people. It is not possible to create prosperity or to assure its permanence, except there is salubrity in the climate and at the homes, and physical vigor of the population. Health is the important factor of individual and national greatness.

We find this forcibly illustrated in the history of nations. The seat of civilization was in earlier times upon the Euphrates and the Nile. Egypt Herodotus affirms to have been the most healthful region of the world, and in the valley of the Euphrates was the traditional Paradise of Eden. But war and conquest here wrought a woful change. The diseases of Egypt have been a familiar byword. The countries of the Orient are deserts, the repair of wild beasts or hotbeds of pestilence. Syria, Armenia, Asia Minor and neighboring countries have become servile and impotent from misgovernment and the plague, and now take a sorry revenge by the incubating of pestilence and the transmitting of it to the other regions of the globe. Roman cupidity sowed the earlier seed which Turkish rapacity has assiduously cultivated.

Once in Italy the Campagna was full of cities and alive with human activity. The Tarquins made Rome habitable by constructing the famous Cloaca, which drained a lake and converted a large area of marshy ground into a healthy district. But the Romans became a conquering people, and destroyed all the communes about their city. An exemplary revenge followed upon this intolerable rapacity. The mortal dampness, now known as "malaria," returned, like the unclean spirit of the gospel, to its former abiding place, and the last state became worse than the first.

The annals of Mediæval Europe are a sorry record of disasters, of cities devastated, of countries made desolate, and the inhabitants carried off by myriads and millions by the waves of pestilence which followed one another with a frequency and regularity almost incredible. The establishment of the new "Holy Roman Empire" was very largely the occasion of these manifold horrors. Gothic and Saxon paganism and Aryan Christianity were annihilated by the sword of Charlemagne and his successors; but with the new worship came likewise the vices and diseases of the South. Smallpox, the plague and syphilis were the boons thus conferred upon the Teutonic peoples. Life was well-nigh worthless, by reason of the general lawlessness and the recurring invasions of epidemic. Every country was more or less depopulated. War and the creating of the squalid denizens of the towns into circumscribed localities were often the occasion of spontaneous outbreaks of pestilence, against which no adequate means of protection were attempted or even understood.

For a thousand years the population of Europe was stationary. Wars, almost continuous, famine alternating with them, and pestilence recurring as steadily as the seasons, prevented human increase and arrested the progress of civilization. The population of the different countries became little better than savage outright. Hardship, privation and disease kept every country wretched and sparsely inhabited. The surface of the continent of Europe was covered with forests, and the lowlands were undrained and reeking with miasmatic vapor and dampness. The cities of London and Paris were mere collections of wooden houses unfloored and abounding with filth and vermin. A pile of rubbish and garbage stood at every door. Men, women and children, dogs, hogs, goats and other animals slept in the same apartment. Personal cleanliness, even among the dignitaries of the State and Church, were utterly unknown. The first Stuart king of Great Britain and the famous Thomas Becket, of Canterbury, were notorious for being unwashed and lousy. Resort was had to the profuse employing of perfumes to neutralize the poison and conceal the odor of impurity. In the famine of 1030 human flesh was bought and sold as food; and in 1258 fifteen thousand persons perished with hunger in London.

The conflict of races and religions which existed for centuries was frightful for its massacres and atrocious cruelties; but the encounters with disease

and pestilence were infinitely more terrible. There was truly an apocalypse of the rule of Death and the insatiable grave, where power had been given over a fourth part of the earth to kill with sword, with hunger, with mortal disease, and with wild beasts. For ten years, from 1345 till 1355, the Black Death ran riot over Europe and destroyed a fourth of the population. In 1348 it entered France and destroyed a third of the people. The ensuing three centuries constitute a history of successive pestilences. An array so formidable, mortality so apparently inevitable, blanched the very hearts of men. Literally there was "upon the earth men's hearts failing them for fear and for apprehension of the things that were coming," from which there seemed to be neither escape nor redemption. They became mad in their despair, and the ties of social life snapped asunder. Many forsook their families for the convent, others plunged into wild excess, often too horrible to describe, from the sequences of which those who descended from them have not yet recovered.

Our record of visitations is unfortunately not scientifically complete. It was plague, the Great Death, that so often depopulated Europe. But the distempers which have been so denominated have not always been accurately determined. Sometimes it was a frightful form of variola, "the black smallpox," which is represented as having come from Arabia and Africa with the wars. Again, it was a typhoid seizure, typhus with buboes, one of "the diseases of Egypt," which foreign invaders had transplanted into that once most healthy of countries. Nevertheless these are maladies that, like fungi, have repeatedly sprung up spontaneously in foul places, as where armies are long kept together or the population congregated too closely.

No imported contagion is required in such conditions for any of these visitations. The Thirty Years' War originated smallpox and distributed it over Germany. It seems to accompany armies during active warfare. The Franco-German war of 1871 was characterized by an epidemic attended by great fatality, and the American forces in the Philippine Islands have been severely scourged. After the Black Death came syphilis. It may have been some other seizure raging like epidemic and hidden from sight as well as perpetuated under the name of plague. It appeared four centuries ago among Spanish troops in Italy, and scattered with the rapidity of a visitation of pestilence to every other country of Europe. A Pope, a King of France, nobles, clergy and yeomanry alike contracted the malady and those who were attacked died in vast numbers. Since that infamous period three and a half centuries and more have run their course, and yet there is great reason to apprehend that the taint of blood which has proceeded from that single cause is not yet eradicated. Serofula, once called king's evil because the magic touch of a king's hand was believed to be salutary for it, had become an evil common to kings and royal races.

The condition of the populations of Europe in those woful times was wretched in the extreme. Every country was impoverished and became empty of men. Thus when William the Conqueror held the sceptre of England there were barely two million inhabitants; not till five centuries later had the number doubled. The average length of human life four hundred years ago was less than eighteen years, but now it exceeds thirty-six. In the better governed countries of the European continent there has been a like increase with the improvement of conditions.

The last outbreak of the plague in England took place in 1665. Its ravages in London are minutely portrayed by Dedoe. The next year came the Great Fire, which seems to have arrested the pestilence and to have obliterated its remains. It disappeared at once, and after the sanitary improvements instituted by Sir Christopher Wren has never again appeared.

The material results of this great renovation added to a governmental policy generally sagacious are manifest in the political, industrial and commercial greatness of the country. The supremacy held in turn by Venice, Spain, Holland and the Hanse Towns is now exercised by the bankers and merchants of London. At their dictation silver has been diminished from the standard coinage of the countries and made subsidiary to gold, as in the days of King Solomon (2. Chronicles ix., 20). The lesson thus inculcated has also its illustrations in this country.

The health of the people is the higher law. No country can arrive at prosperity or long remain prosperous where the permanent conditions are insalubrious. An individual, in order that he may gain wealth, must be of steady and industrious habits, thrifty and, beyond all these, healthy. If he is weakly and enervated, he cannot labor and acquire; and when he is prostrated by sickness what he may have earned and saved must be expended. In a sickly family, no matter how great the income, thrift is not possible. That family must be poor. Sick-

ness is among the most costly of all luxuries. Wherever it exists it impoverishes. What is true of families and individuals is infinitely more true on a larger scale. No sickly community can be prosperous. If it is moral and intelligent it does well, but it will not be so long.

The rapid accumulation of wealth which has characterized our modern period has been the wonder and admiration of students of political economy. The working capital of the world has more than tripled in a lifetime. Another index of prosperity has been the large increase of population. In England for example, where there is every year a considerable emigration, the number has mounted to ten times what it counted under the first William.

The accumulation and aggregate savings of last few decades have more than equalled those of hundreds of years preceding. Much has been contributed to machinery, to the employing of steam to what we are learning to do with electricity, to greater facilities of transportation and communication to the applications of science to the arts and manufactures, to the greater abundance of the precious metals and to the beneficial results of the more general diffusion of knowledge. It would be a fatuity to underrate the advantages which the agencies have conferred, and it is impossible to appreciate them adequately. With all their drawbacks, and the price which the inexorable law of compensation requires to be paid for every one of these benefits are inestimable. No Egyptian pyramid has been erected; no Tower of Babel points to the sky; no Mount of Ellora has been honeycombed for miles by excavations for religious sanctuaries; everlasting houses of the dead or for human abode nor have men explored the region where the Roke or the Simorg had an eyrie. But the stream turns the spinning-wheels and weaves our textile fabrics; the hissing water swelling into vapor propels vessels on the ocean and caravan trains over the continents; the sun, regent over our system of planets and asteroids, has become our limner to paint portraits and copy landscapes; and the electric ether, summoned perhaps from the outermost star in space, now carries our messages and even speech itself, hither and thither, moves our vehicles and is ready to become our minister to invade the realm of night, to introduce a perpetual day, and perhaps to establish a new order of seasons.

The great factor which has enabled all this has been already framed. Political changes have only aided; science itself was but an auxiliary. Above them all this marvelous increase of wealth, this prodigious achievement, this general amelioration of human conditions are due to the general exemption of the civilized world from pestilence, to the better health that prevails, to the longer average term of human life.

War alone did not keep Europe poor for so many centuries. Modern campaigns are far more costly than protracted contests in former times. The countries of the Old World might have prospered without precious metals and the advantages afforded by machinery. It was disease that spread the pall of poverty over Europe. Every family was wasted and enfeebled by sickness, herds having to meet several times in each century the unsparing description of pestilence. The short average period of human life permitted less time individually to men to amass wealth. The diminished power of producing, the waste by sickness and the recurring plagues, which were worse than prohibitory tariffs in the interrupting of commercial intercourse, all combined to check endeavor and to keep everybody destitute.

We have not been without our experiences in the United States. Cholera, yellow fever and other deadly epidemics have been periodical in their recurring. They overlook any quarantine wherever there are insalubrious conditions for their inception. The cities of the Southwest, New Orleans, Galveston, Shreveport, Memphis and other places that may be named, have seemed to be always incubating pestilence. We all remember the disorder contracted by many who visited Philadelphia during the Centennial season. New England also has attained the unhappy distinction of being the hotbed of pulmonary consumption. The influence of this fact upon her financial prosperity is manifest. The Governor of Connecticut once invoked the attention of the Legislature to the matter. A high death rate is significant of deficient physical energy, moral deterioration, limited productive power, and restriction of energy. In the South the city of New Orleans has been as an incubus on the prosperity of all that region from the recurring epidemics of yellow fever set in action by the seething accumulations of filth and the barbarous method of piling up the dead.

It is impossible for an individual or a community to be sick and prosperous at the same time. When an epidemic rages all business is paralyzed. The peculiar losses by pestilence transcend those of devastation by fire. Savannah had a single epidemic of yellow fever lasting but a few months and was brought to the verge of bankruptcy from which many years were taken to recover. Philadelphia was so disabled in resources by the yellow fever in 1795 as never to be able to regain her commercial and metropolitan rank. Some more than twenty years ago she lost more than twenty million dollars from a visitation of smallpox, which might have been averted by proper hygienic precautions. An epidemic of yellow fever like that of Memphis, if it had

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Thought to be held at 12 M.

"For the Lord your God is He that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you."—Deut. xx, 4.

Thought to be held at 9 P.M.

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."—Psalms lxxiv, 11.

STUDY carefully the midday text. Meditate upon it so that you can fully apply every word in it to your own need.

The natural inclination of the human, in any stress or trial, is to feel the necessity of meeting the hard conditions with the strength of the human, be it much or little at the moment.

The first words of the text give a sense of re-enforcement, a confidence in the Omnipotent. You are not alone in your dilemmas, "For the Lord your God is He that goeth with you." By faithful concentration upon these words they will mean everything. The very idea of being in alliance with the Most High gives a certain faith and incoming strength, which makes victory at all times possible. The enemies confronting us are the natural details of human life and experience; the many heroic duties awaiting us; the hard decision; the conflicting circumstances which must be harmonized; the disappointments to be met. These are enemies, and yet if we think clearly we shall find that every word has a new significance, if we are willing to interpret it from a different standpoint, looking upon it as a privilege. Whatever experiences come with the daily living, even though they present an unfriendly aspect, if you will look upon them as good, immediately the unfriendliness is annulled, then they become friends in disguise. You have a different attitude of mind toward them, and are thus better prepared to meet them wisely and master them.

If, in addition to this willingness to interpret them as opportunities rather than enemies, you can realize the innate wisdom and strength to deal with them, you have the text fulfilled literally. The Lord God, who is ever the Inner Master, so illumines and softens the human mind as to cast from it all fear, doubt or bitterness. This is the key to salvation. The method of applying in our Silent Brotherhood is to intentionally and faithfully spend a few moments at the noon hour in thinking upon this text, and making application of it to the need of the day.

For the evening or retiring exercise there is a wonderful lightness and exaltation experienced by dwelling upon the words, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield," etc. For the space of fifteen minutes speak these words aloud, carefully and thoughtfully. They will have a marvelous effect upon the mind, which, no matter how depressed or discouraged in the beginning of the practice, will quickly become illumined. It is only by the personal and faithful study upon these significant words, beloved, that you can gain the personal benefit. It is not sufficient for you merely to read the words, or hear some other person expatiate upon them. They must become YOUR words; not merely spoken by your lips, but emphasized and sealed by the deep conviction of your heart.

As we have already told you, the real benefit of our Silent Brotherhood teachings is to be gained only by living up to those teachings. It is imperatively necessary that he who would become attuned to the Divine Influences must continually open his mind and heart to them. This method of applying the word has been tried by thousands who are living the Brotherhood Life. If you are a beginner, or if you are one who has long tasted the fruit of "the tree of Life," be faithful to the study and practice of our texts for the month. You will find a grand increase and splendid enrichment to your whole being by so doing.

HELEN VAN-ANDERSON.

God Needs Christian Workers

God has a grand purpose for you, when you will give up your personal or human mind and will completely to Divine Mind and Will. To be led by the Spirit is to live a full, rich and blessed life of Success. Trust God, and He will trust you with great and grand works, and give you all power and wisdom to carry every undertaking to a successful end. God needs Christ-like merchants, men of business and State affairs and men in the professions, arts and sciences, and when you live with our Father in love and righteousness you will live a very busy and active life—a creative and constructive life—a positive and successful life. God knoweth better than you what you are fitted for, and when you look only to Him and His blessed guidance He will place you in pleasant and delightful paths of endeavor, and all your efforts will be crowned with grand success.

It is better to live the teachings of our blessed Master, Jesus, than to merely worship him and believe in Him and yet not live Christ-like. We are sure our Saviour would say amen to these words. He came to teach men to live rather than worship; to live at-one with the Father and do His Will.

There is not so much unbelief in God in the world as some would think. There is much unbelief which is growing hourly, in the small, petty god of dogma and tradition. But how great and growing is the blessed belief in a great God who is the Eternal Father of All! Millions of men outside of the institutional organizations, sects and churches silently believe in and love the great God.—Frank Harrison.

Power, dignity and gracefulness are the results of living with God and obeying His Law in pure, simple love; not in fear. He who obeys through fear is a coward and is weak, and lacks power, dignity and gracefulness.—The Blissful Prophet.

There cannot be any unfoldment when others do the work. Let God the Father within unfold you.

Are you, beloved, drifting in darkness, or are you walking upright in the Broad Way of Light? Are you asleep, dreaming horrible dreams, or are you awake seeing bright visions? Is life a glad, joyous song or a direful dirge? Come, awake, if you are asleep and act and live and be blessed.

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HEART TALKS

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IN a recent letter from a distant correspondent there is the question, "What can I do to master these dark conditions, and to become more conscious of the light? I am so pinioned by events that I am disheartened. Are all these beautiful promises but glittering theories? Why cannot I make the Law apparent in its operation in my circumstances?"

This is the essence of many similar questions. It is not the Law that is at fault, nor can it be true that the Law is inadequate; there are certain conditions to be met and conquered in the individual. The difficulty lies not always in the same kind of overcoming, but in some particular with the individual. It may be too great an anxiety to overcome. It may be a certain pride which refuses to accept unpleasant conditions. There may be a thousand reasons why there is delay. We must never attribute failure to the Law, but look to the self.

Now, my dear correspondent, whether I can give you the exact key to your problem I do not know. I would suggest that you look most carefully, not only into your mind to see what faults habitually dominate, but look into your character, with all its diversities of expression and the inherent traits of disposition and temperament that make character. Carefully analyze your motives; see if you are at all times consistent with your intention and your ideal. You may say that you are perfectly willing to accept any portion of the field as your divine allotment. You may honestly think you have no unbecoming pride in refusing to accept certain conditions that require service which may be unpleasant. You may be subject to impulses, or you may be sensitive to every suggestion which may be received from contact with others. Whatever it is, if it be that which is contrary to the childlike spirit, be assured it will be sufficient to keep you from the Light. For this reason it will keep you from making conditions right by which the Law may be made manifest.

The best, the surest way of meeting all conditions is to realize that life is opportunity. It is not merely a series of events, joys or sufferings, work or play. It is not even your position. It is far greater than that. You are being lived, rather than living. You are plastic and receptive to an Intelligence greater than your own, and if resolutely and earnestly you declare yourself at one with the Higher Intelligence, it will make all things plain to you. It will reveal you to yourself in your human littleness and in your divine greatness. It will open every door and present to you every opportunity. If you trust it it will merge itself with your intelligence, and you will be strengthened and made wise. When it is necessary for you to abandon plans or desires that are detrimental to your larger accomplishment you will gladly and willingly dismiss them. In this practice of self-abandonment, that is, abandonment of that which is peculiarly interesting and gratifying to your personal self, you will find larger conceptions entering your mind and possessing your attention.

I know your question will be, "What has this to do with my special and particular problem? How will it put me in my rightful position, where I can live my life to the best advantage and use my gifts?" To this end I will reply: "The larger life absorbs and includes the lesser." The solution concerning this larger life, once settled, will also solve the particular problems. Instead of giving all your energy and undue anxiety to the ways and means of changing conditions, you will do the very best with the wisdom you have. You will use the strength that you have to meet whatever is required of you for one hour or one day, believing that when the next hour or day comes the wisdom and strength will be given.

I am quite aware that you still desire a more definite application in your case. Dear friend, I know that you are dependent upon your own exertions for your daily bread. I know it means a great deal to you as to where you are placed and how you are able to use your talents; but I also know, and years of experience justify me in saying this, that the highest and best method of finding success in life is to give yourself, your gifts, your hopes, to the same Power to which you give your breath. You are not thinking continually of how much air you can appropriate, or whether you will have enough to breathe to-night or to-morrow. On the contrary, you breathe involuntarily, without labor. You have faith that the succeeding breaths of to-day will come without your having to worry over them, and that as you lie down upon your bed at night breath will come and go regularly, without effort, without fail. When you can adapt this same faith to your work, to the conditions by which you are surrounded, in other words, when you can adapt this faith to your daily prob-

lems, you will have a larger conception of what it means to live as God's child should live.

With this conception will come a peace, a serenity that will have an effect upon environment and conditions. True, you may be "pinioned by events" for a time, but the moment you are ready to be free the freedom will come. Have more faith; have more continuous depth of purpose. Throw yourself upon the unchangeableness of the Law, as you throw yourself upon its reality. You know that it exists, else should the stars fall and chaos reign. Know, also, that it operates for you, as it operates for the universe. This will help you to live one moment at a time. It will help you to be your highest and your best at every moment. Thus you will gather your forces, your wisdom, your judgment faculty, your power of action, and your environment will gradually change.

Anxiety corrodes; fear perverts; despair destroys. Beware of entertaining either of these emotions. The larger life can only be lived when the lesser is merged into it. Of itself the lesser is nothing. Merged in the greater it becomes the All, because it manifests the fullness and perfection, in its sphere, of the nature and power of the greater.

Try to live simply. This will be a very great advantage in bringing you into harmony with the directing Wisdom. Sometimes it is the effort to carry out the complex demands of the civilized and social life that stands in the way of accomplishing your higher aims.

Have your eyes fixed upon the perfect, not upon the difficulties of attaining it. There is always a way, even in the humblest environment, to live the Majestic Life, and he who succeeds in maintaining, as Emerson says, "in the midst of the crowd the independence of solitude," is he who is greater than any limitation of condition. The moment, dear friend, you have found the majesty of the life which is being lived through you that moment you will become Master in every sense of the word. Yet, I cannot say this is the attainment of a moment, for, according to the Law, the fullness of perfection in this realm of natural things is attained only by successive stages. It would be contrary to all nature were there really the "Aladdin's lamp" of the old fairy tale. We cannot expect in a moment to be empowered to turn midnight into midday. Should there seem such a consummation it is only a seeming. The change is but the result of hidden processes gained in the far past. It might be a great calamity, as we can well imagine, for one to pass from a state of poverty to opulence, from a state of ignorance to God-like understanding. All growth is gradual. Development comes in successive stages, and even of man the statement of the Spiritual Law is that he shall be obliged "from glory to glory." Do not ask or expect too much, then, as to manifestation, for disappointment in this respect may be as great a cloud upon the mind as fear or grief. Notwithstanding the All that you have in reality, be as a little child. Trust with your whole heart. Love, work and pray, and you will gain the secret of the Law.

Love

By Margaret E. Sangster

WHEN you sum up the year
With its glory of leaves,
Its seed-time and harvest,
Its buds and its sheaves—
When you get to December,
You sing the same tune
That 'twas sweet to remember
And carol, in June.
From the day of your youth
To the day of white age,
Through the book of your life
To the very last page,
When comes a great angel
The "Finis" to write,
The same true evangel
Is aye your delight.
There be those who will tell you
Of jewels and gold,
Of investments, a story
Of wonder unfold.
One dividend never
Will fail to impart
The selfsame wealth ever,
To dower the heart.
Let the spring zephyrs blow,
Or the winter winds howl.
Let fortune smile blandly
Or sullen fate scowl.
From June to December,
What sky arch above,
To life's very last ember,
Life's crowning is LOVE.

People's Ways

MANY and curious are the customs regarding brides. In Switzerland the bride on her wedding day will permit no one, not even her parents, to kiss her upon the lips. In parts of rural England the cook pours hot water over the threshold after the bridal couple have gone, in order to keep it warm for another bride. The pretty custom of throwing the slipper originated in France. An old woman, seeing the carriage of her young King—Louis XIII—passing on the way from church, where he had just been married, took off her shoe and, flinging it at his coach, cried out, "Tis all I have, Your Majesty, but may the blessing of God go with it." There is an old superstition in Germany against marriage in May. A favorite wedding day in Scotland is December 31, so that the young couple can leave their old life with the old year and begin wedded happiness with the new.—*Chicago News.*

A light heart makes a shining face.

Would you have a name? Have an aim.

Lives That Lift Up

"THE kingdom of God is like leaven." We all know what leaven, or yeast, or baking powder is used for, and how it accomplishes its purpose in making our bread agreeable and healthful. God's kingdom in the world and in a man's heart is intended to lift up the world and the man, to make them better, stronger, happier. But there must be more than this in life. It is not merely that I am helped myself; I must prove the fact by being helpful. As the leavened bread becomes itself leaven, if properly treated, so the man who is really lifted up becomes a power to lift others up. Therein lies the difference between good and bad people. A good man is a helpful man; he inspires, cheers, strengthens others. A bad man is a harmful man; he hardens, discourages, weakens others. Live that life are the true lives, and they are made true by the Spirit of God, who at once blesses them and makes them blessings.

"I cannot seem to lift my own life. How, then, can I lift the life of another?" Perhaps this word for another is just what you need to brighten your own character. I have known many a poor, disheartened mortal lifted to the skies by some loving act of service rendered to another. God's leaven sometimes comes to us from the very burdens which we bear for another.—*Rev. F. W. Tompkins.*

It is pleasing to note in these days of light how all spiritual-minded persons are coming together in one grand universal aim to make the world brighter and more progressive, sinking all petty differences and working for the universal Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

We make wonderful progress when we dare to think, unawed by public opinion.

Let us all rest in and abide by the eternal, universal and changeless law of transcendent love.

CAME FROM COFFEE

A Case Where the Taking of Morphine Began With Coffee.

"For 15 years," says a young Ohio woman, "I was a great sufferer from stomach, heart and liver trouble. For the last 10 years the suffering was terrible; it would be impossible to describe it. During the last 3 years I had convulsions from which the only relief was the use of morphine."

"I had several physicians, nearly all of whom advised me to stop drinking tea and coffee, but as I could take only liquid foods I felt I could not live without coffee. I continued drinking it until I became almost insane, my mind was affected, while my whole nervous system was a complete wreck. I suffered day and night from thirst, and as water would only make me sick I kept on trying different drinks until a friend asked me to try Postum Food Coffee."

"I did so, but it was some time before I was benefited by the change, my system was so filled with coffee poison. It was not long, however, before I could eat all kinds of foods and drink all the cold water I wanted and which my system demands. It is now 8 years I have drunk nothing but Postum for breakfast and supper, and the result has been that in place of being an invalid with my mind affected I am now strong, sturdy, happy and healthy."

"I have a very delicate daughter who has been greatly benefited by drinking Postum, also a strong boy who would rather go without food for his breakfast than his Postum. So much depends on the proper cooking of Postum, for unless it is boiled the proper length of time people will be disappointed in it. Those in the habit of drinking strong coffee should make the Postum very strong at first in order to get a strong coffee taste." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Religious Problems of To-day the Root of Reality

By JOHN P. COOKE

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ALL Reality is in the manifestation of the consciousness of the spirit. The glory of the most gorgeous sunset is the result of the solar vibrations, the wisps of vapor and the SEEING MIND of man. Without the mind or spirit there is no sunset there. There is no object without a subject or mind. Thus the Living God—the God who is Life—is the only God there is. He does not come to life. He lives! All the real life there is is His!

To think of Him as absent is to forget Him. Man striving at true life himself finds that God was always alive. That it was he, himself, who was as dead.

By delving into the great depths of common experience human nature attracts the gracious dew that fall on the unseen heights of eternity.

In fact, there is but one Great Master of Life. This Great Inner Spirit enters as an associate element into all causation and impresses its own order and intelligence upon the negative darkness of matter. Whether or not he created matter, it is certain that His Mind created order or the Cosmos.

We are not fully enlightened and so we long to ask what God is and how are we, creatures of earth and time, related to Him? What are we to expect from God—and what may He expect of us?

We are commanded to search the Scriptures, and we certainly find them everywhere—on the earth beneath our feet and in the air we live by. In the heavens above, yes, everywhere we find footprints—tracks and traces of the unsleeping, Intelligent Energy—the One all-conditioning Life.

If this Power is Infinite we cannot hope to comprehend it exhaustively. But we comprehend it partially, for some are so privileged by some development as to Behold it, in the superior state and in Silence."

It certainly disciplines us strangely. Is it not true as Swinburne versed it?

Thou hast kissed us, and hast smitten; Thou hast laid upon us with Thy left hand Life, and said, Live! and again Thou hast said, Yield up your breath, And with Thy right hand laid upon us death. Thou hast sent us sleep, and stricken sleep with dreams, saying, Joy is not, but love of joy shall be. Thou hast made sweet springs for all the pleasant streams.

In the end Thou hast made them bitter with the sea.

It is not necessary to illustrate this pathetic picture of man's life. It is too plainly true to all reflective minds.

But what is its significance? What does it point to? What is this state of man? What is "This kind, this due degree of blindness, weakness, Heaven bestows on thee?"

What is this Supreme Power that holds and sways us? That knows what is best for every human soul—yes, at any and every moment. It is Divine Love.

LOVE IS GOD AND GOD IS LOVE!

How shall we measure that divine Love? Shall we judge it by the sum of pleasant sensations bestowed on us, by our average of animal delight, exemption from pain, sickness, want or sorrow? Then certainly we shall never get at its secret. They who envy the butterfly or the bird, who wish to be loved like the beetle or the bee, have no notion whatever of the needs of a man. These tiny creatures are satisfied with their rose leaf and dew drop. They never question nor complain. They do not know what higher creatures require. The thought that human creatures are loved, not as the lilies are, or as the grass that is to-day in the field and to-morrow is cast into the oven, but as moral beings whose food is truth, whose drink is goodness, whose garments are purity, whose happiness and splendor consist in the qualities they possess, the thought that God loves us all as children furnishes the only key to the mystery of the divine benignity. This thought breaks the blow of calamity, spreads lines of beauty over many a ghastly spot of existence, discloses friendly intents in untoward circumstances and drops healing ingredients into the bitterest cups.

God loves us as children, not as pets, loves us as a tender but wise and true mother loves her child; not so fondly that she must give him every toy he asks for, and cannot refuse the sweetmeats for which the baby mouth is watering; but with a deep, earnest and anxious affection full of gentle reproofs and sweet corrections and saving austerities, an affection which the child is far enough from comprehending, which indeed he takes to be something the very reverse of affection, but which, if he grows up to be a man, he will bless as the care that educated and redeemed his soul. The Supreme Love is simply pledged to make men and women. When we discover that, and begin to become men and women under its discipline, then we shall be prepared to say "God is love."

From the summit of this high conviction that the human creature is the consummate yet ever pro-

gressive flower of creation we see that God, through conditions, is ever bringing the created mind into deeper and closer rapport with His eternal spirit, with His Inner Light. From this point one looks down in triumph on the writhing world. Evil is no longer a thing to be apologized for; it is a necessity in creation—an educative condition. There could be no God's world without it. The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God, and if they arrive the groaning is prophecy and the travail is joy.

The ages of development are justified that lead up to man. The ages of development are justified that lead from the savage man to the civilized, and from the civilized up to the spiritualized. A single human quality is worth thousands of abortive experiments.

As we look through nature from the level of the humble idiot boy on and up to the mental scientist, we see one grade after another of the soul's unfolding to the higher, the Inner Life. The Life of the Intelligent spirit. We note the grades of knowledge and we ask, What is knowledge? What is Knowing?

All knowing is the apprehension of one's self (spirit) along with all that one apprehends. This cognizance of self in addition to whatever things, or thoughts, we may be cognizant of—this, and this alone, is knowledge. In answer to the question, *What is Known?* We reply that object (+) plus subject (self, spirit) constitute the only object which it is possible for any intelligence to know. That this same synthesis constitutes the only object which it is possible for any intelligence to conceive or think of, because there can be a conception only, of that of which the type or pattern may possibly be given in cognition—or knowledge.

We can only know that, of which we might possibly be ignorant—all ignorance is possibly remediable. Knowledge alone is, and it is by consciousness. Consciousness is the attribute of spirit, and "Knowing" is the method of its self-realization.

The developing soul rejoices at the sweetness and beneficence of Light, for in itself it is spirit eternal. We rejoice that the darkness is past or is passing away; that the true light shineth into the inner life of men. It is becoming better and better comprehended. We glory in the advent of the knowledge of this Living Light. We hail the faint flushings of Light in the East, and ever celebrate the creative power of Light; we would leave darkness, the realm of Ignorance. We realize that strength, beauty and felicity come with the sunbeams, and can say, "LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT.

Love's Way

This is the lesson, day by day,
In blossom and in blight:
To walk with Love the Morning way,
And then—to kiss "Good-night!"
How brief the Light!
How long the Night!
How sweet to walk Love's way!

Your Inner Guide is ever awaiting an opportunity to blaze the path to freedom.—Henry Wood.

Each soul creates its own environment.—A. Z.

Oh, the mockery and hollowness of failure! And the blessed beauty of true Success! The Mystic Success Club leads all of its loyal members to true success.

The blessed secret teachings and writings of the Ancient and Modern Mystic Adepts are soon to be given to the whole world.—Ananda.

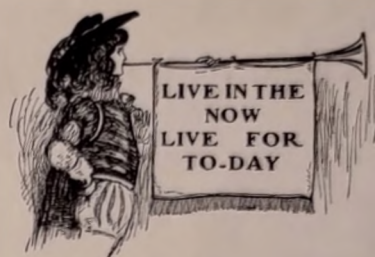
O beloved child, listen to Me, through thy own brother, Ananda: and the truth is that a simple, pure and God-loving life of righteousness is the Way to peace, power and plenty.—Brother Ananda.

Ecstatic upliftments and visions come only to the pure and simple God-loving man. Clairaudience and Clairvoyance are the blessed gifts of the Spirit, of far more value than all riches, all worldly honors and all minor powers. To be in the blessed Superconscious State with God and the Angels cannot be described in printer's type.—The Blissful Prophet.

The sensual man can never be a true, just and wisely generous man.—A. Z.

"God in Nature is the Universal Life, and in man the Son and Brother—the Christ!"

God is in all men: He is not alone in some special religion, sect or church.—Frank Harrison.



Don't tell me of to-morrow!
Give me the man who'll say,
When'er a good deed's to be done,
"Let's do the deed to-day."
We may all command the present
If we act and never wait;
But repentance is the phantom
Of the past that comes too late.

Don't tell me of to-morrow!
There's much to do to-day
That can never be accomplished
If we throw the hours away.
Every moment has its duty.
Who the future can foretell?
Then why put off till to-morrow
What to-day can do as well?

The Washerwoman's Song

In a very humble cot,
In a rather quiet spot,
In the suds and in the soap,
Worked a woman full of hope;
Working, singing, all alone,
In a sort of undertone,
"With a Saviour for a friend,
He will keep me to the end."

Sometimes happening along,
I had heard the semi-song,
And I often used to smile,
More in sympathy than guile;
But I never said a word
In regard to what I heard,
As she sang about her friend
Who would keep her to the end.

Not in sorrow nor in glee
Working all day long was she,
As her children, three or four,
Played around her on the floor;
But in monotonous the song
She was humming all day long,
"With the Saviour for a friend,
He will keep me to the end."

It's a song I do not sing,
For I scarce believe a thing
Of the stories that are told
Of the miracles of old;
But I know that her belief
Is the anodyne of grief,
And will always be a friend
That will keep her to the end.

Just a trifle lonesome she,
Just as poor as poor could be;
But her spirits always rose,
Like the bubbles in the clothes,
And though widowed and alone,
Cheered her with the monotone,
Of a Saviour and a friend
Who would keep her to the end.

I have seen her rub, and scrub,
On the washboard in the tub,
While the baby sopped in suds,
Rolled and tumbled in the duds;
Or was paddling in the pools,
With old scissors stuck in spoons;
She still humming of her friend
Who would keep her to the end.

Human hopes and human creeds
Have their root in human needs,
And I would not wish to strip
From that washerwoman's lip
Any song that she can sing,
Any hope that songs can bring;
For the woman has a friend
Who will keep her to the end.
—Eugene F. Ware.

The simple, God-loving Mystic knoweth the mysteries that animal—sensual man—saith to his mind cannot be known. He who liveth in Divine Mind and Will knoweth the mysteries. "Events not only distant, but of the future, are clearly laid open to his highly attuned souls." The crowning points of the fervent God-lover are: the light of truth, understanding, knowledge, wisdom, seership and adeptship.—The Blissful Prophet.

THE MASTERY OF MOODS

By HORATIO W. DRESSER

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EVERYONE whose attention is called to the fact is ready to testify that life is a succession of varying moods or selves. We are not only "prisoners of ideas," but creatures of whims, fancies, fears and sentiments. To-day, under the influence of certain circumstances we express a decided opinion. To-morrow, another mood succeeds and we wonder that we could have voiced yesterday's sentiment. Now we are hopeful, now despondent. Yesterday we could accomplish nothing. To-day everything is plastic before us. With one person we are communicative, to another we can say nothing. Now we doubt, and now we believe. We are first credulous, then extremely cautious. One friend sways us; others have no power except to follow where we lead. Thus contrast pursues contrast from day to day, and inconsistency is ever a marked characteristic of thoughts, words and deeds.

But these are only the minor contrasts. There are greater inconsistencies which our lips seldom confess, though our actions constantly betray us. Each of us is at once an angel and a devil—in embryo, at least. Upon occasion we can be extremely courteous, gracious, charitable and forgiving. We can deny ourselves—if the sacrifice be not too great. We can voice noble sentiments and sometimes approach genuine inspiration. But let a novel occasion arise, let someone attack a person who is dear as life itself, let it be a time of danger or a great threatening calamity, and we can be as fierce as a savage animal. And who that aspires after holy things has not faced a tendency within him which is as incongruous with and hostile to these holy desires as hate is hostile to love?

It is needless to dwell upon this contrast. Every soul knows what it is to possess the two natures. Every honest soul admits their conflict. Many a refined soul is weighed down with grief because the animal or devil is there, when only the angel is desired. Nearly everyone is mystified by these persistent obsessions of the lower nature. And countless souls have cried out in despair, as the conflict has continued from year to year, "How long, O Lord, how long?"

The vast majority of men and women give more or less complete expression to one mood or other when it arises, and their doctrines are such attempts at harmony between the moods as their incongruous character permits. If the lower nature, or, at least, some fleshly or pathological condition, is largely dominant in a philosophic mind, the pessimistic mood is likely to color the philosophy. If the higher nature is more frequently triumphant we may have an optimist. Thus our human doctrines are frequently mere reports of the discolorations of our moods.

This is, of course, a familiar thought, and need not be considered at length. The essential idea for us is the possibility that a man may become so conscious of the deflections wrought by disease, by the power of other minds, by environment, and the like, that he can conquer his conflicting moods and pass beyond them. We have already acquired this art to some extent. We know from experience that emotion is apt to be ephemeral and temporarily disruptive, therefore we let the sun set on our wrath. We are aware of the subtleties of personal infatuation, and so we seek entire solitude when we wish to know what we truly think and whom we really love. When ill we know that life wears an entirely different aspect, that it is not a time to propound a philosophy of the universe. Life seems almost incredibly different in the slums and in a society drawing-room. It matters much whether all our bills are paid and we have a bank account, or whether we know not where the next dollar is coming from. With all these deflecting tendencies we are more or less familiar, and we have learned to guard against them.

Let us divide all moods into two general types, which we will, for convenience, classify as lower and higher. Let us say that the soul dwells on two general levels, on each of which there is a thought stream. The illustration closely conforms to the facts of our inconsistent moods. To-day I am conscious of the lower level. Bodily conditions weigh upon me and a flood of thoughts expressive of my depressed condition rush into mind. To-morrow the weight lifts and I rise to the superior plane. All the world is transformed. I laugh at the follies and fears of yesterday. My vision carries me many times as far. I behold all that I saw yesterday, and a vast extent of territory beyond. I must qualify or enlarge all my conclusions of yesterday. I now deem myself sane and rational. Never more can doubts assail me. But no, in my zeal I have overleaped the mark. To-morrow I am down again. But it is an enlarged to-morrow and I correct the enthusiasm of to-day. The day following I rise again, bearing with me the memory of these instructive contrasts. By continuing to compare I gradually develop a well-poised mood which is larger than either.

The more comprehensive mood is thus a product of experience tempered and developed by reflection. It is my servant, my instrument; whereas the other moods mastered me. It profits by the experiences of both, and thus, gradually, achieves what men ordinarily deem impossible. For note that those in whom the duality is most strongly marked are extremists. They are either decidedly happy or most miserable. In a thousand ways they veer from extreme to extreme. Observers of such people set them down as extremists, and the people themselves suppose that they must accept the inevitable.

My proposition is that the greater the tendency toward extremes the more poised may the individual become. It is by lacking moderation and repose that the self-conscious extremist learns the need and value of poise. Thus the place and meaning of suffering are seen. Thus pain is only understood when we pass beyond it. For remember that it is not so much what we are born with but what we attain, as *what we overcome* which teaches life's lesson and gives us wisdom to contribute to the world.

It is no small task to master a mood which once swayed you. But this is the progressive possibility which awaits those who learn the meaning of their lower and higher mental states. At first one notes only the contrast. Then the great discovery is made that excess on one plane means excess on the other. As surely as a reaction follows intemperate passion and all that makes us devils, so does ecstasy of spiritual emotion cause a descent to the animal plane. Everyone can testify to this who has yielded himself to undue emotional zeal. Skepticism, agnosticism, self-condemnation, morbid consciousness of sin, and a thousand other similar states, are therefore simply excessive reactions from their opposites. If we do not believe too much we do not doubt. When we have not been immoderately negative in our thinking we do not become agnostics. Self-condemnation becomes morbid when we have dwelt too long on one idea. We believe ourselves hopeless sinners only while we are negligent of our nobler possibilities.

Obviously, to accept the present philosophy means that the reader must undergo a marked reaction from the old theology. It means nothing less than a new fundamental point of view—this doctrine that man is an active being possessing powers of self-control such that he can conquer all immoderation, passion, as well as ecstasy. But such is the proposition. The mystery of our dual nature is half solved when we learn that these violent contrasts are due to excess on the one side or the other. The next step is to begin by daily practice to acquire a centre of equilibrium, apart from the domination of either lower or higher self, where one may take one's stand and call a halt every time the limit of moderation is reached. There is no vicarious salvation in this kind of world. It is downright work and plenty of it that wins the prize. All the wisdom that other systems offer is useful. But now at last one must conquer self. Nine times out of ten, at first, we forget when immersed in the clouds that there is daylight above. When the bright sun shines we forget that night must come. Thus woefully shortsighted, we blunder along. It is no wonder that we cannot give a reason for the faith that is in us.

But suppose we begin a series of observations, precisely as the chemist observes the behavior of certain liquids to discover their laws. Let us note the conditions when or immediately after the higher mood is on. Then let us remember that those conditions will come again, even though a lower mood ensues. If you observe serenely when the floodtime of spiritual life comes you will find that you do not sink so low. If you face it calmly, when your lower self presents a temptation, you will husband energy and so acquire power to overcome it. Every time you consciously rise from the lower to the higher plane you make headway in the development of a new habit—the art of self-control, of spiritual self-mastery. Thus little by little you will transmute your energy, until victories which once seemed discouragingly impossible will become easy. After a time when a pessimistic, fleshly or selfish tendency arises you will instantly know it, and will turn the tide then and there. You will marvel that you once permitted yourself to be a slave of moods and tendencies over which you now possess great power. You will look back upon your moody years as years of infancy.

What is the secret of the turning from lower to higher? *Voluntary attention*, not the attention that is compelled by a mental or physical state, but the attention which breaks loose from the state that would hold it and actively concentrates itself upon a mental picture, ideal or recollected experience which centralizes the consciousness upon the higher plane. How or when is it possible thus voluntarily

to shift attention? When there is sufficient repose in the self to become poised, to take hold of one's self and turn the tide. Thus cultivation of inner poise, peace, is the prime essential. Remember that repose begins to come with knowledge of the contrasted mental states, and that actual headway is made when one actively begins to pause, to hold still, to gather momentum and husband energy. When an undesirable mental state arises one is able to shift attention from the state to the remembered higher experience. To shift the attention is to transfer the balance of power to the higher plane, where all the forces of that life-stream come forward to aid. For to shift the attention is to give a new direction to action or conduct.

But how shall one invite the higher states denoted "spiritual," the sources of inspiration, for the development of poise? By the formulation and constant renewing of ideals which, if confidently held, give new tendencies to the subconscious mind. Where man's desires are concentrated there his activities congregate. If a man longs for that which is spiritual his very desire will tend to bring it. The subconscious mind will be shaped by this the *strongest* conscious desire. Thus the balance of power is once more transferred from lower to higher.

At first life is disintegrated. We are loosely put together. Our thought is chaotic. Therefore the world seems chaotic. But note how systematic, orderly, that man finds the world who is well-knit, precise, methodical. He has a place for everything and all of his facts are classified; when he delivers philosophic discourses his thought is subdivided into books, chapters, sections, heads and subheads. He may not inspire you as does the more erratic man of genius. But his thoughts are immensely instructive, owing to the fact that he finds the world what he is, what his life is—a system. Our ideal synthesis would be no less systematic, but it would leave a wide-open door, an entire section to data even now getting themselves reported, and another section to possible coming events which have not yet cast the dimmest shadow before. Thus there are possibilities of ever broader and broader co-ordinations. The essential is this: Become co-ordinated. Remedy the defect in yourself that you may more truly contemplate the world. If the world is sound and sweet, become sweet and sound that you may truly know the world.

Life is a progress, a continual unfolding of capacities and powers. The order of life and of nature proceeds quietly from age to age. The intuition of continued existence is nearly universal. Logical thinkers cannot look upon any event, even death, as a break in the order and the succession of their existence. Evolution forbids it.—*Dr. J. M. Peebles.*

"Spiritualism strengthens faith in a future life," once said Henry Ward Beecher in one of his inspired sermons. It does more! By opening the mind to this grand truth we come to live pure, sweet lives and attract to our pure auras great decarnate spirits and angels who lead, direct and help us in countless ways. A true spiritualist is always progressive.

The movement of the Higher Thought owes a great debt to the blessed women in its ranks. Many of our great writers, teachers and lecturers are of the finer and gentler sex. Of course, as a matter of truth, in spiritual movements, sex is not regarded. We are all of us children of one All-Mother-Father.—*Frank Harrison.*

A freed soul is radiant with the glory of its own awakening.

No effort is lost. All force is eternal. Life is beginningless and endless. You cannot die. You cannot be lost. You must always exist. God is God. The eternal Master is *within*. Awake!

The angels always tell us how to live wisely and well.

"The peace of God makes fresh my heart;
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine; of ME a part!
How can I keep from singing?"

Every time you hold your mind in pure love-thought you do much for human progress, though you utter not a word or make a preaching or attempt to teach. Our love-thoughts come from within—are the Divine voice within—and have the power of omnipresence and omnipotence. In love-thought we project the truth, do untold good and come up higher. It is thus we make our lives sublime now and here, and it is thus we live and grow toward perfection—infinite perfection.

Right living is in love of Truth and Justice to all, and is the only way to Progress.

It is the duty of man to keep the tabernacle of flesh called his body pure, clean and healthy, as a fit abode for work here on the earth-plane.

THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL SCIENTISTS

BY EUGENE DEL MAR

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THE great modern physical scientists have been the means of establishing that Conception of Unity which serves as the foundation both of present day science and religion. It is this conception that blends the two into a consistent whole.

The physical scientist seeks to ascertain and formulate the laws governing the physical universe. In order to do this he is obliged to postulate ideals, conceptions or principles upon which to build conclusions. Observing that certain causes and effects are correlated, he concludes that such causes and effects bear definite and exact relations. He regards these relations as evidence of absolute principles, which he interprets and formulates as "laws."

Essentially the physical scientist is a man of faith. He believes implicitly in the unity, consistency and integrity of the Universe, and he has perfect faith that its principles are universal and eternal. He is certain that Nature will be true to herself under all conditions and circumstances. He finds the Universe to be composed of energy and matter, and he concludes that the totality of each must remain unchanged forever, that whatever exists now ever has and ever will exist, in some form, and similarly that all energy is conserved throughout eternity.

The physical scientist regards energy and matter as the two constituents of Universal Substance, the former accounting for all motion, activity and life, and the latter providing the means for all manifestation of energy. In other words, matter is the inert constituent of Universal Substance, energy being that which vitalizes it.

Of itself or by itself, no one knows what matter is. It is inseparable from, and is always animated by, energy. Every change of material form is the result and evidence of a change of the energy animating it. All that is known of matter is the energy which it manifests, so that the study of matter is confined entirely to the consideration of energy.

The physical scientist must needs have faith, for he can neither see, hear, taste, smell, handle nor feel the molecules, atoms, or ions which mean so much to him. His reason and faith enable him confidently to determine their qualities and attributes, and to talk as though he had actual knowledge of them. Divest him of this faith, and his knowledge is practically nil.

The physical scientist gradually has approached the point of regarding matter as identical with motion, and of considering energy and consciousness as the all-inclusive elements or constituents of the Universe.

The spiritual scientist accepts practically the conclusions arrived at by the physical scientist. Each approaches the truth from a different point of view and sees it from a contrasting light, and each uses words of designation in consonance with his particular standpoint. The wonder is, not that they should agree to differ, but rather that their conclusions should be so similar as to be almost indistinguishable. In fact, their essential identity becomes apparent readily to the open and unprejudiced mind.

The physical scientist separates Universal substance into energy and matter, while the spiritual scientist finds Universal Spirit to be inclusive of soul and body. One talks of the Universe and the other of Universal Spirit; one of inanimate Substance, energy and matter, and the other of animate Spirit, soul and body.

The physical scientist balks at the word "spirit"—spirit, Universal (God) or particular (soul). He cannot understand what invisible spirit is. And yet he comprehends what Substance is—substance Universal (the Universe) and particular (energy). And he recognizes also that energy is invisible.

The physical scientist thinks that he lives in a dead world, while the spiritual scientist sees it as a live one. All that is required to convert the physical scientist into the spiritual scientist is the introduction of the conception of Universal Life or vitality.

But the recognition of Universal vitality carries with it all that Universal Life involves—that the Universe is a Living Entity and a Perfect Harmony. It means unity, identity—Universal Energy, Universal Principle, God.

Principle is invisible, esoteric, spiritual; and matter is its manifestation. Each principle prevails on all planes, and has its spiritual, mental and physical interpretations. It is not that the principles governing each plane are analogous, but that they are identical.

Every law of physical science is a formulation of a spiritual principle. In the physical world, for example, it is known that action and reaction are equal and in opposite directions. The physical scientist has unflinching confidence in the inviolability of this law. When he is unable to trace the complete connection between cause and effect he concludes un-

hesitatingly that his knowledge is at fault and not that the law has been violated. If it is law that action and reaction are equal, such is the truth at all times and under all conditions.

The spiritual scientist knows that one receives as he gives, and reaps what he sows. If his faith is as deep as that of the physical scientist, he recognizes no exceptions to the law. If facts seem to negative this assumption he concludes that his knowledge rather than that the law is at fault.

It is not difficult to accept the truth that, in the inanimate world, action and reaction are correlated, for the factors are ascertainable readily and are distinctly impersonal. But it is a very different matter in the spiritual realm, where impersonal considerations are involved and the essential factors are more difficult of recognition.

The recognition of one's ignorance demands considerable wisdom on his part, and the acknowledgment of this recognition requires even a greater understanding and wisdom. The ignorant person assumes his complete knowledge of the facts concerning himself, and often he extends this assumption to the details of the lives of others. The more ignorant one is the more certain is he of the inclusiveness of his knowledge and the more ready is he to judge and condemn.

Personal pride, egotism and conceit bar the acceptance of spiritual truths. Ignorance will not admit mistakes or recognizes fault—except in others. Ignorance—from its own point of view—has little to learn, for it is extremely conservative; while its ideals and horizons are most limited and restricted.

With one's spiritual development comes a recognition of the wider applicability of principle, a larger conception of the universality and inviolability of law, and a readier admission of the partiality of one's knowledge. As one unfolds he penetrates appearance and is bound less and less by its surface indications. His faith in principle deepens continually, and he recognizes more and more the essential harmony of contrasting or opposing appearances.

With complete faith in the principle that one receives as he gives and reaps what he sows, to a certainty the spiritual scientist would know that his experiences and conditions were the reactions of his prior activities. Recognizing himself as the creator of these, he would realize his fundamental freedom, and would build his life thereafter consciously and purposefully, instead of permitting its unconscious and purposeless construction.

In his place the physical scientist is all right, and so is the spiritual scientist. The former may smile incredulously at the spiritual and invisible, even while all his premises are laid in this very realm. And the latter may disdain and deprecate the visible, even though his physical manifestation is essential to this operation. Each must be able and willing to smile at his own narrowness before his companionship is enjoyable to the other.

Complete realization of the Conception of Unity carries with it the recognition that there is One Science, which is Universal and all-inclusive. The differences between the physical and the spiritual standpoints will not be ignored, but their underlying and essential unity also will be discerned. The points of difference will be made more clear-cut, and the province of each will become more definite, but they will supplement or complement rather than antagonize or oppose each other.

To a degree one's comprehension of spiritual truths must remain vague and misty until he can regard them objectively. It is this opportunity that is offered by the visible universe at every moment of one's life. The physical scientist is a manifestation of spirit, and he is handling spiritual truths in a spiritual Universe. When he recognizes this fully his spiritual realization will be far deeper than that of the spiritual scientist who continues to disdain and deprecate the physical, and thus recognizes duality and separation.

Unity is the keynote of science—both physical and spiritual—and one is scientific to the degree that one is the embodiment of this conception. It is one's realization of this that determines his conscious harmony with the Universe; and he receives more from the Universe because he gives more to it. He reaps what he sows, for action and reaction are equal and from opposite directions.

Millions of spiritual creatures walk the earth unseen, both when we wake and when we sleep.—*Milton.*

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"At the age of one hundred and twenty the law-giver, Moses, had the use of all his faculties. His eye was undimmed; his strength was unabated, and his countenance beamed with the soft graces and splendor of spirituality."

In this great, Spiritual Age man can hold his mind and body in perfection even many more years than did Moses.

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Living in conscious oneness with the eternal Spirit we realize we are all one and eternal.

And the holy Mystic Adepts of The Mystic Success Club can help you, beloved, to help yourself to health, peace, power and eternal bliss.—*The Mystics.*

No man ever made a mistake if he lived the simple teachings of Jesus.—*Frank Harrison.*

To be quickly and permanently cured of our ills by the blessed Spirit, we must have fervent love for God and the All, and faith in God and the progress of the All. The Ancient Physician can then reach us.—*The Mystics.*

The Mystics believe in progression. More than that, they know the Divine Will is that each and all should advance, improve and move onward in a sane way; the holy Mystics are really progressive Christians, with all the formalities and rituals of the Church eliminated; to become a Mystic is to become a God-loving, man-loving, sane, sensible practical worker of great success.—*The Mystics.*

In matrimonial alliances the soul and heart are safer guides than is the head.—*A. Z.*

It is not by legislative enactments, but by the formation of high ideals of life, that marriage can be ennobled and the home be restored to its ancient dignity, purity and peace.—*Rev. Thomas B. Gregory.*

Look where you will, "Upward and Onward" is the order of the day; it is only a few of the unawakened pessimists who are standing still. A great part of a great city is destroyed by flames, and the ashes are not cold before its citizens exclaim, "We will build a new and better Baltimore!" We no longer sulk and dodge and moan and groan! This is the blessed New Age! Each day a new and blessed message cometh to the God-loving mystic man.—*A. Z.*

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occurred in the city of New York would have entailed incalculable disaster upon her business enterprise. New Haven, formerly the chief city in Connecticut, never regained her position after such a calamity.

There is at the present time a strenuous competition between civilized nations. The ablest endeavors of statecraft are put forth to extend and maintain commerce and productive industry. Every country that has special advantage is sure to prosper; but all the while any temporary advantage is liable to throw it behind in the race. There is accordingly an acute sensitiveness in regard to every possible drawback. The individuals or public journals reporting the existence of any disease in the city of New York, of which there exists apprehension that it may become epidemic, such as yellow fever or Asiatic cholera, often incur violent censure. A few visitations like those of New York, Memphis or Shreveport, occurring in our principal cities, would arrest the entire prosperity of the country.

Nowhere does there exist the assurance of exemption. The countries of the west, both in Europe and America, are by no means free from apprehension in regard to the possible advance of the bubonic plague from India. Yet how easily a region may be protected was illustrated by General B. F. Butler at New Orleans and General Leonard Wood at Havana. There is no protection possible from any pestilential visitation except by throttling the cause. Boards of Health as they are generally constituted are hardly fit for this. Common sense must have a place above and apart from professional prescription and trade union ethics. We may not be content with makeshift expedients or the employing of one Satan on the pretext that it will cast out another. Cleanliness and wholesome living, with a resolute mind and will, are surest of all prophylactics.

In short, political economy regards health as anterior and essential to the prosperity of a people. Popular education, social advancement, national greatness, are attainable only upon this condition. Whatever advisement or excellence may exist or be possible beyond, if not solely due to it, is nevertheless largely dependent. Physical efficiency involves more or less of word force, the will to originate and the energy to accomplish, which render the individual and the commonwealth the realized ideal.

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We suffer through our ignorance of the real purpose of life.—*A. Z.*

The light of the Supreme God is positive and life-giving; the spiritualized man is the great positive man; all weakness and suffering is caused by negative conditions of mind—a lack of divine light and power. "Know, then, that when the dark night of sorrow, pain or misfortune settles down upon your soul, and you stumble along with weary and uncertain steps, you are merely intercepting your own personal desires between yourself and the boundless light of joy and bliss, and the dark shadow that covers you is cast by none and nothing but yourself. And just as the darkness without is but a negative shadow, an unreality which comes from nowhere, goes to nowhere, and has no abiding dwelling place, so the darkness within is equally a negative shadow passing over the evolving and Light-born soul." The spiritual man is the most positive man in the world. Love and Light are positive.

How to Live the Blessed Life

If you are one of those who are praying for, and looking forward to, a happier world beyond the grave, here is a message of gladness for you; you may enter into and realize that happy world now; it fills the whole universe, and it is within you, waiting for you to find, acknowledge and possess. Said one who knew the inner laws of Being, "When men shall say lo here, or lo there, go not after them; the Kingdom of God is within you." What you have to do is to believe this, to live this; simply believe it with a mind unshadowed by doubt, and then meditate upon it till you understand it, and then live it. You will then begin to purify and build your inner world, and as you proceed, passing from revelation to revelation, from realization to realization, you will discover the utter powerlessness of outward things beside the magic potency of a self-governed soul.—*James Allen.*

It is far better to *pray and live* for a happy world here and now than for one in the future. The blessed New Way in this great New Age is to bring heaven from afar off, right down here to earth. It is the sweet and blessed *New and Now* that men are talking about, praying for and working for.—*Frank Harrison.*

Indolence and laziness are no part of a spiritual man or woman. The Divine Law demands willing and cheerful action. No one may expect a full, rich and beautiful life if he is a mere drone, idler or dreamer.—*Frank Harrison.*

To-day, this minute, is the time to begin to rebuild the inner temple of your soul.—*A. Z.*

The unawakened man sees disorder, disaster and confusion everywhere; the God-man sees "the most perfect sequence of cause and effect, and where the materialist sees nothing but endless death the mystic sees pulsating and eternal life." The divine man has the omniscient mind which comprehends eternal and universal causes and effects; he sees back, in and beyond all nature, all matter, the great, orderly, omnipresent and eternal God at work.—*Frank Harrison.*

Beautiful Life Is Right Action

By your own life you make or mar your life. Beauty and ugliness of your life depend entirely upon how you live. If you are impure, sordid and selfish in your living, do not expect anything but misfortune and catastrophe; if you are living a pure, noble, unselfish and righteous life you will attract to yourself only peace, power, joy and great prosperity. This is the Law. It changeth not. The Law is beneficent, scientific and divine. Try as one may, it is found that the Divine Law is the only Law of true life. All that we are is the result of how we have lived; of how we have used the blessed powers of life. We are the effect or result of action and thought. The important thing is how we act, how we live. Thought alone is not sufficient to carry us to the Most High; we must live our higher thoughts. Thinkers of beautiful thoughts are often miserable and unfortunate because they do not live their thoughts. God demands right action, perfect service, perfect living, more than mere idealistic dreaming with folded hands. This is a busy and progressive world.—*Frank Harrison.*

"WHAT YOU ARE, SO IS YOUR WORLD." If your heart is cold and dark, your world is cold and dark; if your heart, soul and mind are filled with love, hope, faith and trust your world is filled with light, beauty, joy and peace. Everything without is tinged with that within; if there is light within there is light without; if there is darkness and coldness within there is darkness and coldness without; heat is light, life, energy, force; cold is death, darkness and all that is negative. "What you are so is your world."

Suffering is the outcome of ignorance and stubborn and perverse will.—*A. Z.*



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And their words to the end of the world."

Shall we call this the rhapsody of an enthusiastic psalmist, suited only to a peculiar time and people? Is it dead truth? Can truth ever be dead? All divine truth should have a fundamental place in the life, philosophy and even science of to-day. Materialism has hidden the mainspring of human evolution, and even declares that it does not exist. If we cannot find God in our hearts and homes; if He is not in the field, forest and the shimmering sea; if not in the bursting seed and the blooming flower; if not in the daily occupation and the silent hour; if not in human experience, sombre or bright; if not in the sweeping current of social and individual life; if not immanent to-day and here, we may look in vain in the manger at Bethlehem, on the shores of Galilee or even the hill of Calvary. If we must have miracles of attestation, let us look at the working of divine forces at the present time, as well as at those which are embellished by tradition and mysticism. We keep the doors of our own consciousness, and may unwittingly permit eternal life and truth to slumber within the precincts of our own souls.

The Word of God, so far as it is expressed in the Old and New Testaments, is changing its significance. Its literal acceptance, and the emphasis

upon historic events which are not in accord with moral logic, are visibly passing, but the loss is but a seeming because there is far greater gain. The mechanical rigidity of its text is softened and translated into spiritual symbols of living and practical truth, and these help us to give validity and proportion to the present verities with which we have to deal. If the seen letter seems to be dissolving before our eyes, and the solid prose to be melting into Oriental metaphor and poetry, all the more its spirit will be released and permeate life and conduct. The supposed infallible language formerly believed to have been verbally dictated to a few specially favored mortals is being transmuted from words into spiritual vibrations which awakened the inward springs of the religious nature and quicken its activities. To those who deeply interpret the Word, the silences of the inner life are far more significant than the most thrilling ancient episodes. The records of the divine intimacies of gifted souls are of great value as aids and suggestions, but they cannot be equal to godly acquaintance at first hand.

The highest and most fitting divine expression or communication to man must come through the inner life. It is in accord with the moral order that the Word be made flesh and manifest itself through externals. This is not to be limited to any single example, however eminent, for it is a general law. The text of the purest scripture must be read, not merely in the abstract, but in human life and conduct.

The inner meaning of the Word finds its most perfect translation as a message of universal love. "God is Love." Pure love in man is the divine sample, and through it he may taste of the divine essence. Just in proportion as we aspire and turn our faces Godward we become "living epistles known and read of all men."

Wherever we find a human soul which breathes forth a divine quality, a book that lifts our thought from the mundane to the spiritual plane, character which inspires by simple contact, poetry which kindles aspiration, loving ministry which heals and soothes prevailing woes, there in some fitting and peculiar translation is the "Word of God." Its lines are spread out on every side if we sharpen our vision to read them.

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By Joe Cone

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If beauty knows us not;
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It really doesn't matter much

If we've no shining fame;
If we plug on, and do the square,
We'll get there just the same.

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And their words to the end of the world."

Shall we call this the rhapsody of an enthusiastic psalmist, suited only to a peculiar time and people? Is it dead truth? Can truth ever be dead? All divine truth should have a fundamental place in the life, philosophy and even science of to-day. Materialism has hidden the mainspring of human evolution, and even declares that it does not exist. If we cannot find God in our hearts and homes; if He is not in the field, forest and the shimmering sea; if not in the bursting seed and the blooming flower; if not in the daily occupation and the silent hour; if not in human experience, sombre or bright; if not in the sweeping current of social and individual life; if not immanent to-day and here, we may look in vain in the manger at Bethlehem, on the shores of Galilee or even the hill of Calvary. If we must have miracles of attestation, let us look at the working of divine forces at the present time, as well as at those which are embellished by tradition and mysticism. We keep the doors of our own consciousness, and may unwittingly permit eternal life and truth to slumber within the precincts of our own souls.

The Word of God, so far as it is expressed in the Old and New Testaments, is changing its significance. Its literal acceptance, and the emphasis

upon historic events which are not in accord with moral logic, are visibly passing, but the loss is but a seeming because there is far greater gain. The mechanical rigidity of its text is softened and translated into spiritual symbols of living and practical truth, and these help us to give validity and proportion to the present verities with which we have to deal. If the seen letter seems to be dissolving before our eyes, and the solid prose to be melting into Oriental metaphor and poetry, all the more its spirit will be released and permeate life and conduct. The supposed infallible language formerly believed to have been verbally dictated to a few specially favored mortals is being transmuted from words into spiritual vibrations which awakened the inward springs of the religious nature and quicken its activities. To those who deeply interpret the Word, the silences of the inner life are far more significant than the most thrilling ancient episodes. The records of the divine intimacies of gifted souls are of great value as aids and suggestions, but they cannot be equal to godly acquaintance at first hand.

The highest and most fitting divine expression or communication to man must come through the inner life. It is in accord with the moral order that the Word be made flesh and manifest itself through externals. This is not to be limited to any single example, however eminent, for it is a general law. The text of the purest scripture must be read, not merely in the abstract, but in human life and conduct.

The inner meaning of the Word finds its most perfect translation as a message of universal love. "God is Love." Pure love in man is the divine sample, and through it he may taste of the divine essence. Just in proportion as we aspire and turn our faces Godward we become "living epistles known and read of all men."

Wherever we find a human soul which breathes forth a divine quality, a book that lifts our thought from the mundane to the spiritual plane, character which inspires by simple contact, poetry which kindles aspiration, loving ministry which heals and soothes prevailing woes, there in some fitting and peculiar translation is the "Word of God." Its lines are spread out on every side if we sharpen our vision to read them.

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One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.—PSALMS XXVII, 4.

DEAR One of My Heart, thou hast come into the temple with open mind, with heart already attuned to the deeper Chords of Being. I feel that thou art ready for still further lessons, and that thou hast made good use of thy experience. Thou art learning, Beloved, that in the temple thy questions are answered.

That which thou wouldst know to-day is the Law concerning the life problems of one who, like a weary traveler, hath gone far upon a rough road, and who is burdened with much that is hard to carry. Thou wouldst ask why he must travel so far alone? Why he must become so weary of his burdens? Why he seems so long unhelped? Beloved, know this: Every soul must needs "tread the wine-press" of life and extract the rich nectar of the ripened fruit alone. Every soul must pass through the valley where darkness, tempests and many obstructions are in the path. Every soul must put forth its own strength and bear its own burdens.

In pressing on toward the Mount of Attainment this traveler along Life's Pathway, over whom thy heart yearneth and for whom thou wouldst plead, is in that stage of his journey when oftentimes he needs, yea, he must have the isolations, the darkness and the obstructions. Were there no opposing forces to bring out the innate strength, the persistence, the courage, the character of the traveler, there would be no effort made to attain, nor would there be attainment. Howsoever long the road may seem, there will be resting-places, there will be ministering hands holding out the "cups of cold water," and when the time cometh, as come it will to each and every one, there will be messengers sent forth to meet and help each traveler.

Think not, then, that those whom thou wouldst pity, those to whom thy loving heart may turn, are to be left unaided or unrefreshed. Not one thought of sympathy is ever lost, Beloved. Not one desire to help can go astray, and though thou mayst not put forth thy hand, though thou mayest not be able to give the aid thou wouldst, thy very thought will be a light, a strength, a blessing. Give not so much thy pity, then, but give thy courage, thy sweet assurance, thy heaven-born faith. In rich completeness of the Law give freely, that thy faith may reach into and sanctify the heart and life of the lonely one.

If so be thou knowest so well the Law that thou canst feel the greatness of its sure and perfect working, even though thy eyes may see the sadness, the anguish and the heavy burdens of the one whom thou wouldst help, thy very gladness in the surety of the Law will become incorporate in his heart and mind, and he, too, will say: "The help is near. This hard place will be o'erstepped, and I will enter upon the easy, pleasant portion of the road."

As the Law in Nature doth show forth in alternating change, in light and dark, in ebb and flow, in vacuum and repleteness, so doth the same Law rule in the life of soul. There must be days and nights, activity and rest, joy and sorrow, in order that the circle of the path of destiny be complete.

'Tis meet that every soul should have complete experience on all the planes of being in order that his knowledge may be full and perfect, else would he never know the fulness of his privilege of choosing how to use his faculties, nor how to give that deep, true sympathy which can only wake when sorrow layeth on his heart her heavy hand, or joy with gladsome fingers sweepeth o'er the harp-strings of his soul; 'tis meet that he should need the ministry upon the road, that he may in turn minister; 'tis meet that he should suffer that he may reap the richness and the fulness of that knowledge born of suffering.

Think not, then, Beloved of My Heart, that life is incomplete, or partial, to those who suffer or bear burdens, for since the life of one is the life of all, each soul must carry out the Law, and thus fulfil its earth-bound destiny. When thou seest one bowed or bent with grief, bewailing o'er the sadness of his human lot, rejoice, and let thy joy enable thee to speak to him the word of courage. Tell him of the wondrous meaning of this trial in

this portion of his soul's pilgrimage. Teach him that to him it signifieth the same as the breaking of ice in the frozen rivers when springtime cometh upon the earth. 'Tis the stage of change, of softening, of transition, when the pride of self is broken and the chains of ignorance fall. It is the herald of the larger knowing—the knowing of the truth that every incident and stage of mortal life is but the preparation for the faculties of deeper being, and the fuller privilege of living as the God-awakened.

Tell him to rejoice and not repine. Tell him to go forward with greater courage, e'en though defeat may threaten. Tell him that but to even think Victory will quickly bring an end to what may otherwise seem hopeless and fill him with the power and joy of knowing himself greater than his trial.

With this, Beloved, as thy key and clue, be not dismayed howe'er dark the mystery or intricate the problems of thy fellows. Be undisturbed and placid. Help when thou mayest. Give what thou canst, letting thy warm heart o'erflow with kindly help, thy hands be ever ready for the kindly deed, and thy lips be ever ready to give the message that will help the most. So shalt thou come, Beloved of My Heart, to know so well the Law of Life that whatsoever appeareth of the life, thy judgment will be true, thy heart unmoved, thy mind tranquil, and thou my chosen and ordained helper of the helpless.

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What a wonderful, cheering and brightening and uplifting thing it is to realize that the Omniscient, Omnipotent and Omnipresent God of this universe is our very Loving Father! What hope and courage and power and strength it gives one when he can fully realize the Mighty God and say: "God is with me! He is my God! He is the God of All! Why fear? He is omnipresent; He will strengthen me! He, the Omnipotent God, will help me! He, the Omniscient God, will show me the way, for He is the Loving, Eternal God of All!"

"Fear thou not, for I am with thee" gives the God-loving soul courage and strength to go through any trial with an indescribable heroism. Love of God and belief in these words of God make the heroes of the world. Endurance with cheerfulness comes when we love God and fear not! Mighty power to do, to accomplish, to achieve, to help, comes to all souls who love God and fear not. Fear is weakening and makes one morbid and blue and lonesome and depressed. Who can fear one bit who loves God? Who can be blue and lonely when the Omnipresent One and His bright Angels are with us? These are cheering and inspiring words to my soul, my heart and my mind—"FEAR THOU NOT, FOR I AM WITH THEE."

"Be not dismayed! for I am thy God." More Grand words! "I AM THY GOD!" Love God and you will never be dismayed, nor apprehensive, nor fretted, nor worried. Love God and the Holy Spirit and the Angels will carry you through any trouble. Talk about the wonders of Psychic and Occult Powers and the unseen forces! Why, they are only phases of God's Mighty Power, which anyone can have in an easy and simple way—by loving God and placing all trust in Him. Love and trust God and you will see the words in a blazing and radiant light, and feel them in your every cell, and every tissue, and every drop of blood—I mean the words of God: "BE NOT DISMAYED, FOR I AM THY GOD."

"I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Mark these blessed words of God! It is a sacred and holy promise, a pledge, and God has never yet broken one pledge or one promise, and never will. "I will help thee" means much to all you who are weak and suffering. They are not idle words. They are God's words! "I WILL HELP THEE." He will strengthen, help and uphold. I write here with a positive pen that God will do all this and more, too, without any fear of one man in this whole world saying God will not strengthen, help and uphold any one of His children who goes to him in weakness, grief and sorrow. Millions of souls can testify to God's wonderful power to strengthen, help and uphold weak and suffering mortals. These words of God that make up the latter part of the Bible verse have a power to make anyone vibrate with new hope. We all need strength! We all need help! We all need a supernatural hand or something above Nature to uphold us, and keep us firm on our feet! Supernatural strength means a strength above that which Nature can give us—the strength of God. So, dear soul, who reads these chats, I beseech you, come into the Holy Vibrations of God and let Him strengthen you and help you and uphold you. He, the blessed One, has never failed to stand by man, and never will when man goes to Him with love and reverence and earnestly asks Him for help. These words are God's pledge to humanity and have stood the test of ages and

will ever stand. Read them again: "I WILL STRENGTHEN THEE; YEA, I WILL HELP THEE; YEA, I WILL UPHOLD THEE WITH THE RIGHT HAND OF MY RIGHTEOUSNESS."

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits," sings David. How we all ignore and neglect and forget the blessed and sacred promises of God! Surrounding us on every hand are His blessings. Is it any wonder that the wise God should withhold things from some of us, when we turn a deaf ear and a blind eye and a dead heart to His pledges and promises and gifts? And, mark you, God is wise as well as loving, and has a WITHHOLDING POWER, and exercises this WITHHOLDING POWER where He sees His children, whom He dearly loves, would abuse His power, strength, help and knowledge. God is not an angry or wrathful God, but He is a God of great love, great mercy, great tenderness, great gentleness and great wisdom in giving gifts and withholding gifts. We must, with David, say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits," to honor and reverence God.

God's withholding power is grand and wonderful, because God is wise and good. Therefore, how important it is for us to come to God and listen to His Divine Promises! With love and reverence for God we can understand and feel and be filled and thrilled with His golden promises—"Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." These words are only empty and meaningless to one who stubbornly and wilfully refuses to see or recognize, much less honor, God. Often they are cheering words to the suffering sinner who has strayed far, far away from the loving Father's Home. God's words always brighten and strengthen all those souls who have unreservedly come to the Father and say from their hearts, "Take me, Loving Father; Thy way, not mine."

"Lord, I will clasp thy hands in mine,
Nor ever murmur or repine—
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me."

God does not desire us to fear Him nor to be dismayed. The teachers who have taught men to fear God have driven and kept away countless souls from God. Fanatics have made of the tender, merciful, loving Father of All a monster! God is not a wrathful, bloodthirsty monster! Men have attributed powers to God that He has never used. God is Almighty and Omnipotent; but He is not cruel nor unjust. God ever tries to strengthen us, ever tries to help us and ever tries to uplift and uphold us. He, in His great love for man, has given man free will, and if man persists in perverseness and refuses to see or hear God and His Angels the Father can only do one thing, and that is, project on His wandering children more love and patiently wait until He can win them with His mighty love, which, sooner or later—some time, somewhere—prevails and wins them to Him. Of course, in His great wisdom and loving-kindness He must withhold gifts, for it is the nature of sinful and perverse children of God to attribute every gift or good thing they receive to their own mortal wills. Mortal man is vain and proud and puffed up with conceit. Now, God is too wise to foster these selfish qualities of man, so He simply uses His wonderful withholding power. To the ignorant this looks like the "wrath" and "vengeance" of God. Not at all! It is no more than a loving earth-father does in not letting his little boy whom he dearly loves play with guns and gunpowder until he is wise enough to use them without danger.

If you are in sorrow, are miserable, poor, weak, unhappy, and not contented and not cheerful, look to God! Look within and look above and look without! Pray to God in sorrow for Light. Prayers uttered in deep sorrow are effective. God does not want cold, selfish prayers that are formal and have a multiplicity of words. He is moved by the simple prayers that come from the broken-hearted and the sinful, for it is to these very sorrowful ones that the mighty, loving Hand of God is ever outstretched.

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"That which exists is one; Sages call it variously."
—Rig-Veda, I, 164, 46.



THIS month I will write of the Great Cycles through which this planet has passed, or evolved, as taught by certain great adepts or Wise Men of the East. In the first place, the age of this planet, according to a certain school of Yogic Adepts of India and this country, is much greater than it is supposed to be by the theologians and scientific men.

Before proceeding to write down what comes from the Infinite Reservoir of Knowledge, we will invoke the Ancient One and the Angels of Light to assist us.

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O Eternal God, who art omniscient, we approach Thee with love and reverence, asking Thee, Knower of All things, to enlighten us, your aspiring children. Keep our minds free from all false imaginations, and may your humble servant and his Angel guides give the readers of this Magazine only Truth, to the everlasting glory of God, the Eternal One.—AMEN.

The Holy Adepts say that in 1900 we ended the third GREAT CYCLE of this planet (1900). The year 1901 commenced the Fourth GREAT CYCLE or Golden Age. This planet will exist as a beautiful, habitable planet for Seven GREAT CYCLES. The age, or period in years, of one GREAT CYCLE is beyond the Comprehension of even men of great imaginations. But the Masters, Holy Adepts of the really Ancient Brotherhood, and the students of the Vedas and the Bible have various ways of describing a GREAT CYCLE—through deep and profound study, prayer for light, meditation, and through divine impressions or Angel Messages. Also, much knowledge comes while in the superconscious or blissful state. The adepts get knowledge of this character in many ways.

Lord Buddha, in describing a Great Cycle, said about as follows: Imagine a great square piece of the hardest granite, three miles square, and an Angel of Heaven coming down to Earth once in every one hundred years and with a silk cloth brushing this great piece of granite just one time; that when such brushing should entirely wear away the granite would be the period in years of one GREAT CYCLE. Think of what a period of years that would be! Another master adept says the years of a Great Cycle would be the period that it would take a small bird to drain dry all the oceans and rivers and lakes of the world, providing the little bird could carry to the planet Jupiter (which is fourteen hundred times the size of the Earth) just one drop of water every one hundred years.

Many such descriptions of a GREAT CYCLE are given by the adepts. This Earth is very, very old, according to mortal mind, and also has a great period to yet exist as a habitable sphere. Four of these GREAT CYCLES yet! Think of it and marvel. The three first Great Cycles of a planet are cycles of great darkness, tremendous struggle and tremendous suffering for all the myriads of souls whom God has sent to get the planet into fairly good shape as a habitable planet. We are just emerging out of those tremendous periods of darkness and woe and misery into the dawn of a New Light. "Every visible planet in this solar system is regarded as entering the Fourth Great Cycle now." We have just completed three GREAT CYCLES, or three successive stages of the evolution of the Earth.

When a Holy, God-loving Seer or Adept renounces everything for love and service of God and works on the Universal Plane, when he is not limited to Earth, but reaches out into all parts of this solar system and the countless other solar systems of the Great and Wonderful Universe, he gets an idea, or rather knowledge, of God, the Creator of All and the Loving Father of All, that no other one can get. God to this Adept is not the small, limited God of most mortals. He is really Omniscient, Omnipotent and Omnipresent.

Look up! ye who are fearful and doubtful, and see only darkness. We have just entered the FOURTH GREAT CYCLE! At every hand and in every thing

you can see the signs of a new and glorious age! Wipe away the veils of ignorance and fear and superstition and perverseness and stubbornness from your darkened souls and let in the New Light. This is the Soul Age of this planet! The Kingdom of God is soon to be established right here on Earth! Look up and look out and look within, and rouse your soul so that you can see the Hand of God in His evolutionary work. Each and every soul is progressing, and each and every soul is a child of God, the Loving Father of All, and each soul will share in the progress, growth and development of this planet. Fear not! Doubt not! God is just! This is God's World! We are God's children, every one of us.

The Seers, the Sages and the Prophets and Holy Mystics know and see wonderful things: All men slowly but surely are coming to God and are getting on the Great Path of Light which leads straight to the Eternal God, the Blessed One, and to Eternal Peace and Bliss. Man is becoming divine and God-like, because he has cast out of his mind once and for all time the small, tyrannical God of the Dark Ages and is being folded into the arms of the true God of Love and Tender Mercy. As man becomes more Godlike he becomes more fearless, more hopeful, more courageous, more optimistic and more powerful to do.

One of the signs of the times—of the beginning of the Golden Age—is the changed attitude of the Church, the ministers and the priests and the rabbis toward each other. The vibrations of the Holy Spirit are everywhere, and are breathing into men more love for each other and more tolerance and more charity for each other. Christianity is more like Christ than ever before. Christ has more real followers to-day than He ever had in the history of Christianity, and when the new generation of great souls who are here now, and are coming in from Heaven by the thousands every day, get hold of the Church and teach and preach a great Eternal Loving God—the Loving Father of All—who sent His son, the Master, to point the Way to God, and not to be idolized and worshipped Himself—then we will see a fulfilment of all the old, glowing prophecies of the New GREAT CYCLE. The Master, Jesus, implored men not to idolize and worship Him, but to go to God and love and adore and worship Him. The living Christ in Heaven, to-day, through all the Adepts and Holy men of the world, is trying to direct men to God. But some Christians worship and idolize the Son more than they do the Father; they worship and idolize the dead Nazarene instead of the Living Christ of this planet. The Living Christ wishes the Earth children to worship the Eternal God, the Loving Father of All, and not the Master.

Reincarnation and Evolution

THE great teacher of Spiritual Truths should avoid as much as possible discussion and speculation and confine himself to matters of knowledge and experience. The doctrine of Reincarnation and Evolution is not a theory or speculation with the Mystic Adept; it is positive knowledge and experience with him, and when he writes or speaks about these blessed truths it is with authority, and not at all in the spirit of theorizing or speculating. Of course, it is not always knowledge to the reader or hearer, and if he is wise he will neither believe it nor denounce it, but will think, reason and search for the truth about it himself. If he does act honestly about it, in a while he, too, will have knowledge and experience.—The Blissful Prophet.

The blessed Power that careth for man in his earth life here will care for him in his spiritual life there; the rebirth called "death" is always attended by blessed Angels of Love who care for the passing Ego; this is God's Way, with all spirits, who pass on to the new and higher life; all do pass on to a more peaceful, progressive and restful state, notwithstanding the teachings of some who hold the illusion of an eternal hell.—The Blissful Prophet.

Truth has been lived by silent, holy mystics millions of times; to make truth ours we must live it, and not merely believe in it; the gulf between living the life and believing in it is as wide as space; we must live to live.—The Blissful Prophet.

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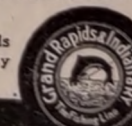
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A TALE ON FAITH

We puzzle ourselves over the getting of Faith as though it were a mighty problem, and all the while the problem goes on solving itself at our very doors, in our very houses and in our very lives. We have Faith and know it not. We exercise Faith and are not conscious of the fact.

When I ask myself, what is Faith? my question is answered on every side, though I may not always hear the answer. Why, even my pet cat, whose providence I am, manifests a faith in me which corresponds to the larger faith I have in my Providence. It is one and the same principle, varying only in degree.

When this faith-full cat misses me from the house he lies down at the head of the stairs commanding a view of the front door, and there he awaits my return, though it may be for hours. When I open the door he gives a wistful look to see if it is really I, then a glad "prrrr" of greeting, and rushes down the staircase to meet me.

What does my cat see in the door to hold him gazing at it? Nothing! What he sees is not really the door, for he looks through it and sees—me, with the eye of his cat-faith.

And can I have less faith in my Providence than my cat has in me? Shall a closed door seem a hopeless barrier from which to turn away, or shall I wait before it until it swings open to admit the longed-for Presence?

Surely Faith is a simple thing and easy of comprehension, though, from a psychological viewpoint, it may be very much of a problem.

Solving Life's problems is all very well and a good thing to do, but it does not always help you to live Life more happily, any more than it slakes your thirst or satisfies your hunger to learn the constituent parts of food and water. To sustain life you must get the food and water and make them a part of yourself, for you might die while they are withheld from you for the purpose of analysis.

Analysis may determine the character of your food and drink, enabling you to choose the most healthful, but it does not, in itself, put that food and drink in your mouth.

Neither does reasoning about Faith give you Faith. The more you reason the more difficult and far away Faith seems, while the fact is that it is the umbilical cord which unites you to the Supreme Power, your Providence. It is the channel through which you receive all that God gives you in the way of Life, Health, Vitality, Love, Happiness, Intelligence, Wisdom and Power.

Faith is this umbilical cord, and by it you are continually fed with God-substance.

So you see what folly it is to go seeking Faith, for no amount of seeking would make it more yours than it is now. The only trouble is that the channel sometimes gets clogged and the influx lessened, but that passes and the flow is again established.

Yes, Faith is as much a part of you as your breath, your digestion or any other functional process. It is therefore the most natural thing in the world to trust and believe in something; and the better that something is the happier and more secure our Faith. We throw out little tendrils of trust to other human beings, which are often cruelly torn and hurt, because those human beings are unworthy of our love and faith; but when we rely upon the Supreme Power and Goodness we are never disappointed, never left cold, hungry or unsatisfied. Why? Because the object of our Faith is greater than our ideals and cannot therefore fall short of them.

My cat, dimly comprehending my power to supply his needs, trusts it and is fed. I, dimly comprehending the Power which supplies my needs, trust it and am fed.

I would not depreciate Reason, but as a source of Happiness give me Faith; Faith in the Supreme Goodness, and Faith in its manifestation in my fellow-creatures.

Herbert Spencer, in his "First Principles," shows very plainly that by arguing from one side one can prove that God is, while by arguing from the other one can prove that God is not. But, when all reasoning is done, do we not know and feel that God is?

And why do we know and feel thus? Is it not that God-Substance is in continual touch with us through the umbilical cord of Faith? We know and feel it as we know and feel our food, the knowledge and the feeling being something which will not be reasoned away. It is a vital fact and beyond the scope of Reason, excellent though the latter may be in its own field of action.

Like other functioning, Faith strengthens by exercise. The more you trust and draw upon the unseen Power the more strength you have to draw with and the more you receive. I base that assertion upon the law that regulates functional growth; therefore I depend upon it as true.

Then, too, Faith, being a natural function, is pleasurable; i. e., the stronger your faith the happier you are. You can prove this by comparing your states of faith or non-faith in some loved one and I need not remind you that the state of faith is one of happiness, while that of non-faith is one of wretchedness.

Yes, the mere exercise of Faith is Happiness, and it is also Growth, Establishment, Strength, Stability and Security, for "Faith steps out on seeming void and finds the solid rock." How well I can see the process. I see you stepping out on the seeming void, while the motion of your spirit, under the influence of Faith, changes the molecular action of the air, converting it into rock. If your faith were strong enough you could step off a precipice and a support would instantly form under your feet so that you would not fall. Jesus, by means of His perfect faith, walked in safety upon the water, while His disciple, through his lack of faith, was in danger of sinking.

And the Prayer of Faith shall heal the sick. When all material remedies have failed and the dark void is filled with despair, then Faith, stepping in, finds a strong and sure support for its feet. Where was a seeming void it finds the solid rock of Security and Power from which there springs new life and health.

But does not God heal sickness? Yes, certainly, but God heals through something, and that something is the Prayer of Faith. That is the channel through which there flows a new supply of health and life.

In these days of advanced metaphysical culture students too often get away from the simple, strong bases of relief to lose themselves in a mysterious labyrinth which leads nowhere in particular and is therefore without beneficent end.

"Thy Faith hath made thee whole." Yea, & Faith rather than thy Learning.

By our Faith shall we grow in Strength and Happiness. By our Faith shall we have Health and Wholeness of Mind and Body. By our Faith shall we heal sickness and spread the Gospel of Joy.

What Is God?

By Charles Henry Webber, in Mind

WHAT is God, and why and where?
Is there a God to answer prayer?
Just pause and think: Is not your thought
Of what in Nature has been wrought?
What wrought it? Was it you or me?
Or was it more than we could be?
Do you think God is good and great?
Do you think God is chance or fate?
Do you think God is right or wrong?
What is the burden of your song?
What you think God is—that is He;
What you think God is—He will be
To you, my friend; but, unto me,
He may be more than you can see.
To you He may be more indeed
Than ever I could have conceived.
To you, my friend, God may be Love,
Or Strength, or Will, or Power above.
He may be "cruel" unto you,
Or God may be to you most true.
He may be "vengeance" or be joy—
He may be but a mental toy;
Just what you think Him—that is God.
And as you think, you feel His "rod."
'Tis you who make the God for you;
And as you make Him, pray be true.
But never make some other knee
Bow down to what is your decree;
For God to them is just as true
For what they think as unto you.
The strength of All-in-all is God,
And your own strength is your own God.
You did not make the strength you own;
It is not strength to you alone—
For you are but a part of All;
You only can your strength extol.
Beyond your strength you cannot go,
Beyond your strength you cannot know;
Yet as you grow in strength you see
That something more than you must be.
That "something more" becomes your "rod"—
That "something more" you know is God.

There is nothing like the turning, whirling grindstone of toil to put an edge on the steel of human nature. Laziness I abhor and consider industry the best stuff for the making of saints. Books feed me, while crowds and parlor babble starve me. Often do I go away from the multitude hungry—go into the silence; here is a bread which the masses know not of.—Dr. J. M. Peebles, in his eightieth year of busy life.

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A good workman may accomplish much with poor tools, but he will always accomplish more if he has the best obtainable instruments to work with.

Now, the body is the instrument of the soul. Through the body the soul finds expression, and creates in accordance with its desires.

If the body is kept clean and pure, as becomes the temple of the living God, the soul is able to express itself more fully, and to better build the entire man into the being which he should become.

A body which is clogged with excess of food, or deadened by the use of liquor, or tobacco condiments is not a fit instrument for the soul's expression.

The finer, higher vibrations from the unseen side of life are not recognized or registered by a physical body which has had all its senses dulled by so-called "high living."

In reality "high living" is the lowest form of living. It is groveling in the physical senses which have no life in themselves. It is turning away from the springs of real life to that which can never bring satisfaction or happiness.

The use of wine and tobacco first stimulates and then dulls the physical senses. The effect of their use is to coarsen the body and physical senses and dwarf the mind.

There is little doubt in my mind that the habitual use of meat as an article of food is productive of results similar to those which attend the use of liquor and tobacco.

Meat is largely a stimulant. But it has other qualities which make it even more injurious than tobacco or liquor. Meat contains impurities which enter the blood and produce cancer, rheumatism and kindred disorders. It leads to a craving for other stimulants as well.

Dr. Jackson, for forty years at the head of an asylum for drunkards, says:

"It is morally and physically impossible for any man to remain a drunkard who can be induced to forego the use of tobacco, tea, coffee, spicy condiments, common salt, flesh meats and medicinal drugs. If his diet consists of grain, fruits and vegetables simply cooked, he cannot retain an appetite for strong drinks. The desire dies out of him, and in its stead comes up a disgust. This disgust is as decidedly moral as it is physical. His better nature revolts at the thought of drinking, and the power in him to resist is strengthened thereby."

There is a prevailing notion that meat imparts more strength than other foods. This is wholly an error. Over and over again it has been demonstrated that those accustomed to a vegetarian diet could more than hold their own in tests of strength and endurance with those who were meat users. Many successful athletes refrain from eating meat because they find other articles of food better suited to their needs.

Sir Henry Thompson, M.D., F.R.C.S., an eminent English authority, says: "It is a vulgar error to regard meat in any form as necessary to life. All that is necessary to the human body can be supplied by the vegetable kingdom. I know how much of the prevailing meat diet is not merely a wasteful extravagance, but a source of serious evil to the consumer."

Alex. Haig, M.D., F.R.C.P., one of the greatest authorities upon rheumatism and gout, says: "As animal flesh of all kinds contains either uric acid or substances equivalent to it, such as xanthins, these sources of albumen must be ruled out, for the blood cannot be kept properly free from this substance while it is being continually introduced with every mouthful swallowed."

So much for the scientific objections to flesh eating. But there are also other reasons why the person who desires to reach the highest spiritual unfoldment should not partake of flesh. The animals eaten are only a step lower in the scale of being than man. The custom of slaughtering animals for food is degrading in many ways. The taking of animal life is repugnant to those who recognize the unity of all things.

Fruits, nuts, cereals and vegetables are the best and purest food for man. Fruits and nuts are ripened by the sun's rays, and partake of the sun's vitality and warmth.

Of course, those who live on the purely animal plane, and who have done so for many years, will not find it so easy to make a radical change in their diet. But when the time comes that they really desire to make a change, and they see the advantages of a pure diet, they will not find it so difficult to gradually introduce fruits, cereals and vegetable products into their daily meals until meat is nearly or quite eliminated.

The excessive use of pepper and salt is to be avoided. Tea and coffee also are stimulants which can well be dispensed with.

The use of meats and condiments is responsible for many cases of dyspepsia, which would be greatly modified or entirely disappear upon the adoption of a pure diet.

Children who are brought up on a non-meat diet are healthy and strong and never have any craving for meat because they have not formed the habit of eating it.

The meat eating habit is fostered and perpetuated largely because of the stimulating qualities which the flesh diet affords. For meat is really more of a stimulant than a food. Far greater strength, endurance and vigor of body and mind are to be found in a non-meat diet than in one composed largely of flesh. Many of the best authorities on diet which are to be found are well agreed on this point. And many physiologists who do not openly advocate a non-flesh diet will tell you that it has many advantages. Their reason for not recommending its general adoption is because of the supposed difficulty of obtaining suitable food to take the place of meat. This difficulty appears much larger than it really is.

A little study of the various properties of the common articles of diet will show you what to select to take the place of meat. And you will be somewhat surprised to learn that the nutritious value of meat is really low as compared with most other common articles of food.

There is one error into which many people fall when they first discard meat, either wholly or in part. That is, they eat too large a proportion of starchy food (bread, potatoes, pastry, etc.) and not enough fruit and vegetables or nuts.

For those engaged in manual labor peas, beans and lentils afford an excellent substitute for meat. The various kinds of nut butter can be used to good advantage, and ground nuts, in various combinations, make a good substitute for meat. Do not forget to make at least one meal a day wholly, or nearly so, of fresh, ripe fruit. And eat plenty of fruit at all times, either fresh or cooked.

Milk, butter, eggs and cheese will be found valuable aids to those who are beginning to eschew meat.

In conclusion, it is needless to say, perhaps, that many of the world's greatest scholars and most spiritually minded men have been non-meat eaters. A non-meat diet is certainly conducive to the highest physical, mental and spiritual development. Keep the temple of your body pure, and your soul will then be better able to build you into such a being as you desire to become.

He whose mind is free from the illusion that he can or will do great works without the help and grace of God will begin to do all things without wear or tear of mind or body; he will soon become omniscient and omnipotent: it is the mortal mind and mortal will of man that deludes his mind that he can act with his own mind and his own will independent and separate from Divine Mind and Will, that causes failure, disease, unbalance of mind and insanity. O great and blessed God, I can do nothing without Thee!—Ananda.

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Psychic-Mental Healing; or, The Substance of Things

GEO. S. EDMONSON, Ph.D., in Weltmer's Magazine



BEFORE any progress can be made in Psychic healing it is necessary that the student should be brought to an understanding of certain fundamental principles, in order that he may look at the ideas presented from the same point of view as that of the instructor; otherwise the true meaning intended to be conveyed might not be grasped, and seeming differences of opinion might arise between the student and the instructor—differences which would not be in fact or theory, but rather in definition or understanding of the terms employed.

Among other things, and, perhaps, the most important of all, the true idea of "the substance of things" must be gained. To start with, let us agree upon the meaning of the word "substance" as we intend it in this connection, and the sense in which we shall hereafter use it. The common or general idea conveyed by this word is one of substantiality, solidity, matter as we observe it. It is not in this sense that we shall use the term. We refer to it as the underlying principle or permanent cause of all outward manifestation or phenomena either spiritual or material.

Unless the student has given some study and thought to matters of this kind, some of the statements to be made will probably be radically different from all his notions of things that are, and he may find some difficulty in accepting them as true. Before rejecting them, however, he should think them over carefully, first from one standpoint, then from another; he will likely discover the truth of what is said.

To a person of materialistic tendencies, it may be a rather startling statement to assert that, in this world of ours we have to do merely with the manifestation of the substance of things, and never with the substance itself; with shadows and not realities. Yet such, briefly, is the case. Throughout the domain of science, whether the subject be matter, motion or mind, we have to deal with phenomena—the appearance of things; never with substance—the underlying cause or principle.

You think of a piece of coal or a rock. It is seemingly very real and appears to have the quality of substance. Well, it is real, and it has the quality of substance, perhaps, according to the ordinary way of thinking; but the ordinary is not the correct way of thinking in this as well as in many other cases. The lump of coal is not itself the reality; that is, the real substance. It is but the visible expression of the invisible, the form in which the true substance is made manifest. It is not simple or elemental itself, but a compound of other units, which, in turn, are not themselves ultimate, but only simpler modes of the ultimate.

The chemist analyzes the piece of coal and tells us the chemical elements of which it is composed and the relation in which these elements are combined to make up this compound. He goes a step farther and explains to us that, theoretically, these elements are in turn compounded of still smaller units called atoms; that in the minutest visible fragment of this piece of coal, which we at first considered a simple substance, there are millions of these units suspended, as it were, in space, each one of which moves rhythmically about within its proper sphere at an inconceivable speed, in obedience to an unknown, unthinkable law.

And now, we think, we have reached the ultimate substance of matter. But no—still a step farther he takes us. Although we have reached what would seem to be the utmost limit of thinking, he now calmly informs us that even one of these units is not simple but compound; not a single thing, but a system of things. Whichever of these theoretical units we wish to speak of we may call an atom. This is the name given to the ultimate conception of the unit of divisible matter. It is needless to say it has no real existence. It exists only in the mind, in thought. It cannot be seen or measured; it cannot be handled or weighed. It is the unknown quantity in the equation of material existence whose value can never be determined save in terms of its modes of manifestation. Even admitting the reality of this ultimate, primordial atom, we fail in getting a conception of the substance of matter; for then we shall have to ask, What is the substance of the atom? Of what is it made? Whence does it come? And the answer comes not.

Of motion we need say but little. Though not an attribute or quality of matter, we only think of it in its relation to matter; we observe it only in its manifestations upon matter. A simple illustration will suffice. You hold a weight in your hand. There is no quality of motion perceptible in it. You let it drop. What happens? Motion is immediately manifested every moment it occupies a different position in space until it finally strikes the ground and stops. Where is the motion now? To be sure, a certain portion of it has been trans-

mitted by shock to the earth. Other portions have been communicated to the surrounding air, and, step by step, through media to media, it finds its way to the uttermost conceivable limits of space—to infinity itself. But what of that particular mode of motion observed in the falling weight? Whence came it? Where has it gone? You may say that gravity caused it to fall when released by the hand. Gravity is force. What is the cause of gravity? Whence is force derived?

And now we come to a consideration of the substance of mind. In the preceding paragraph we called attention to motion that a better conception may be obtained of a phase of mind represented as motion. From a physiological standpoint, mind is simply a certain kind of matter in motion. Impressions are received and conveyed to the brain by means of molecular motion incited in nerve matter by some form of shock. These impressions are stored up in the brain by a certain definite arrangement of particles of this same nerve matter, and are recalled, as in memory, by the same definite arrangement of these particles being brought about. This is, briefly, the objective or physiological view of the mind. But where is the substance of it? What is the underlying cause? If we seek it in the nerve matter through which the impressions were received we are simply searching for the substance of matter. If we look for it in the motion incited by chemical changes in the nerve matter, we must ask for the cause of the chemical action. Thus we discover that the substance of mind is not to be found by observation of its objective or external manifestations.

Let us take another view. Impressions and ideas, says Hume, are the only things known, and the sum of these is Mind. Granting the truth of this definition, we must seek the substance of mind in each and every impression and idea of which it is composed, and, granting we were to find it, we should then have as many separate and individual substances as there are impressions and ideas. This does not meet our requirements, because we would then have to reduce all these separate substances to one substance—to find the substance of the substances. Without pursuing the discussion farther it is safe to conclude that, like matter, the substance of mind cannot be known.

Yet the mind is the most real thing with which we have to deal. All else, to have any existence, must be interpreted into it in the form of ideas and impressions. For us the external world has no real existence except in our different states of consciousness, and its form of existence, its attributes and qualities are simply our ideas of its form, attributes and qualities.

While it is true that we can know nothing of the substance of things, we can and do know much concerning its manifestation. In the realm of the material universe, by long and intelligent observation of its phenomena, numerous well-defined laws have been discovered. Of the laws of mind, it must be confessed, not so much has been accomplished; but in recent years great strides have been made through scientific investigation of its phenomena as disclosed in hypnosis, mesmerism and kindred subjects. While there is much to learn, the knowledge attained by a few bold investigators who have dared to depart from the dicta of a materialistic world is gigantic as compared with the ignorance of less than a quarter of a century ago.

The subject is immense, and could be easily extended to fill a large volume. The writer has endeavored to give merely an outline of the discussion in order to suggest a train of thought to the student which will bring about a condition of mind that will make him receptive to the subject matter of the main proposition. Therefore the student will do well to ponder deeply on the suggestions offered. Let him keep them constantly before him, whatever he may do and wherever he may go. View the statements involved from every conceivable standpoint, until you get a clear idea of them. The subject is somewhat abstruse, but you will have little difficulty in understanding it if you give it the proper amount of thought and reflection.

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The Drink Problem

HOW TO SOLVE IT

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IN urging temperance men to investigate the question of food reform, I do so as a total abstainer of ten years' standing whose conviction as to the advisability of such abstinence is unalterably fixed, but also as one who believes that he brings to the notice of his fellow-workers the knowledge of a more effective weapon wherewith to fight the evils which have so cursed our race in the past, and which still threaten it with the direst calamities.

Alcoholism is rightly denounced as a prolific breeder of other vices, but if there exists that which is the begetter of alcoholism, that undeniably is the parent of them all! Inebriety is now classified as a disease by experts who have devoted their attention to its study and treatment; and considerable knowledge has been gained as to its causation and possible cure. The immediate cause of alcoholic indulgence is the importunate craving of the system for stimulation. If alcoholic drinks are readily obtainable by the victim of this desire, they are usually resorted to; and, in such cases, we speak of the Drink Crave. But this condition of feverish restlessness, of nervous irritability, of depressing weakness, often seeks relief in other and scarcely less disastrous directions. The inordinate drinker of tea, the incessant tobacco smoker, the slave of sensuality, the victim of solitary vice, and many others are in small or large measure victims of the same diseased conditions. Whence then comes it? That bluntest of all physicians, the celebrated Dr. Abernethy, struck the right nail on the head when he said, "I tell you honestly what is the cause of the complicated madness of the human race. It is their gourmandizing and stimulating the digestive organs to excess, and thereby producing nervous disorders and irritations." A somewhat similar conclusion with respect to unwise dietetic habits has been arrived at by Sir Henry Thompson, F.R.C.S., for he has expressed an opinion that they are responsible for more physical evil, and possibly of more moral evil also, than even alcoholic drink.

Many things may be put forward as active agents in the causation of the drink crave, but these operate only on the basis of a weakness, irritation or derangement of the nervous system. This disordered condition of the nerves may be inherited, but is usually the result of *malnutrition*, or of induced excitement or exhaustion. The testimonies of medical experts point to dietetic error as the source of this diseased condition; while food reformers testify that a rational and bloodless diet will effectually overcome and cure the inherited or acquired craving for strong drink. Abstinence from flesh and stimulants is a first step toward the restoration of the nerve-debilitated. Moral suasion and inherent will power have snatched many from the drunkard's doom, but in all too many instances they have proved altogether unavailing. Dr. Norman Kerr, in speaking of this fact, has said, "Repeated relapses and absolute failures in the apparently converted have shaken my confidence in the efficacy of moral means only. To effect a cure it is essential that the physical cause be ascertained and removed."

Injudicious and unwholesome diet contributes to predispose the system to inebriety. The inflammatory nature of flesh-meat is now generally recognized by the medical profession; and the close connection between its use and the drink habit has been unmistakably traced and exposed. Dr. Susanna W. Dodds, in a paper read at an International Congress held in Chicago in 1893, said, "A further objection to a meat diet is its stimulating character. The waste matter that it contains serves as an artificial stimulus, and the individual feels strengthened for the time being, very much as the dram-drinker fancies he is strengthened while the alcohol is in his system and the vital organs are trying to expel it. But as soon as this struggle is over it is followed by a reaction; there is a period of exhaustion, during which the overtaxed organs are taking a rest after the extra labor which they have performed. The habitual use of meat prepares the palate for other and stronger stimulants. . . . Then it is only a step to the use of beer, whisky, brandy, etc. These follow in regular gradation, each seeming to call for the other. But if there has not been a start on this down grade it is easier to hold one's footing. Nature is better able to defend herself. It is, therefore, a common remark that so long as one abstains from the use of meat and the seasonings that usually go with it there is no danger of becoming a drunkard."

The truth of this statement is corroborated and accentuated by the experience and testimony of food reformers in general. Abstinence from flesh, and the adoption of a diet into which fruit largely enters, will so cool and strengthen the feverish and diseased system that the desire for strong drink dies out. Food reformers, as such, do not pledge themselves to teetotal practices, but those few who are not total abstainers are extremely abstemious.

Dr. Jackson, famous as the head physician of the asylum at Dansville, U.S.A., speaking of the malnutrition of the nervous system as the predisposing cause of the drink crave, says "Under a great variety of circumstances exhibited in our common life men feel a strong desire for stimulants. That desire grows out of the starved condition of the nerves in their bodies. If you give to this debilitated, disordered, diseased, exhausted living body, by way of aliment, the means of repairing its starved nerve tissues the desire for stimulants is lost. Under the recuperative effect of nutrients the longing for stimulants disappears."

The nutrients, for want of which the nerves are starved, are to be found in the vegetable salts and acids which are usually rejected by the unenlightened feeder. The habitual use of wholemeal bread, fresh fruit and vegetables simply cooked on conservative lines, do much to remedy the nerve starvation induced by an unnatural and unwholesome flesh diet. Such a diet would provide an effectual barrier to alcoholic excess, and would remove the crave from those subjected to its demoniac impulses. Dr. Jackson has said: "It is not possible for a drunkard to eat unleavened bread, made from unbolted wheat flour, and uncooked fruits, such as the apple, pear, plum or apricot, and nothing else for six months, without having the desire for liquor substantially die in him." "I have been instrumental during my professional life in restoring to permanent health, to thorough sobriety and large usefulness, over one hundred habitual drunkards. In no instance, when I have had the opportunity to bring to bear these agencies so as to change the nervous system of the patient, have I failed."

When temperance people come to understand that no person can become a drunkard until an appetite for liquor has been created and fixed, and that such appetite always has its beginnings in exciting foods and narcotic or stimulo-narcotic drinks, and depressant or tonic drugs, and that no one having become a drunkard can remain such—once he shall have entirely abandoned stimulating food and drugs—the way to success will be open before them."

The importance of this testimony from such an authority cannot be overestimated. It should not be ignored by those whose lives are devoted to the battle against intemperance. Is it true that by a change in diet, and by simple obedience to the laws of hygiene, we can reduce the drink fiend to impotence? If it is true, are we justified in thrusting aside so simple, so efficacious a safeguard, so complete and easy a cure—can we not do something to bring a knowledge of the truth to others? Ought we not to rise to a higher level of self-denial for the sake of the brother who perisheth? "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." Thus wrote Paul of Tarsus, and if it is true that the bloodless diet *can* and *does* in practice cast out the devil of insane desire, should not such a fact secure the earnest attention of drink reformers? If there is any sacrifice involved in abstinence from that which science demonstrates to be unnecessary, unnatural and unwholesome, of what moment is it when compared with the glorious privilege of standing by the apostle's side and for reasons wholly unselfish, saying, "Wherefore I will eat no meat so long as the world endureth?"

Apart from the line of argument herein pursued, there is scarcely one of the commonly accepted contributive causes of drunkenness that would not be sensibly diminished by the general adoption of food reform principles. Hospital practice demonstrates the fact that the ravages of drink are greatest among men occupied in callings which under the new system would pass into oblivion. A great and increasing demand for fruit and vegetables would constitute a call back to the land; and result in the relief of the congested state of our large cities with all the resultant vice and misery. The people would be more fully nourished at a lower financial outlay, and consequently the depleting, demoralizing and disastrous effects of extreme poverty and hunger would be less in evidence. Life spent in the field or garden, open to the influences of fresh air and exercise, would be rid of the depressing influences which in town life doom to melancholy and drive to ill habits. Men's lives would be simpler and somewhat freer from the speculative fever which at present curses society, and by its delirium goads to dissipation and excess. Health would be vastly improved, and such diseases as gout, rheumatism, neuralgia, etc., would almost cease to exist.

The scientific, moral and religious aspects of food reform should be studied by every person who makes any pretension to be a thinker; and the teetotaler who is ignorant of the basic truths upon which it is founded has not yet learned the elementary requisites for the successful prosecution of his own movement. The practice of flesh-eating is becoming more and more repellent to refined and cultured people, and as it is demonstrated to be a totally unnecessary habit which must inevitably give rise to the wholesale infringement of the law of love and mercy, they are, in ever increasing numbers, declaring it to be morally indefensible, and are adopting a diet which is more in accordance with true temperance as well as with reason, refinement and religious sentiment.

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"Follow Him"

By C. H. A. Bjerregaard, in Weltmer's Magazine

WHEN Whittier makes the mystic brother sing

Beyond the things of sense,
Beyond occasions and events,
I know, through God's exceeding grace,
Release from form and time and place,

does he mean to say that this brother denies the real world and despises it in fancied mental or moral superiority? I think not. I do not think he furnishes any text for the numerous misunderstood Buddhist and Christian doctrines of renunciation. I hear a healthy affirmation when the brother further sings:

I wait within myself to know
The Christmas lilies bud and blow;

And small must be the choice of days
To him who fills them all with praise.

Judge not him who every morn
Feels in his heart the Lord Christ born.

This brother is no conceited philosopher nor an intellectual fanatic who, misled by a theory, denies one-half or more of existence, or who in blasphemy condemns a world as evil because it is not to his perverted taste. He does not resemble in the least any of the many unfortunate specimens of the New Thought of to-day, all of whom talk glibly enough against the phenomenal, yet know it very imperfectly, and who have never profoundly discovered the relationship of Appearance and Reality. Nor is this brother a professor of a middle path in order to avoid extremes. I think he is a most sensible man, a true philosopher and one who practiced the living religion. I say: "Follow him!" Let me explain.

In the opening of the poem his fellow-monks ask this mystic brother to rejoice with them "where thronged refectory feasts are spread." He does not wish to do so. With "God's sweet praise upon his face," and in silence he sits "unmoved thereat," though he says to them:

Keep, I pray,
Even as ye list, the Lord's birthday.

For himself he denies the ceremonial, but not eating and drinking. As for his brothers, he recognizes their place and position, their mental needs and hunger of heart. He does not condemn, as so many a new convert does, nor does he pity, as so many a neophyte does. He is "the elder brother" whom Experience has taught the truth of life and love and to whom the outward symbol has disappeared because his mind is light and his heart is low. Thus he is an excellent illustration upon true manhood, perfect philosophy and real religion.

What is the experience which taught him and which keeps him in harmony and which dictates such sober and tolerant opinions?

We talk loosely of experience, when we limit the term to mean knowledge derived from the daily jostling of life against men and things or personal conflicts with so-called facts. Such experience is, of course, useful for the life that gives it, but it is of little if any use to life in the largest sense. In Ethics, or The Science of Life, we use the term as an expression for the influx of the great motives, aims and purposes of existence, especially as we become aware of these on the Inner Ways. It is Experience in that sense which guides the Mystic. Its content or main characteristic is always the Universal, the Absolute. It always endeavors to get us into the order and plan of the great framework of the universe. In Experience it is the Ideal, as Plato called it, and the Form, as Aristotle saw it, which works for the Telos of creation. The innermost of Experience cannot be attained by study or volitional endeavor; it is in the main a gift, a grace, an initiation, though we may and must prepare for its reception by silence and solitude. The recipient is always more or less a sufferer. No amount of volition or action, such as these terms are ordinarily understood, will lift even the seam of that veil which covers it. The recipient undergoes initiatory steps of vastation as a preparation for the reception of "the inner glory." Such is the Experience of this Mystic, whose Christmas Whittier wants to describe and points to as worthy of imitation.

When this monk tells his brothers that he waits within himself to know the Christmas lilies bud and blow, he shows us symbolically that Experience is WITHIN and not WITHOUT. He might as well have said it was ABOVE and not BELOW. Terms of language could not better show where it was, because it is "nowhere." It is rather "anywhere" and "everywhere." It is growth rather than location or distance. He does not draw any hard-and-fast lines; he even tells his brothers that

The blindest faith may haply save;
The Lord accepts the things we have.

The main thing to him is Reverence.

And reverence, howsoever it stray,
May find at last the shining way.

By reverence he means awe at the mystery exhibited all around us in nature and a recognition of that brotherhood feeling which as a law of the

spiritual world binds all things together. It is that kind of reverence which nature and all the great teachers of the past have laid so much stress upon as the Path to Union with God. It was that Reverence, he tells us, which gave him "Release from form and time and place." What does he mean by "release"? Evidently no exaggerated saintship or condemnation of the world. His conduct, as it is described in the poem, proves him to be "a brother among brothers." He means, that, though in time, form and place, he is not of time, form and place. Moreover, he is not only emancipated from the thrall of custom and conventionalities, he is really free; he has attained that high state of release which we call "freedom in obedience." He has pursued a lonely road, and because he fixed his eyes on nature's plan everything has become new to him. The commonplace has assumed an aspect of the Common, and that again has become Life to him. Externally his conduct is in many ways like that of his fellow-monks, but, taken as a whole, his conduct is a sign of an inward or higher condition, an inward or higher experience of a peculiar and vivid kind. It is Experience which breathes peace over disordered passions and desires, reducing them to harmony of love, to conformity with the Telos. If he were asked to define his system we would probably find that he could not understand what we meant by such a word. His mind would be found not to move in the limitations of systems and dogmas and his heart could not inclose its riches in words. Truth and Life would be found to be one in him, and these again would be seen to be a unit with the Way. And those who knew the mystery would see the unfolding of the Divine type. The veil of nature would be thin enough to allow the "Divine transparency." Yet the world would only discover an "elder pious brother" sitting apart.

The Way, the Life and the Truth are not abstractions, nor can they be pointed out in the same manner as the road to another town. They are spiritual existence. A Mystic is both Love, the Lover and the Beloved.

I trust the reader will not lay by this tale of Whittier's as idle poetry or spurn my advice to give it attention. If he can see nothing extraordinary in it, then his mind is not simple enough, and not being simple, is not strong either. Simplicity and strength condition one another. If the reader cannot feel its riches it will be a hopeless task to seek for harmony or, which is the same, union with God. Such an unhappy heart and confused mind must undergo purgation. But let us not despair! The Divine Image in us may, as St. Bernard so often said, be soiled and burned, but it cannot be destroyed. It is still alive in the skeptical reader and is a source of his incessant longing to be something ideal. In virtue of this doctrine I say to my reader: YOU ALREADY ARE WHAT YOU WANT TO BE. What you need to do is simply to take possession of your riches, your kingdom. Why not do so at once? The instant you move to do it you are more than half-way in possession. You have no other obstacles to overcome than those you lay before yourself. Everything is Goodness and Beauty and moves in the direction you want to go. Wake up and see it! Whittier's Mystic is awake and sees the Beauty. His brothers are still asleep and deal with "these things" as if they were real. They are only shadows of something Real. The riddle of the universe is solved by an awakening and the mystery of existence is that will which breaks through its darkness. And so marvelous is existence that its very riddle is an awakener.

The reader is not advised to copy this example, but to imitate the method of this man's life. The mystery of will cannot be brought out if we lose our identity, or are blinded by "royal power, ample rule," or harken to "Idalian Aphrodite beautiful." The true life rests, as Pallas Athene taught, upon these four pillars: Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control and "the acting of the law we live by without fear." The four "alone lead life to sovereign power." The Mystic of the above tale expresses all that fourfoldness. Follow him!

Somewhere await the treasures we have strewn,
Which idle hands and feet have rudely shattered;
And tenderest love shall gather as its own
The pearls thus scattered.

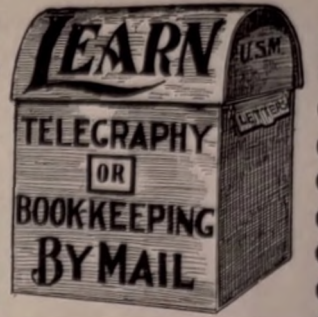
Somewhere the tears of broken-hearted trust,
Of patient sacrifice and self-submission,
Shall from the rainbow promise of a just
And full fruition.

Somewhere the narrow stepping-stones we tread—
The steep and terrible ascent of Duty—
Shall change to velvet terraces, o'erspread
With emerald beauty.

Somewhere the doubtful seed that we have sown
Shall well disprove a cold, uncertain roorage,
And vindicate the hope we now disown
By fairest fruitage.

Somewhere our human effort of to-day,
The faltering outcome of a pure intention
Eternity shall hold as brave essay
And true ascension.

O Universal Soul! The finite range
Of earth and time may dwarf our high endeavor,
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Some Sayings of Elizabeth Towne About Death

No man dies unless it is best for him to do so. "Has anyone supposed it lucky to be born? I hasten to tell him it is just as lucky to die, and I know it."

There is nothing about death to be afraid of. It is but a wiping off of the mistakes which have handicapped you. YOU go on forever.

Death is as natural and as good as life.

Only the fear of death can harm you, by tearing down your body before you want it wiped out.

It is said the first mark of insanity is that the patient fears and hates his best friend. The fear and hatred of death is insanity. To fear death for yourself is foolish. It but hypnotizes you, and death charms you as a snake charms a bird. You die before you would need to if you had not feared death.

It is still more foolish to fret over the death of another. In this case you not only add the death-dealing forces to your own body, hastening death for yourself; but your heavy thought handicaps in the outset of his new state of existence the friend for whom you grieve.

Spiritualists who claim to see and converse with departed souls often tell their friends that the "spirit forms" are "so weak and worn" that they are not able as yet to communicate with their old friends. The medium says the new made "spirit" is "heavy" over the unhappy state of its earth friends.

Why should not this be so? If our heavy thoughts ever affect each other (and we know they do) then death does not change it. Our thoughts carry help or hindrance to those of whom we think, be they dead or alive.

We think we must eat right and live right and think right for the sake of our unborn or new born babes, that they may have the best possible start in their new existence. We need just as much to eat right and live right, and especially to think right, in order to give our "departed friends" the best possible start in the new life upon which they are just entering. We need to lay aside every small personal consideration, and bid them a hearty Godspeed with every thought of them. We need to cultivate peace and quiet joy and willingness to have them go; for their sakes.

We can easily do this if we remember to be glad with them, instead of selfishly fussing around our own little personal "loss." They have wiped off the slate and gone on with added wisdom to better things. Why not be glad with them and for them?

Whether we are spiritualists and believe in departed spirits, or evolutionists who believe in an immediate reincarnation, or theosophists who believe in a Derachanic rest before reincarnation, or Catholics whose friends may be in purgatory, or Protestants who hope they are in heaven—whatever we are, the fact remains that our friends can no more fly beyond reach of our help or hindrance than they can fly beyond our thoughts.

Let us help those who have "passed out." Let us "treat" them for power and love and joy and progress. Let us make them glad by being glad ourselves.

Death is good.

But it will cease to be necessary as we cease to make and perpetuate mistakes.

Being afraid of death and mistakes is the greatest mistake of all.

Get rid of it. Face death in your mind, until it loses all terrors for you. Call it good. Tell it if ever the day comes when you want to die you will do so with a good grace. Call death friend and not foe. Tell it you may need it some day to wipe off your body, but remember that YOU couldn't die if you would. Death is only your old-clothes man—you may need him and you may not.

For my part I don't care whether I ever die again or not. If I keep on building better and better (and I see no reason why I shouldn't) I shall live right along indefinitely, maybe forever.

Breakfast or No Breakfast

SHALL we eat breakfast or shall we not? This question is being discussed by the press of two continents. Two well-known physicians have been discussing the subject in a Chicago paper. From the vegetarian's standpoint the discussion had its humorous side, because at least one of the physicians has been a chronic sufferer from that commonest of the flesh-eater's maladies—dyspepsia—for years, and yet persists in recommending meat as a part of a healthful dietary.

As to breakfast, it may be we shall yet learn wisdom from the Greeks and Romans, in the days of their greatest physical and mental power. The Greek and Roman laborer ate no breakfast. At noon he partook of a little black bread and a ripe olive or a cluster of grapes. At four o'clock he completed the labors of the day, laid aside his working garments, took his daily bath, and was ready for the meal of the day, the symposium, which was no heartier than many a so-called American luncheon. If you want a clear brain and to feel that wings were not given to you because you do not need them, try the dietary regimen under which Plato and Cicero thought and worked and you will have ideas of your own on the subject of breakfast.

Theosophy

THEOSOPHY is making great headway all over the world. Theosophy, in its study, comprehends all planes of existence of life in the universe. Theosophy says that "the laws governing the higher planes can be studied and understood, and that a study of Man, and his relation to these, will alone disclose to us the rational order that pervades the Universe. For the fundamental teaching of Theosophy is Unity; or, in other words, that all that exists is but varied differentiation of the one all-pervading Spiritual Essence. Now, if each one of us is a part of the Great Whole, then the study of Man must help us to an understanding of the Universe." Theosophy is inspiring, as all truth is; it is both spiritual and scientific. Theosophy teaches man to look within his own soul for all knowledge, all wisdom, all light, and gaining this he can then look without and know that knowing which ALL is known. The teachings of Theosophy and Mysticism are very much alike, and there are many Mystic Adepts in Theosophical circles as well as in the Buddhist and Christian religions. There is no difference in truth wherever it is found. Just to think, there are nearly five hundred different sects and cults, each proving its position by the Bible, each satisfied that it alone is right. The truth is that there is both truth and error in each and all of these sects, the same as there is in the doctrines and dogmas of all churches and all religions. Theosophical teachings are most perfect in respect to Unity and the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God. Such unity, with sectarians, is simply impossible, and when we hear sectarians talking about brotherhood, it is only a dream, in the air. The moment one joins a sect he opposes brotherhood. Can the Roman Catholic and the Universalist live in real and ideal brotherly love? Yet both believe in the teachings of our blessed Master, Jesus; but neither as a whole, and seldom individually, can live the Christ life of pure brotherly love. How can a sectarian live in brotherly love? He can live near it, but not brotherly love perfectly. Now, the Mystic God-lover, or the Theosophic God-lover, can live in love with all his brothers, for his teaching is that each and all beings are eternal brothers and children of one eternal FATHER; that Jesus is the blessed Son; that He came to teach man love and truth and not to form sects and creeds and churches; that these are good only as a means to open the soul, heart and mind of man to God and Man—the blessed whole.

So the message of all God-loving holy men—eternal and universal lovers—whether Buddhists, Christians, Mystics or Theosophists, is always the same; to the churches and creedal sects "it points to the inner spiritual meaning of the Bible Scriptures."

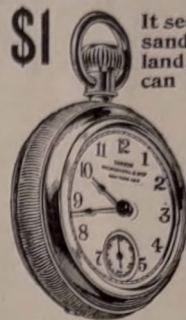
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A man is a tremendous power and force for success as he lives a clean, pure, moral and righteous life. Such a man always wins grand success.—*A Mystic Adept who is in active business with tremendous success.*

Money is like water in the hand, the tighter you squeeze it, the less you have of it.—*Family Motto of the Rothschilds.*

Many great business men are cultured gentlemen. Culture, education and refinement in business helps the business.—*Franklin McVeagh.*

Voltaire was very successful in his affairs of business. His motto was, "Always at work."

Business success depends upon one surrounding himself with the highest priced help—the most efficient and competent men, who must be paid the highest salaries.—*John D. Rockefeller.*

It is a psychic and occult law that he who generously and liberally looketh after his employees is blessed with great prosperity.—*A Mystic Adept.*

There is success ahead for every man who really deserves it.—*Louis Stern, Greater New York Merchant.*

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The divine Scriptures declare that "a wise man's eyes are in his head." The eyes of a successful man are always in his head, and he always uses them to see opportunities in season and out of season.—*Bishop Samuel Fallows.*

The successful business man adds to his success by advancing all his loyal and faithful workmen; if he neglects to do this, other business men will win them from him by just and generous treatment.

I have one sincere word of advice for any man who desires to succeed, and it is this: That under no circumstances should he yield to temptation of gambling in stocks.—*Russell Sage.*

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When the load from your bosom is cast,
And the glorious sky will seem brighter
When the cloud of displeasure has passed.

Though your spirit swell high with emotion
To give back injustice again,
Sink the thought in oblivion's ocean,
For remembrance increases the pain.
Oh, why should we linger in sorrow
When its shadow is passing away—
Or seek to encounter, to-morrow,
The blast that o'erswept us to-day?

Our life's stream is a varying river,
And though it may placidly glide
When the sunbeams of joy o'er it quiver,
It must foam when the storm meets its tide.
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For its wrath thou wilt ever regret;
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Perfect Freedom, Power and Bliss

NARROWNESS and bigotry keeps the soul bound and limited. There can be no freedom until there is an open, clean and pure mind; until we give up and surrender all mortal or carnal mind to Divine Mind; until we unite or merge into the great eternal and universal God; until we are completely at-one with God or the ALL; until we love all, and know that all is eternal and good—is God. Therefore, progress toward freedom and eternal bliss depends entirely upon how we open our minds to the influx of omnipresent Spirit.

There is honey in every flower, bud, fruit and in many noxious and decaying substances, and the busy and indefatigable bee gathers it and fills the hive. There is some truth in all systems of religions, and all are worthy of respectful consideration. But to become bound in any one of these many systems, or attach our minds to any one is to retard our progress, growth and expansion. By such attachment we draw a limited circle around the soul's mind, and say, "So far, and no farther." A soul can never reach absolute freedom by any one system; it must comprehend the truth in all, and love all, but get beyond all—to perfect freedom and perfect bliss. "I will grasp every truth in the universe, yet be non-attached and not bound nor limited," says the candidate for absolute freedom. In a while such an aspiring soul begins to realize the magnitude and sublimity of the great God.

God is small to man, as man's mind is bound or attached to any one religion; or, our conceptions of God are in exact correspondence with our own minds. All are eternal brothers to the omniscient God-man. It is only the freed soul that can do great and lasting works for the uplifting of humanity.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

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On the afternoon of Aug. 6, while waiting dinner for other members of the family to return from a drive, Professor Evans suggested that we go to his room and see whether or no the spirit friends had anything to give us. We went at once. Professor Evans went through the usual process of slate cleaning, all being done in plain sight. We then held the slates to magnetize them, separately, Mr. Boyce holding one and Mrs. Boyce the other of the two, which were then bound together with a heavy rubber band, the professor first placing a tiny piece of pencil between the slates. We then placed the slates flat down upon the table, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce placing fingers of both hands upon the slates.

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Deep Breathing

By Prof. J. Gregory

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him."—Gen. i, 27.

We can plainly see by the foregoing that man was created in the perfect image of God. That being so we see man was created perfect. But we have not proven that man was a superior being to anything else God has created. We have not yet proven that he was anything more than the image spoken of. So let us pursue the book of Genesis further and see if we cannot find a more accurate account of the process man went through before we can imagine man as he is.

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul."—Gen. ii, 7.

What can we learn from that? We learn that breath is life, that this same breath or life came from God, or in other words is part of God. Therefore we can plainly see that to-day we are endowed with the same breath or life force. Now we will take it for granted that this same life force pervades all space, for we know that God is everywhere.

So you see, dear reader, we only have to breathe in the proper manner to partake of this same life force which the Lord God breathed into man thousands of years before the Saviour spoke of the "Kingdom of heaven within you."

I dare say there are men to-day who will go on day after day and never think of breathing at all, for it has come natural for them to breathe. But breathe how? Breathe the breath of life? No! They only breathe from their solar plexus up. I wish every reader would practice deep breathing. Deep breathing and happy thoughts are a more lasting tonic than all the Sarsaparilla and Iron Tonic one can get at any drug store in the land. And it is just as easy to breathe deep as it is to breathe the usual way.

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Now we will endeavor to learn something about the way to breathe. Draw yourself up to your full height, draw in your chin and breathe through your nostrils—not through your mouth—fill every cell in your body with this tonic from the great storehouse of nature.

Blessings may appear under the shape of pains, losses and disappointments; let a man have patience and he will see them in their proper figure.—Addison.

Possess yourself as much as you can in peace; not by any effort, but by letting all things fall to the ground which trouble or excite you. This is no work, but is, as it were, a setting down a fluid to settle that has become turbid through agitation.

A wonderful thing will happen the moment you cast aside Fear. You will BREATHE easier and freer—this will mean more air, more exercise, more expansion. Your body will take on beauty, grace, health, strength.—Frederic W. Burry.

Great Men's Thoughts

If you have any faith, give me, for heaven's sake, a share of it! Your doubts you may keep to yourself, for I have plenty of my own.—Goethe.

Intellectual superiority is no preservative against moral infatuation. A man may have the brains of Machiavelli but the baseness of Mephistopheles.—George W. Reynolds.

Wealth is just so much baggage to carry around and to be taken care of in this world, but a cultivated brain is easy to carry and a continual source of pleasure and profit.—Phillips Brooks.

Character, good or bad, has a tendency to perpetuate itself.—Prof. Van Dyke.

Clever people are the best encyclopedias.—Dr. Stuart Robinson.

Adversity links men together, while prosperity is apt to scatter them.—Dr. W. F. Hunter.

The possible stands by us ever fresh,
Fairer than aught which any life hath owned.
—Jean Ingelow.

Not in the clamor of the crowded street,
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,
But in ourselves are triumph and defeat.
—Longfellow.

Why wilt thou live in disease and suffering, beloved? The holy Mystics can teach thee a blessed Way out of it all.—A. Z.

Death, early death, altogether too fashionable, accompanied with extravagant funerals, is abnormal. Life, the reverse of death, is natural, and should be with us all, not only beautiful, but golden, with joy and as serene and abiding as the stars.—Dr. J. M. Peebles.

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The Secrets of Woman's Beauty

By Max O'Rell

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THE secret of a woman's beauty is not to be discovered in her dressing-room, as cynics might intimate; it is not obtained by the use of cosmetics, pomade, magic waters and ointments, by the application of red, white and black, neither by painting nor dyeing; the real secret of woman's beauty lies in resplendent health and a cheerful mind.

It was only a few days ago that I said to a lady, an intimate friend of mine, who has just been promoted to the dignity of a grandmother: "Won't you make up your mind one of these days to look over thirty years of age?" My lady friend is very beautiful, and she knows it; but she carries her beauty without any affectation and bumpiness.

She is simplicity personified, and if you were to talk to her about her looks she would smile and immediately beg you to kindly change the subject of conversation. But we are old friends, and when I asked her to tell me what she did, that I might tell others, how she succeeded in remaining young, fresh and beautiful, she allowed me to insist.

"Well," she said, "let me tell you at once that I do not spend \$10 a year in perfumery. I have always retired and risen early, I have always done as much good as I have been permitted to do, I have always frequented cheerful and happy people, read cheerful books, and seen cheerful plays; I have always taken healthy exercise and indulged in plenty of fresh air by day and night.

"But, I should add, I have had the good luck of being born with a cheerful disposition, and of being brought up by cheerful and happy parents. I have always dearly enjoyed humor and have always been able to appreciate it. I am a philosopher.

"You say that I look thirty—well, I am forty-five; but if my body is young my mind is younger still, and I am perfectly sure that, when I am a great-grandmother, I shall enjoy playing with a doll as any of my little great-grandchildren."

And she went on giving me advice in minute details. Here are a few hints which my lady readers might hear with profit:

HINT No. 1.—Never expose your shoulders and arms to cold. When you leave a hot room to go out in the open air cover them most carefully so as to create on your body an increase of temperature exactly equal to the difference there exists between the indoor temperature you leave and the outdoor one.

HINT No. 2.—Avoid beds too soft and too much bed-clothing, which cause nightmares, develop nervous irritation and conduce to stoutness. Never have round your beds curtains, except as an ornament, if you like, at the head; but draw them in such a way that fresh air can circulate freely round your head. Renew the air of your bedroom several times a day, and, during the night, however cold it may be, have one window slightly open, even if you should be compelled to keep a fire all night.

HINT No. 3.—Your bedroom should never be at a temperature above 65 degrees.

HINT No. 4.—A woman enjoying good health should sleep eight hours, nine at most, and never less than seven. Sleep is a repairing balm which gives rest to the muscles, the nerves and all the organs. Late evening and night sleeps are refreshing, but not so the sleep you may indulge in in the morning or the nap you may have in the afternoon. What you want is uninterrupted sleep from eleven at night till seven in the morning. No other sleep will keep you fresh and well.

HINT No. 5.—Never go to bed hungry, although want until your digestion is well over. If you are hungry take some very light refreshment that will digest at once and without any difficulty.

HINT No. 6.—No sleep is thoroughly sound and good unless your face assumes a perfectly serene expression. To attain this end do not allow your brain to work at night or your mind to be besieged by painful thoughts. Do or read nothing exciting. Go to bed with pleasant thoughts and a quiet mind.

I am sure my lady friend is right, for, consulting advice on hygiene in a book written by a famous physician, I see that this great woman's doctor advises the following:

Substantial and digestible meals at regular times.
Very little liquids at meals, if any.
Well-aired rooms and cool bedrooms.
Plenty of fresh air and cold water.
Warm but light clothing.
Eight hours of uninterrupted sleep.
A contented mind.
A cheerful disposition.
Indulgence in deeds of generosity and charity.
Plenty of congenial occupation.
Such is certainly the secret of health and cheerfulness, and the secret of beauty, which is the reflection of both.

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This is a great gospel. There have been all sorts of guesses at gospels; there have been crude gospels, non-moral gospels, immoral gospels, almost demoralizing so-called gospels; and on the other hand there have been pure, sweet, elevating, inspiring gospels.

The highest gospel we know now, even our gospel of going on, may seem weak and barren to future generations; it may seem insufficient to men now living who are walking in a larger light, and this gospel itself is subject to the law of the gospel of going on; but this is certain, that it is a gospel for to-day.

"What can it do?" What can it not do? First, it can solve many intellectual puzzles. It will not answer questions concerning origin or destiny, but it will give to man the principle of life and teach him how to live now; it gives reason and sanity to life and experience.

Second, it will explain the seeming disorder of the world. Pain, sorrow and sin, it says, are not evil in themselves; they are only relatively evil; they are due to incompleteness. We do not object to suffering when we have an object. Soldiers vie with one another in rushing into danger and death when they are actuated by a great enthusiasm. The man whose arm is wounded does not object to having it cut off; he almost enjoys it, if he thinks it will save his life. We do not mind the hard struggles, many times breathless and exhausted, as we go up the mountainside, if we want to reach the top and see the glory of the world. And so we solve the problem of suffering by saying that "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory," and this gives us patience and comfort in the time of trial.

So with our moral judgment; the reason we sin, as we use the term, is because we are incomplete; the process is perfect, but we are not yet finished. We do not know what man is meant to be until we find out at the end, by the development of a complete man. The way to find out what a man is not by studying protoplasm or even those who are living now (for we are only primitive men, we are hardly men yet), but it is to go on to find out what man is going to be. When we come to understand that mankind is simply in the process of construction our imperfections and these other things that we do not understand will be explained.

I do not excuse seeming disorder, but I try to explain it, and I see that this gospel of going on does explain it, and shows that it is not corruption but transformation, and indicates its temporary character, and urges man physically, mentally, morally, never to be content, but always to go on; to be purified, not by the blood of animals or of a man, but by limitless progress through eras of priceless opportunity, till sorrow shall lose its pain and moral imperfection be transformed to the perfect fruit of righteousness.

And so, I say in the third place, this inspires man to purify his character. "Everyone that hath this hope in him purifies himself." He does not believe in the old idea of morality that was contrasted with a real righteousness, but he says: "I am not what I was and not what I shall be, but I believe I can go on." When someone asked Socrates if he could tell him how to go to Mt. Olympus, where the gods lived, he answered, "Certainly, I can tell you; do all your walking in that direction." That is what the gospel of going on says is the way to mount to the abode of the Eternal.

In the fourth place, it interprets the differences that exist between human beings, and makes it possible for us to love those who are naturally repulsive. So long as we think that all people ought to measure up to the same standard, that Ralph Waldo Emerson and John L. Sullivan ought to act in the same way, we are very severe in our judgments of our fellows—but when we realize that we are all children in different stages of development, we can love the seemingly deformed; they are our younger brothers and sisters; they are not so far away from the protoplasm as we; and there may be others beyond us to whom we seem as incomplete and who love us with that same divine compassion. All human beings become beautiful if you believe in the gospel of going on.

And that is not all. It gives courage and good cheer in every circumstance of life.

Bishop Vincent tells us that on one occasion, when he was visiting an Indian reservation, he came to a meeting of Choctaw Indians who were singing, and he thought at first it was a hymn in the Indian language, but to his surprise he recognized English words and they ran like this:

"Go on! Go on! Go on! Go on!
Go on! Go on! Go on!
Go on! Go on! Go on! Go on!
Go on! Go on! Go on!"

There were other verses and a chorus, but I will not repeat them. This is not in our hymn books, but it is what we need in the spirit of our lives, in order to alleviate every distress and to cause the sun to make the leaden clouds above us shine re-

splendent with the greater glory that might not have been manifest if it had not been for the gathering of the darkness.

In the sixth place, the gospel of going on empowers us for usefulness. Oh, the many attempts to be useful that have been useless, or, as we would say, worse than useless; we did not know what to do nor how to do it. But when we see that we are building for eternity, that there is some meaning or purpose in the work, and when we ask these questions, "What are we? Where are we? Where are we going? and, What is the next thing to do?" then we can revise our theories and make the service of the world practicable and possible, and only then.

In the seventh place, it gives hope for the future. "I do not know what is untried and afterward, but I know that it, in its turn, will prove sufficient and cannot fail." The gospel of "going on" "believeth all things," "hopeth all things."

We should all unite in the great oath of consecration, "Forgetting the things that are behind, and reaching forth unto those that are before," and press forward to apprehend that for which we are apprehended.

And the great God of Love and Compassion doth hear all who cry unto Him in grief and sorrow. O God: in Thy mighty love help me! Help cometh to him who crieth from his heart to God.—Ananda.

Blessed is he that delighteth in holy things and that doth meditate much in the Holy Silence. He shall become a strong positive man; his occult and psychic powers shall be great; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper; the unwholly are weak and negative and make many blunders and failures in their undertakings. The plans and works of the unrighteous soon perish, because they do not take God into their confidence. He that liveth with God is a good, wise and successful man.—Ananda.

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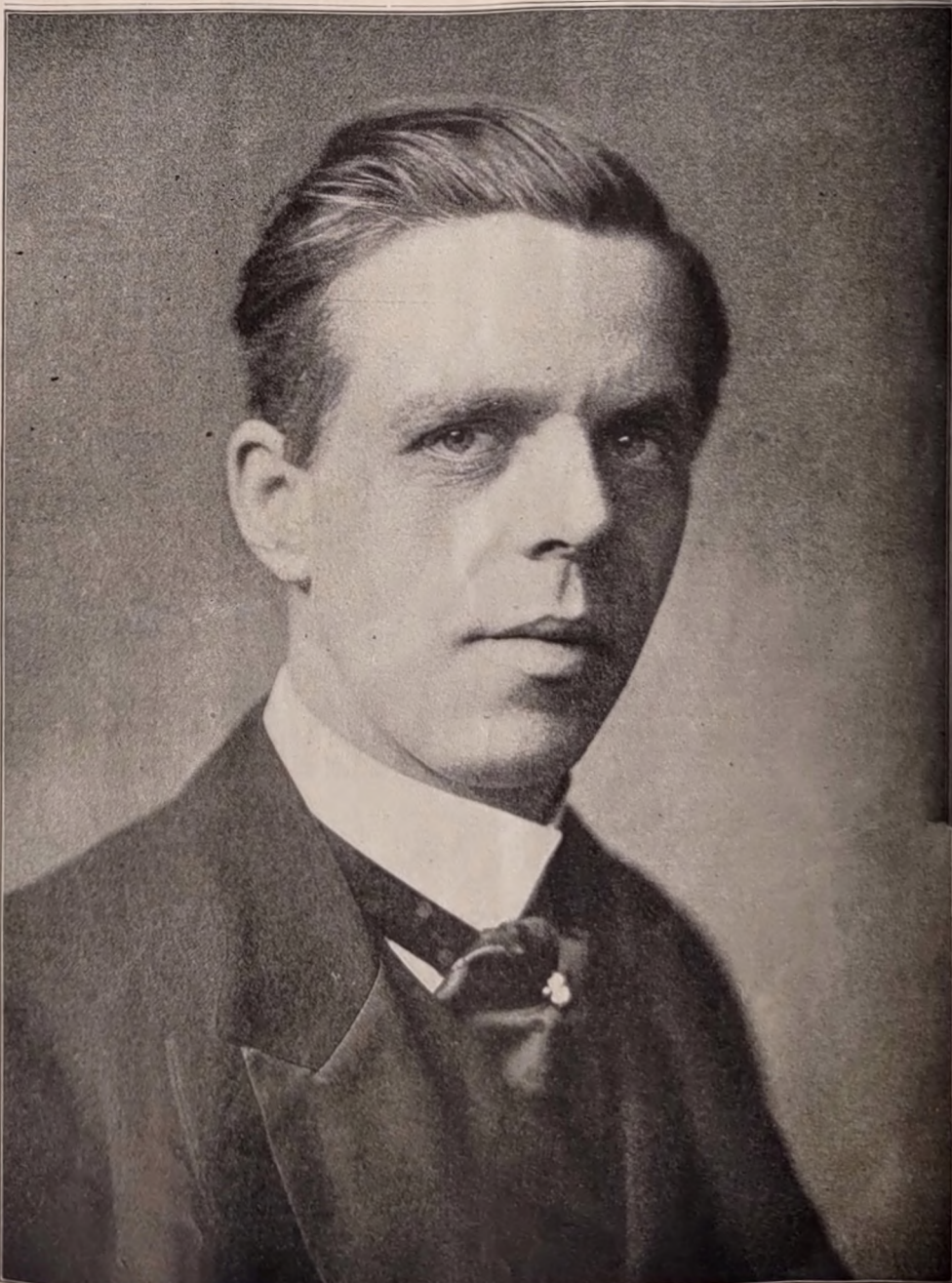
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"What Christ hath wrought must needs be very sound."

We belong to God; we are not our own and cannot do as we say we will. We can only do great and good things as we ask for the help and grace of God. It is best to let God lead us and let His Will work in us fully and freely. Indeed, it is only Divine Will that can lead us into paths of peace, force and joy.

It is the God within man who teaches man. Sages, seers, prophets and holy teachers teach only this teaching—that we all must teach and redeem ourselves by the power of the Spirit within.

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The great soul is non-attached to men, places, things; yet he belongs to all places and all mankind and may be said to be attached in love to humanity; he is an eternal and universal teacher, an inspirer and leader of all men.

Emerson was great because he had a great heart and a great intellect—a spiritualized intellect; he did not live in parts, but lived in the Whole, and was, therefore, a whole man. The God-man is not a partial man, and is never found in a limited or prescribed circle; he is not bound by tradition.

Emerson said: "God is the All-fair." How dare men say the All-Fair Father is an angry, avenging, wrathful, petty, punishing God! Ignorant man punishes himself, by breaking the Divine Law, and libels the great God of Love, by laying the blame and punishment on the blessed Father. Great will be that age when all men know that God is just, and that we all reap *exactly* as we sow.

If the children of God only knew how they and this planet are related to all other planets, suns and celestial spheres they would never think or say they are alone or lonely, or that this world is alone or lonely. If they would once get interested in Divine Astrology they would know how to come into the many blessings of life. The Hindu Book of Astrology gives many hints and suggestions about these blessings, and it is highly commended to each aspiring soul. It contains mystic, helpful words.

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The Mystic Success Club is surely touching the great heart of the world and making it throb and vibrate with a newer, higher and grander life. Behold the thousands of miracles we are working! Did not the blessed Master say holy men should perform greater works than He performed? Did the great Master deal with empty words? The Prince of Peace and Love is at work on earth, in a silent, mystic way, as never before. Be not amazed at the happenings in these days. Some omniscient souls have incarnated to fulfil the Word. Blessed is he or she who fellowships with these quiet and unknown and unknowable men. It is the *Unseen* that is the *Real* and that silently and patiently and lovingly works for all humanity.—*The Mystics*.

The purpose of real religion is to teach and help men to live in health, peace, force and plenty, here and now. A great, forceful and powerful God-loving man or woman is too busy with the very PRESENT ETERNAL Work to bother, wear or tear his or her mind about the Past or Future. Love of justice, right action, impels all well-balanced men to live the true life here and now. Prove yourself entirely worthy of God's trust, and show that you are a willing child of the Father, and you will become a very busy and blessed worker. God trusts those who trust Him. Remember, you are watched with an Eternal Eye of Love and Wisdom for your fitness to do.—*The Mystics*.

Everyone who harbors anger, hatred, suspicion and selfishness is weakening his whole mental and physical system. It is a scientific fact as well as a psychic truth that we impoverish the blood, destroy cells of great life-giving force and build poor tissues, if we live at all with selfish, angry thoughts. A man must live with and for God and man, with cheerful optimism before he will be strong, fine, enduring, forceful, orderly and really successful. An unrighteous or unawakened man is always suspicious, and to be suspicious is to be weak and to close the doors to many blessings. There are far more good people than so-called bad people in the world. Beware of the teacher who sees so much "bad." Suspicion eats deep into our vitality and destroys it. A pure, simple, God-loving man is the great man.—*The Mystics*.

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"Once there was a frog who lived in a well out of which he had never been."

"One day a frog whose house was in the sea came to this well. Interested in all things, he went in."

"Who are you? Where do you live?" asked the frog in the well.

"I am So-and-so, and my home is in the sea."

"The sea? What is that? Where is that?"

"It is a very large body of water, and not far away."

"How big is your sea?"

"Oh, very big."

"As big as this," pointing to the board upon which they were sitting.

"Oh, much bigger."

"How much bigger, then?"

"Why, the sea in which I live is bigger than your entire well; it would make millions of wells such as yours."

"Nonsense! nonsense! you are a deceiver and a falsifier. Get out of my well—get out of my well! I want nothing to do with any such frog as you."

One cannot help having a feeling of pity for the foolish little frog that lived in his narrow little well. Yet he is not half as pitiable as the big human well frogs that we see daily, sitting upon their hard boards, solemnly blinking and refusing to believe in the existence of anything that lies outside in the great sea of thought.

Wake up from your lethargy of ignorance and self-satisfaction, and be candid and open-minded.

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To forge and mill and store.
He thinks of you before himself;
He serves you if he can;
For in whatever company
The manners make the man.
At ten or forty 'tis the same—
The manner tells the tale,
And I discern the gentleman
By signs that never fail.

Putting Things Off

"WHAT a day of friendliness, of brotherliness, of reconciliations, of help the last day of the world will be if men shall know how near the awful end is!" says a well-known writer.

And when one sees the miserable misunderstandings and prejudices that keep people estranged year after year, the quarrels that are kept alive because we cannot lower our pride sufficiently to own we were in the wrong, the little rifts that have widened into gaping gulfs in many lives, one wonders sometimes what we are all waiting for.

Is it for some great upheaval that will stir us out of our pettiness and make us look at things more broadly? Or is it that we are putting things off as long as may be—waiting, as the quotation suggests, for a deathbed or an end-of-the-world reconciliation?

If this is what you are doing, how, suppose you, would you feel if you heard of the sudden death of the person concerned?

"I wish I'd made it up!" Wouldn't it be your first thought? The knowledge that the time for making up has gone by does make such a difference. The great upheaval for which we were waiting has come. But it has come without warning, and taken us unawares, and before we knew that the last chance had come it had passed by, never to return.

"Some day" we shall make up our quarrels. That's the thought at the back of our minds when we let a thing go on from year to year. Of course, we shall make it up some day!

Ah! dear friends; but shall we? How do you know that to-day is not your last chance? And if it is, what then? Well, then, you may be laying up for yourself, as I dare say you know, a host of useless regrets that you have not been kinder and more forgiving and less ready to say and think evil of others.

It is so bitter to think that our dear ones have gone from us without knowing that we were really sorry, however hard and uncaring we may have appeared.

If we realized beforehand how bitter we surely should not put off the reconciliation. To realize that the time is short makes friendship magnanimous and the desire to help our fellow-men real and energetic.

There is so little time we must make the most of every day and hour, and do as much as we can to live in peace with and help others.

It would make such a difference if we knew that this was our last day.

How it would simplify life if we could look on it in this way—always "Our last chance!"

We could not be quarrelsome and disagreeable, and petty and mean. We should feel that we must leave everybody with a good last impression of us on their minds.

But the idea of the shortness of life should be no dreary shadow hanging gloomily over us. Rather it should be an everlasting inspiration urging us to do our best and to be our best.

In the shock of a great bereavement life assumes such a different aspect. Little things that have seemed great out of all proportion to their real significance sink to their proper place in our estimation in the light of the Great Leveler.

Let us try in our everyday lives to look at things in the same way, to realize their littleness and to rise above them.

In such a case our pride will be relegated to its proper place, and we shall believe and try to live up to the knowledge that to live at peace with our fellow-men is an obvious duty, not one to be put off till some great upheaval opens our eyes and changes our views of life.

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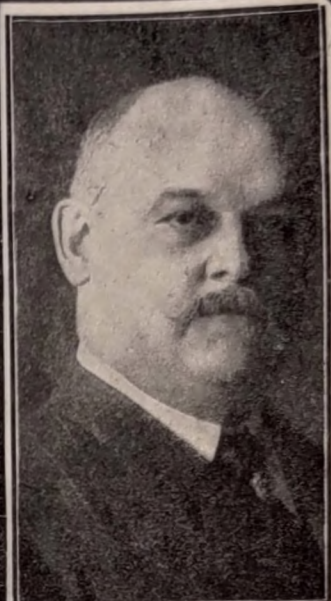
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Advertising Receipts.

1902	1903
May, - - - - \$305.30	January, - - - \$1,145.55
June, - - - - 304.00	February, - - - 1,945.14
July, - - - - 199.50	March, - - - - 2,423.90
August, - - - 183.55	April, - - - - 2,262.00
September, - 375.65	May, - - - - 2,110.20
October, - - - 571.20	June, - - - - 1,796.55
November, - - 763.25	July, - - - - 1,628.40
December, - - 911.15	August, - - - 1,484.45
	September, - - 1,617.30
	October, - - - 2,436.57
	November, - - - 3,022.50
	December, - - - 2,998.82
\$3,613.60	
1904	1903
January, - - - \$2,558.14	\$24,871.38
February, - - - 2,417.70	
March, - - - - 3,741.90	
April, - - - - 3,694.86	
\$12,412.60	

You will notice that during the year 1901 from April the subscriptions amounted to \$8,074.48. For 1902 they increased to \$41,370.00. Even after taking out the first three months, the increase over 1901 was \$24,783.29, or 300 per cent. We now find that 1903 brought \$55,562.16, an increase of \$14,192.16 over the previous year, and of \$31,154.26 over the first year, on a basis of counting only the last nine months. To fully appreciate and illustrate how a magazine will increase its earnings after once the public has given it the support and approval, we ask you to carefully note what happened to our subscriptions during the first three months of this year. During January, February and March of this year we have taken in \$72,633.83. In only three short months we have taken \$17,071.67 more than during the whole of last year (1903), and we have nine more months to work in 1904. You will also notice that the advertising receipts have more than doubled in the last twelve months. They are sure to increase now each and every year. You will notice that the receipts for advertising for the first four months of this year were about \$5,000 more than they were for the same months last year. We say that money put into this institution is as safe as a Savings Bank, and we feel sure that you have arrived at the same decision after reading the above actual receipts which have occurred during the past three years. Yes, indeed! A savings bank is just as safe. One is as safe as the other, but does one pay as much as the other? No, indeed! Even on the earnings of our magazine, just as they have been running since the first of the year, we are in a position to pay large dividends, or, in other words, you will double your money in between four and five years if you invest your dividends at the same rate. We will guarantee to refund you your money. Write us about this, so there cannot possibly be any misunderstanding. So here is our proposition to the readers and subscribers of **The New York Magazine of Mysteries**. First, big dividends promptly paid. Second, money invested safe as in a savings bank. Third, money refunded. Special contract to this effect. Fourth, your money at rate of dividends now being earned will more than double in five years.

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OUR REASON

It will at once occur to all the readers of this magazine that there must be some reason why we wish to take you in as a shareholder, and practically as a partner, of this wonderful publishing business which is earning such large dividends. Our reason is that the larger the success of anything to-day the larger the number of minds that govern that selfsame overwhelming success. This is an age of co-operation. We want every subscriber to this magazine as a co-operator. We want all your good ideas.

YOU NOW. Just see what we can do with all these practical co-partners and advisory co-operators after we have boiled down all their ideas and added them to our already wonderfully successful method of conducting this magazine. The way to get your co-operation is to have you interested financially. The only way to get you thus interested is to divide with you our big profits. This we are now willing to do, if you will write us at once. We are sure that you never had a better opportunity in all your life to become associated financially with one of the most successful publishing houses in this country and in a magazine that has no rival nor competitor. You are a well-read and a thoughtful person if you are a subscriber to this magazine, and you will appreciate the fact that in 99 times out of a hundred, when you are asked to put money into any enterprise it is to be used to experiment with trying to

make the enterprise a financial success. Sometimes it proves so, SOMETIMES NOT.

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We ask you to come in and share our prosperity—For what? For your co-operation. Don't say to yourself that your co-operation cannot be of any use to us. We assure you that it will be, and just as soon as you become a shareholder, large or small, we will show and prove to you that your co-operation can be of great use and financial profit to both yourself and ourselves. We do not care what discoveries are made during this the Twentieth Century. We predict that at the end of this Century you will find co-operation the one strong, popular and successful method of conducting any large enterprise. At that time your magazine, our magazine, will stand a towering monument to your far-sightedness in knowing enough to grasp an opportunity—where co-operation in the publishing business would accomplish so much. This is our reason, dear subscriber. Write us to-day. Become a shareholder and let us show you what co-operation will accomplish in the new era of the publishing business, and also what large dividends co-operation will pay you.

WHO HAS DONE IT?

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Receipts From Subscriptions.

Year 1901	Year 1903
April, - - - - \$233.94	January, - - - \$5,974.84
May, - - - - 597.84	February, - - - 5,222.28
June, - - - - 320.71	March, - - - - 5,132.30
July, - - - - 256.42	April, - - - - 3,714.97
August, - - - 460.01	May, - - - - 3,063.66
September, - - 745.80	June, - - - - 4,590.37
October, - - - 1,575.65	July, - - - - 3,834.26
November, - - 1,722.12	August, - - - 5,720.65
December, - - 2,154.99	September, - - 4,750.15
	October, - - - 4,384.05
	November, - - 4,449.58
	December, - - 7,125.65
Total for year 1901, - - - \$8,074.48	
Year 1902	Total for year 1903, - \$55,562.16
January, - - - \$2,680.60	
February, - - - 2,723.69	
March, - - - - 3,103.94	
April, - - - - 4,218.94	
May, - - - - 2,237.36	
June, - - - - 2,151.61	
July, - - - - 1,945.15	
August, - - - - 2,145.07	
September, - - 3,239.30	
October, - - - 3,253.70	
November, - - 3,852.47	
December, - - 7,177.77	
Total for year 1902, - \$41,370.00	
Year 1904	
Up to and inclusive of March, 1904,	
January, - - - \$20,748.37	
February, - - - 27,967.55	
March, - - - - 23,917.91	
Total, first 3 months of year '04, - \$72,633.83	

Grand Total of Moneys Taken in for Subscriptions from the Time the Magazine was Started up to and Inclusive of March, 1904.

YEAR 1901, - - - - -	\$8,074.48
" 1902, - - - - -	41,370.00
" 1903, - - - - -	55,562.16
MARCH, APRIL, MAY, 1904, - - -	72,633.83
GRAND TOTAL, - - - - -	\$177,644.47

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THE ONLY ONE of its kind in this whole country. We wish to have a good, earnest talk with every reader, and especially with every subscriber of this magazine. We feel sure that every subscriber who has had the pleasure of reading this magazine, enjoying the comforts resulting from the mental food regularly found in its columns, will each and every one agree that it is the only one of its kind in existence. As you already know, the object of this magazine is to bring **Health, Happiness and Prosperity** to all mankind. We receive hundreds of letters every day from devoted readers saying that they are so much more **Healthy**, so much more **Happy**, so much more **Satisfied** with all this world, since they have been regularly visited by what they frequently call "their dear helpful magazine." It is now our object to make each and every one of the readers, and as we have said above, more especially the subscribers, of **The New York Magazine of Mysteries**, more prosperous financially. You have followed us by subscribing and reading this magazine, from month to month, from year to year; as we have grown you have watched us: You have been **Satisfied**, otherwise we could not have succeeded in obtaining over one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) monthly circulation inside of three short years. Co-operate with us now in our ambition to make each and every Co-Partner—Co-Operator—Co-Investor **wealthier**, and we will guarantee to make every promise good, and that means we will guarantee to satisfy you just the same as we have done before, and always will continue to do. Remember there is not a single cent of indebtedness of any kind whatsoever. We do not owe a cent. We have a strong cash balance in the bank. We have already during the first three (3) months of this year earned enough money to equal a net profit that would pay a dividend of over six (6) per cent. And just stop and consider that we have nine (9) more working months in this year. Just think of getting a guaranteed investment where you are sure of getting **big, substantial dividends**, and at the same time have your money just as safe as if it were in a Savings Bank. We will leave it to you to decide after carefully studying the wonderful showing and steady growth of the subscription and advertising receipts since this magazine was born. We believe that you will agree with us when we say that a showing like this has never been equaled in the publishing world.

Receipts From Subscriptions.

Year 1901		Year 1903	
April, - - -	\$223.94	January, - - -	\$5,974.84
May, - - -	567.84	February, - - -	5,222.28
June, - - -	320.71	March, - - -	5,122.30
July, - - -	256.42	April, - - -	3,714.97
August, - - -	460.61	May, - - -	3,663.66
September, - - -	745.80	June, - - -	4,590.37
October, - - -	1,575.65	July, - - -	3,834.26
November, - - -	1,733.12	August, - - -	3,720.65
December, - - -	2,154.99	September, - - -	3,750.15
		October, - - -	4,384.05
		November, - - -	4,449.58
		December, - - -	7,125.65
Total for year 1901, - - -	\$8,078.48		
Year 1902		Year 1904	
January, - - -	\$2,680.60	Up to and inclusive of March, 1904, - - -	\$20,748.37
February, - - -	2,723.69	February, - - -	27,967.55
March, - - -	3,103.94	March, - - -	29,917.91
April, - - -	4,219.54		
May, - - -	4,237.36		
June, - - -	2,151.61		
July, - - -	1,945.15		
August, - - -	2,145.07		
September, - - -	3,239.30		
October, - - -	3,253.70		
November, - - -	5,852.47		
December, - - -	7,717.77		
Total for year 1902, - - -	\$41,370.00	Total, first 3 months of year '04, - - -	\$72,633.83

Grand Total of Moneys Taken in for Subscriptions from the Time the Magazine was Started up to and Inclusive of March, 1904.

YEAR 1901, - - -	\$8,078.48
" 1902, - - -	41,370.00
" 1903, - - -	55,562.16
MARCH, APRIL, MAY, 1904, - - -	72,633.83
GRAND TOTAL, - - -	\$177,644.47

Advertising Receipts.

1902		1903	
May, - - -	\$305.30	January, - - -	\$1,145.55
June, - - -	304.00	February, - - -	1,945.14
July, - - -	199.50	March, - - -	2,423.90
August, - - -	183.55	April, - - -	2,262.00
September, - - -	378.65	May, - - -	2,110.20
October, - - -	571.20	June, - - -	1,796.55
November, - - -	763.25	July, - - -	1,628.40
December, - - -	911.15	August, - - -	1,484.45
		September, - - -	1,617.30
		October, - - -	2,436.57
		November, - - -	3,022.50
		December, - - -	2,998.82
	\$3,613.60		\$24,871.38
1904		Total, - - -	
January, - - -	\$2,558.14	\$40,897.58	
February, - - -	2,417.70	since advertising was first taken, which was over one year after the magazine was started.	
March, - - -	741.90		
April, - - -	3,694.86		
	\$12,412.60		

You will notice that during the year 1901 from April the subscriptions amounted to \$8,078.48. For 1902 they increased to \$41,370.00. Even after taking out the first three months, the increase over 1901 was \$24,783.29, or 300 per cent. We now find that 1903 brought \$55,562.16, an increase of \$14,192.16 over the previous year, and of \$31,154.26 over the first year, on a basis of counting only the last nine months. To fully appreciate and illustrate how a magazine will increase its earnings after once the public has given it their support and approval, we ask you to carefully note what happened to our subscriptions during the first three months of this year. We have taken in \$72,633.83. In only three short months we have taken \$12,412.60 more than during the whole of last year (1903), and we have nine more months to work in 1904. You will also notice that the advertising receipts have more than doubled in the last twelve months. They are sure to increase now each and every year. You will notice that the receipts for advertising for the first four months of this year were about \$5,000 more than they were for the same months last year. We say that money put into this institution is as safe as a Savings Bank, and we feel sure that you have arrived at the same decision after reading the above actual receipts which have occurred during the past three years. Yes, indeed! A savings bank is just as safe. One is as safe as the other, but does one pay as much as the other? No, indeed! Even on the earnings of our magazine, just as they have been running since the first of the year, we are in a position to pay large dividends, or, in other words, you will double your money in between four and five years if you invest your dividends at the same rate. We will guarantee to refund you your money. Write us about this, so there cannot possibly be any misunderstanding. So here is our proposition to the readers and subscribers of **The New York Magazine of Mysteries**. First, big dividends promptly paid. Second, money invested safe as in a savings bank. Third, money refunded. Special contract to this effect. Fourth, your money at rate of dividends now being earned will more than double in five years.

SEE WHAT OTHERS HAVE DONE

Some of the largest fortunes in this country have been made in the publishing business. The *Youth's Companion*, The *Christian Herald*, The *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Munsey's Magazine* and *The Century Magazine* are each and every one making a fortune every year. We could go on and name many others. All of these publications are making large profits right in the face of the closest kind of competition, while with us there is no competition whatever. The **New York Magazine of Mysteries** is the only one of its kind in this country. You know; you have read it now for some time.

OUR REASON

It will at once occur to all the readers of this magazine that there must be some reason why we wish to take you in as a shareholder, and practically as a partner, of this wonderful publishing business which is earning such large dividends. Our reason is that the larger the success of anything to-day the larger the number of minds that govern that selfsame overwhelming success. This is an age of co-operation. We want every subscriber to this magazine as a co-operator. We want all these practical co-partners and advisory co-operators after we have boiled down all their ideas and added them to our already wonderfully successful method of conducting this magazine. The way to get your co-operation is to have you interested financially. The only way to get you thus interested is to divide with you our big profits. This we are now willing to do, if you will write us at once. We are sure that you never had a better opportunity in all your life to become associated financially with one of the most successful publishing houses in this country and in a magazine that has no real rival competitor. You are a well-read and a thoughtful person if you are a subscriber to this magazine, and you will appreciate the fact that in 99 times out of a hundred, when you are asked to put money into any enterprise it is to be used to experiment with trying to

make the enterprise a financial success. Sometimes it proves so. But here with our proposition, we ask you to do nothing of the kind. All the experimental stages are over, and the magazine is upon a **BIG EARNING BASIS**. We ask you to come in and share our prosperity—For what? For your co-operation. Don't say to yourself that your co-operation cannot be of any use to us. We assure you that it will be, and just as soon as you become a shareholder, large or small, we will show and prove to you that your co-operation can be of great use and financial profit to both yourself and ourselves. We do not care what discoveries are made during this the Twentieth Century. We predict that at the end of this Century you will find co-operation the one strong, popular and successful method of conducting any large enterprise. At that time your magazine, our magazine, will stand a towering monument to your far-sightedness in knowing enough to grasp an opportunity—where co-operation in the publishing business would accomplish so much. This is our reason, dear subscriber. Write us to-day. Become a shareholder and let us show you what co-operation will accomplish in the new era of the publishing business, and also what large dividends co-operation will pay you.

WHO HAS DONE IT?

We also know that you wish to learn who conceived, who planned the campaign, who pushed this magazine to such a phenomenal success and made it such a splendid paying piece of property. Who, after it is paying a large and satisfactory dividend upon all the money invested, still has the ambition to look yet farther ahead, and has in his mind's eye a larger circulation, a bigger and better magazine, to bring **Health, Happiness and Prosperity** to all mankind. This gentleman, this publisher and financier, is **Mr. Charles E. Ellis**, President of this Magazine Corporation, besides being a large holder of real estate in both New York and New Jersey. Mr. Ellis is known among the bankers of New York to be interested in several large and successful enterprises. President Ellis's wealth would easily foot up into a million or more if he should care to sell and withdraw from his valuable publishing business and other enterprises. But President Ellis is not that kind of a man. He is a worker. He is a successful, hard-working business man, that fully believes in co-operation, and he now is fully convinced, as President of this Company, that he wants the co-operation of every subscriber and reader of this magazine. He believes and knows that if you are his copartner in this publication, as a shareholder and co-operator, you and he together can make this the **greatest, brightest and best** magazine in the world to bring **Health, Happiness and Prosperity** to all mankind. Here you can become a copartner with Mr. Ellis, one of the most successful business men in New York, and in the United States for that matter. Act to-day. Write us at once. Draw your dividends forever from now on, and watch the further successful development of "your," "our," magazine. This is what co-operation means. Mr. Ellis is President of this Corporation. Mr. Ellis is also President and owns nearly all the shares in the C. E. Ellis Company, valued conservatively at \$250,000.00. Mr. Ellis has other investments in New York City real estate, bonds, stocks and mortgages to the amount of many hundreds of thousands of dollars. Any bank or mercantile agency will tell you his guarantee is as good as gold. This is the successful man that wants you for a copartner and co-operator, as a shareholder in this company. Remember, you will do business directly with Mr. Ellis in this matter. After giving the matter thorough and mature consideration, Mr. Ellis has decided to part with a limited amount of his own personal valuable holdings and make you his co-shareholder and co-dividend receiver. It is a great opportunity.

MY OFFER TO YOU

I will sell a limited number of shares at their par value of Ten Dollars (\$10) per share. I wish to have your co-operation. Perhaps I value this more than money. So you can use your own judgment as to how many shares you wish. I'll be just about as well pleased if you subscribe for one share, as if you send for a hundred, which, by the way, is the most I will sell to any one subscriber. I would very much rather one hundred subscribers would have a few shares each, than to have one person have a large number of shares. Why? Because if I have one hundred people as copartners with one share each, just think, how much more they can co-operate with me than could one person who might own one hundred shares. If you are going to invest money anywhere, you have a right to thoroughly understand everything about your company in which you are going to invest. If there is anything that you do not understand, or something further that you wish to know, write me at once. On the other hand, if you feel that you are thoroughly acquainted with just what I am going to do and just why I feel that I need you as a Co-Partner and Co-Operator as a shareholder, you can enclose in your letter the amount of money you wish to subscribe for shares. Send to me to-day for, say, one or two shares and see what co-operation will accomplish in way of getting out the best paper you ever read and the biggest dividends. I believe, every reader, on an investment. The price of the shares I have decided to sell is \$10 each per share. Please let me hear from you to-day. Address

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