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# OIL-GAS THE WONDERFUL NEW FUEL

**Ohioan's Remarkable Invention—Claimed to be the cheapest, safest and best yet found. Invents a new Oil-Gas Stove that burns about 90 per cent. air, 10 per cent. oil-gas. A Miniature Gas Works in the Home.**

**A GODSEND TO WOMEN FOLKS—EVERY FAMILY CAN NOW HAVE GAS FOR COOKING MADE FROM KEROSENE OIL AT A COST OF ONLY ABOUT 1/2 CENT PER HOUR.**

**How delighted the ladies will be to save 1/3 to 1/2 on fuel bills—all the drudgery of carrying coal, wood, ashes, dirt, etc., and be able to enjoy cool kitchens this summer.**

**Most Wonderful Stove Ever Invented—Nothing else like it—Entirely different from the kind seen in stores.**

**HOW OUR READERS CAN MAKE MONEY THIS SUMMER.**

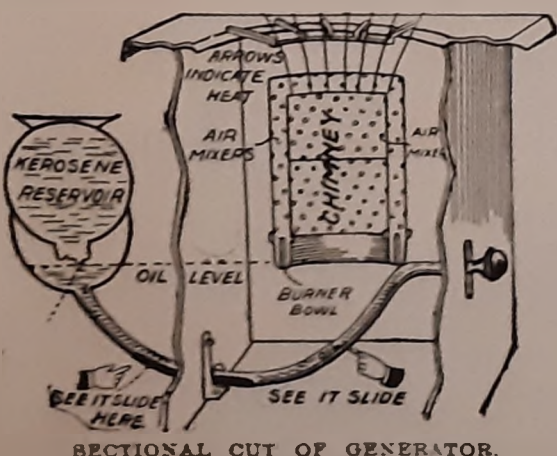
A genius of Cincinnati has invented a new, scientific oil-gas generator that is proving a blessing to women folks, enabling them to cook with gas—relieving them of drudgery. Makes cooking and housework a delight and at the same time often saves 1/3 to 1/2 in cost of fuel.

How often have many of our lady readers remarked that they would give anything to get rid of the drudgery of using the dirty coal and wood stoves—also the smoky oil wick stoves and their gasoline stoves which are so dangerous and liable to cause explosions or fire at any time.

Well, that day has arrived and a fine substitute has been discovered, and every family can now have gas fuel for cooking, baking and heating and not have their kitchens a hot, fiery furnace in summer, and be carrying coal and ashes—ruining their looks and health.

## Thousands a Week.

Upon calling at the factory we found that this invention has caused a remarkable excitement all over



the U. S.—that the factory is already rushed with thousands of orders and evidently the Company's representatives and agents are making big profits, as they offer splendid inducements.

As will be noticed from the engraving, this OIL-GAS GENERATOR is entirely different from any other stove—although its construction is very simple—may be easily and safely operated, and is built on the latest scientific principles, having no valves, which is a marked improvement, as all valves are liable to leak, rust, clog up or overflow.

By simply moving a knob the oil is automatically fed to a small steel burner bowl or retort where it is instantly changed into gas, which is drawn upward between two red-hot perforated steel chimneys, thoroughly mixed with air and consumed, giving a bright blue flame—hottest gas fire, similar in color and heating power to natural gas.

This invention has been fully protected in the U. S. Patent Office and is known as the HARRISON VALVELESS, WICKLESS, AUTOMATIC OIL-GAS GENERATOR—the only one yet discovered that consumes the carbon and by-products of the oil.

The extremely small amount of Kerosene Oil that is needed to produce so large a volume of gas make it one of the most economical fuels on earth, and the reason for the great success of this Generator is based on the well-known fact of the enormous expansiveness of oil-gas when mixed with oxygen or common air.

Oil-Gas is proving so cheap that 15c. to 30c. a week should furnish fuel gas for cooking for a small family.

Kerosene oil from which oil-gas is made may be purchased in every grocery—is cheap and a gallon of it will furnish a hot, blue flame gas fire in the burner for about 18 hours, and as a stove is only used 3 or 4 hours a day in most families for cooking, the expense of operating would be but little.

In addition to its cheapness is added the comfort, cleanliness—absence of soot, coal, dirt, ashes, etc.

What pleasure to just turn on the oil—light the gas—a hot fire ready to cook. When through, turn it off. Just think; a little kerosene oil—one match—light—a beautiful blue gas flame—hottest fire—always ready—quick meals—a gas stove in your home.

It generates the gas only as needed—Is not complicated, but simple—easily operated, and another feature is its PERFECT SAFETY.

## NOT DANGEROUS LIKE GASOLINE

And liable to explode and cause fire at any moment. This stove is so safe that you could drop a match in the oil tank and it would go out.

This Oil-Gas Stove does any kind of cooking that a coal or gas range will do—invaluable for the kitchen, laundry—summer cottage—washing—ironing—camping, etc. Splendid for canning fruit—with a portable oven placed over the burner splendid baking can be done.

## Another Important Feature

Is the invention of a small Radiator Attachment which placed over the burner, makes a desirable heating stove during the fall and winter, so that the old cook stove may be done away with entirely.

While at the factory in Cincinnati the writer was shown thousands of letters from customers who were using this wonderful oil-gas stove, showing that it is not an experiment but a positive success and giving splendid satisfaction; and as a few extracts may be interesting to our readers, we reproduce them:

L. S. Norris, of Vt., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Generators are wonderful savers of fuel—at least 50 per cent. to 75 per cent. over wood and coal."

Mr. H. Howe, of N. Y., writes: "I find the Harrison is the first and only perfect Oil-Gas Stove I have ever seen—so simple anyone can safely use it. It is what I have wanted for years. Certainly, a blessing to human kind."

Mr. E. D. Arnold, of Nebr., writes: **That he saved \$4.25 a month for fuel** by using the Harrison Oil-Gas Stove. That his gas range cost him \$5.50 per month and the Harrison only \$1.25 per month.

J. A. Shafer, of Pa., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Stove makes an intense heat from a small quantity of oil—entirely free from smoke or smell—great improvement over any other oil stove. Has a perfect arrangement for combustion—can scarcely be distinguished from a natural gas fire."

Mr. H. B. Thompson, of Ohio, writes: "I congratulate you on such a grand invention to aid the poor in this time of high fuel. The mechanism is so simple—easily operated—no danger. The color of the gas flame is a beautiful dark blue, and so hot seems almost double as powerful as gasoline."

Mrs. J. L. Hamilton, writes: "Am delighted—Oil-Gas Stoves so much nicer and cheaper than others—no wood, coal, ashes, smoke, no pipe, no wick, cannot explode."

Hon. Ira Eble, J. P., of Wis., writes: "Well pleased with the Harrison—far ahead of gasoline. No smoke or dirt—no trouble. Is perfectly safe—no danger of explosion like gasoline."

Chas. L. Bendeke, of N. Y., writes: "It is a pleasure to be the owner of your wonderful Oil-Gas Stove—no coal yard, plumbing—ashes or dust. One match lights the stove and in 10 minutes breakfast is ready."



No danger from an explosion—no smoke—no dirt—simply turn it off and expense ceases. For cheapness it has no equal.

**Agents are doing fine—Making big money.**

**WONDERFUL QUICK SELLER**

Geo. Robertson, of Mo., writes: "Am delighted with Oil-Gas, so are my friends—took 12 orders in 3 days."

A. B. Simp, of Texas, writes: "I want the agency—in a day and a half took over a dozen orders."

Edward Wilson, of Mo., writes: "The Harrison very satisfactory—Sold 5 stoves first day I had mine."

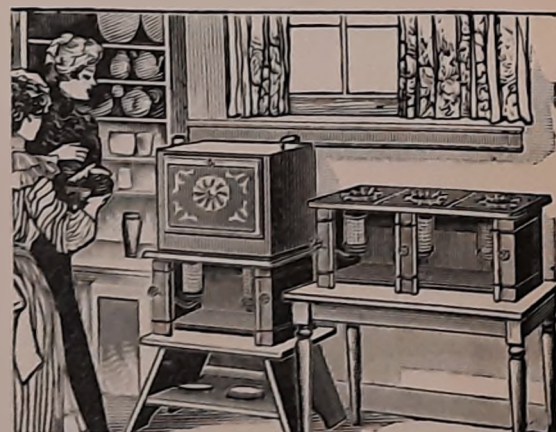
J. H. Halman, of Tenn., writes: "Already have 70 orders."

This is certainly a good chance for our readers to make money this summer.

Hundreds of other prominent people highly endorse and recommend oil-gas fuel and there certainly seems to be no doubt that it is a wonderful improvement over other stoves.

The writer personally saw these Oil-Gas Stoves in operation—in fact, uses one in his own home—is delighted with its working, and after a thorough investigation can say to our readers that this Harrison Oil-Gas Stove made by the Cincinnati firm is the only perfect burner of its kind.

It is made in three sizes 1, 2 or 3 generators to a stove. They are made of steel throughout—thoroughly tested before shipping—sent out complete—ready for use as soon as received—nicely finished with nickel trimmings, and as there seems to be nothing about it to wear out, they should last for years. They seem to satisfy and delight every user and the makers fully guarantee them.



## HOW TO GET ONE.

All our lady readers who want to enjoy the pleasures of a gas stove—the cheapest, cleanest and safest fuel—save 1/3 to 1/2 on fuel bills and do their cooking, baking, ironing and canning fruit at small expense should have one of these remarkable stoves.

Space prevents a more detailed description, but these oil-gas stoves will bear out the most exacting demands for durability and satisfactory properties.

If you will write to the only makers, **The World Mfg. Co., 5721 World Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio**, and ask for their illustrated pamphlet describing this invention, and also letters from hundreds of delighted users, you will receive much valuable information.

The price of these stoves is remarkably low, only \$3.00 up. And it is indeed difficult to imagine where that amount of money could be invested in anything else that would bring such saving in fuel bills, so much good health and satisfaction to our wives.

## DON'T FAIL TO WRITE TO-DAY

For full information regarding this splendid invention.

The World Mfg. Co. is composed of prominent business men of Cincinnati, are perfectly responsible and reliable, capital \$100,000.00, and will do just as they agree. The stoves are just as represented and fully warranted.

Don't fail to write for Catalogue.

## \$40.00 Weekly and Expenses.

The firm offers splendid inducements to agents, and an energetic man or woman having spare time can get a good position, paying big wages, by writing them at once and mentioning this paper.

A wonderful wave of excitement has swept over the country, for where shown these Oil-Gas Stoves have caused great excitement. Oil-Gas fuel is so economical and delightful that the sales of these Stoves last month were enormous and the factory is rushed with thousands of orders.

Many of our readers have spare time, or are out of employment, and others are not making a great deal of money, and we advise them to write to the firm and secure an agency for this invention. Exhibit this stove before 8 or 10 people and you excite their curiosity and should be able to sell 5 or 8 and make \$10.00 to \$15.00 a day. Why should people live in penury or suffer hardships for the want of plenty of money when an opportunity of this sort is opened?



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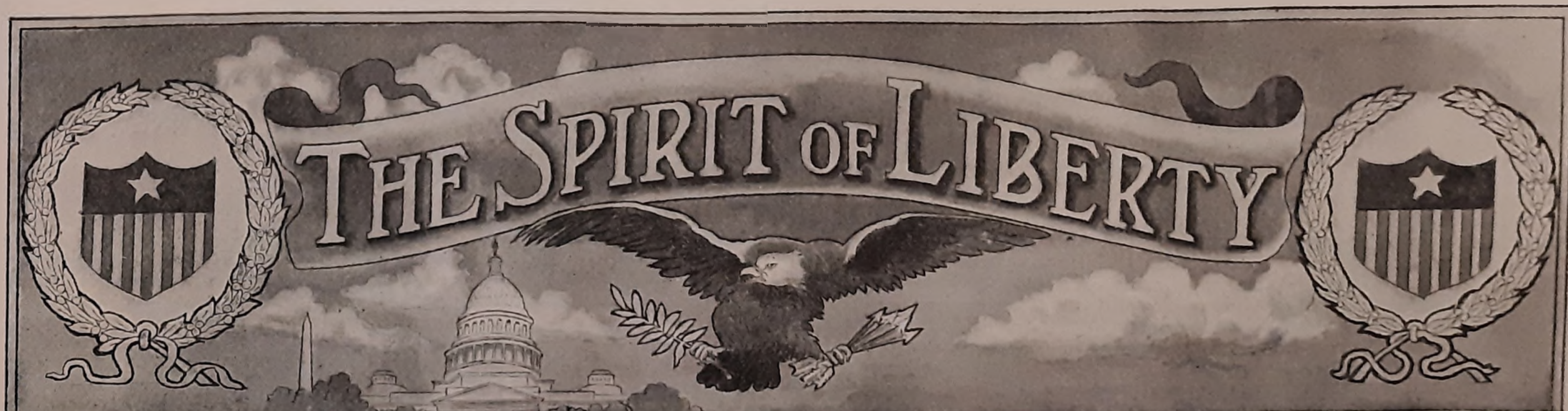
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**W**ITH what pride we look upon our beautiful flag, hear the inspiring airs of our National music, gaze upon the wonderful symbols by which our Nation has chosen to represent its ideals, its real life and character, its glorious victories, its possible achievements!

Yet there is the same inner significance, the same soul-thrilling suggestiveness in the symbology of every nation.

Symbols are a universal means of expressing a universal idea—the idea of individuality, or the innate Spirit of Liberty which proclaims the immanence of the Divine Image.

It is this Image, individualized in all souls and in all nations, which has brought forth in greater or lesser degree and in infinitely diverse forms the Divine likeness.

In every exhibition of freedom, courage, independence, originality or strength, whether in individual, race or nation, we see the works of the true Spirit of Liberty, the divinely free likeness of the Divine Image.

It was this same Spirit of Liberty that gave to America its Puritan Pilgrims, who were willing to "do, dare and suffer" in order that they might form the little Republic of the "Lord's free people," and who by their sturdy and righteous independence laid the foundation for that system which ripened into "the government of the people, by the people and for the people."

It was the Spirit of Liberty that inaugurated, and has kept in harmonious activity for several hundreds of years, that flower of the Old World and inspiration of the New, the Swiss Republic than which there is nothing more representative of God-like virtues in active operation in human life.

It was the Spirit of Liberty that moved John Brown with a mistaken zeal to make his famous raid on Harper's Ferry Arsenal in 1859. Though he was captured, tried and hanged for treason, this same spirit in those of larger vision, saw the Principle above and beyond the man, which inspired the immortal words:

"John Brown's body lies a-moldering in the grave,  
But his soul goes marching on."

The Spirit of Liberty working through Franklin Adams and Jefferson gave us the wonderful Declaration of Independence, which declares every soul to "be born free and equal" and "entitled to the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness."

Everywhere it works, this universal spirit, molding the lives, characters and ideals of individuals and nations. Sometimes it is blinded,



restrained and thwarted by the spirit of ignorance, but only for a season, for just so surely as there is a sense of Divine justice, there will be a demand for Divine liberty, and its workings ultimate in the manifestation of justice, mercy, peace and freedom.

## THE FLAG OF THE FREE

I'm the flag and the friend of the brave  
and the free,  
Most proudly I float on the land and  
the sea.  
To all I'm the sign of a freedom  
Divine  
By all I'm beloved, and in hearts am  
enshrined.  
As the emblem of Truth and Sweet  
Liberty.

I'm above all deceit and beyond all  
despair,  
For near though the storm or the  
enemies' lair,  
My courage is great and my message is  
true,  
As when peace is supreme and the  
skies are of blue.  
I'm the emblem of Truth and Sweet  
Liberty.

I'm the flag and the friend of the brave  
and the free,  
In this beautiful world my mission's  
to be  
The giver of hope, the inspirer of  
life,  
The maker of heroes where danger is  
rife.  
E'er the emblem of Truth and Sweet  
Liberty.

—H. V.-A.



## THE HEART OF LIFE

By Stanton Kirkham Davis, in Mind

**A**YE, the Heart of it—'tis that we would have. We've done with surfaces; we've enough of going around the gooseberry-bush. We say, with Emerson, we would not merely live to wear out our shoes.

As a prophet of our day has pointed out, it is regeneration we must have—since generation has brought us no nearer to Truth, but nearer the grave, rather. And now we children of the Most High will have the Heart of it—the pith and essence of life. We could chant the divine Song of the Eternal; and we say to the world: "O ye dreamers! 'Tis you who chase moonbeams—we who gaze on the Sun!" For we will write the Soul into history, and transmute Philosophy into Life and Conduct—Thought into Serenity and Power. And this in the name of no institution and no man, but in the name of God, brother—in the name of the Eternal, which is Love. This will we do in virtue of what we *are*; we offer this atonement for the years we lived to what we were *not*. Henceforth we bid the personal man unmask, that we may speak face to face—that we may make some communication worth the while.

And so, seeking the Heart of it, we shall meet life and bring it to terms—nor try to escape it; and never more forever shall it seem mean to us. "I need not good fortune," said Whitman; "I myself am good fortune." Brave words, and true. Unless I am good fortune there is none for me—no, none. I am myself the best man I shall meet—and the worst. I am Destiny and Fate; and now Life and Death shall serve me, for the Ideal, which was Sentiment, has become Power.

Seeking the Heart of it, we re-examine all things; and nothing antagonizes, but things no longer mislead. We read into the heart of books—when such they have—and into the hearts of men. "Is it real?" we ask. If it is real it will suffice, for whatsoever is real is good. But first of all it is our selves we scrutinize, or that which we supposed ourselves to be; and this, too, must be laid aside.

And what is all this but a plea for Religion, or, let us say, a return to Religion—a protest against the irreligion of the times, against the sham of Religion. We seek the heart and soul of Religion as the pearl of price, as the hidden treasure in comparison with which all else is trivial and fleeting—without which we cannot live. So it comes that we commemorate those solemn nuptials, the marriage of Religion and Philosophy, of Morals and Health. And if you could preach to us you must be able to heal us as well. Show us the way out of this present hell into a present heaven. We deal no more in futures. That the clerical profession has no health, and the medical profession no religion—these are anomalies we will no longer tolerate.

Thus is seen again in the body the temple of the spirit; if a ruined temple, one we would none the less restore and consecrate to its proper service—the service of the Most High. That service is health of body no less than sanity of mind and serenity of spirit. For how shall we serve Him from whom proceed health and sanity and love, save by being healthy, sane and loving? Shall we sing hymns to the Author of harmony who have neither harmony nor melody in our lives? No; but because we seek the Heart of it we shall live harmoniously, and this shall be our service to Harmony. Our lives shall be sweet and melodious, and this our offering to Melody. A fine life—a fine, sweet life: what nobler service can there be? What is all the talking and the writing to right living? This is the only hymn of praise that is more than a name. It is not the tongue that chants, but the heart. Let us serve thus: but, rather than any sham, let us serve the Devil. Let us every one build, then, a temple after that divine pattern which stands the type of Beauty: not in wood and stone, but in flesh and blood, until that hour shall come wherein we shall be given finer and more enduring material with which to build. "Entrust to Truth whatsoever thou hast from the Truth," says St. Augustine, in his Confessions, "and thou shalt lose nothing; and thy decay shall bloom again, and thy disease be healed, and thy mortal parts be reformed and renewed."

We shall re-examine ways and means and ends; unmask, unveil, and deal with things as they are, and no longer as they appear to be—realities in place of illusions. And so live to some purpose, if at all. In this process one fact above all others stands out clearly: namely, that Religion is no mere retainer to life, but is life itself. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God" is the only commandment—if indeed we need any commandment who would love that we might have life. With all thy soul, and heart, and mind—nothing less; but men have given a lukewarm regard, a feeble adoration at best; so feeble, so faithless, that they have pined and grown puny for want of faith and a great love, a deep love, an immeasurable love, which is alone adequate to the needs of man. For this is the only warrant for existence, the only sufficient reason for

experience: that we should come at last to the Heart of it—the love of God. So are they blessed who remember the Creator in the days of their youth; for such are led, while the rest are driven.

Mothers, bring up your children to be the gentle souls of earth. For the mere living amounts to little if we can impart no divine character to life. Brute force is so cheap! Mere men can be had for a song; they encumber the earth like a swarm of locusts—and what to do with the hordes is a problem. But disinterestedness is so rare as to be a virtue. We go out of our way to see it—so beautiful it is. It has taken on somewhat of the character of heroism, this simple thing, and we speak of it reverently. But it is only a getting nearer to the Heart of it, as all loveliness is. The sweet loveliness with which gentle children play together must some day characterize the relation of us larger children as well. Thou shalt become as a little child in trustfulness, in candor, and gentleness, and so again attain to the blessed immunity of childhood. With all our cant of Scripture, with all the droning and whining for which it has been the excuse, it nevertheless points to the Heart of it—these ancient Poems, which arose from an unclouded perception of the Soul. But it takes perception to read them aright, else you will go to droning and whining likewise. "I am a worm!" Aye, very likely, to your impoverished view; but living should have taught something better. "I am a man, and I take the consequence of my act"—until happily I draw a little nearer to Thee, ineffable One!

This drawing nearer to God receives now a new interpretation. The nearest approach to the Creator is through His creatures—and not away from them. We perceive that every man is somewhat of an inlet to Divinity—as all Nature is; that all things are but an expression of it, and that we do not see them truly until we thus see them. Looking for God in our brother, we would no longer make capital of his defects, but they become our loss as well. We would help in his restoration, and our mental and spiritual resources are his to command. The more he takes the more we have, and the service is mutual. Our God being the God of Love, of Harmony and Health, our sacrifice on the altar of Life is ceaseless. Living and doing and thinking are all a drawing nearer. Everything, indeed, invites us to draw nearer to God. For the creature is ever slipping away from us—ever passing from our sight, and "nothing is permanent but change." *'Tis auf wieder sehen*, and forever *auf wieder sehen!* But change is based on Love, and it is that which changeth not. That we shall love the Creator—this is the Purpose; and so the Universe knocks at our door. "We would be loved!" say the men, the women, the birds, the flowers—"we would be loved"; and they are gone and others are knocking. But in God we find our lost loves. Here, and here only, is the Permanent in lieu of the Impermanent.

It may not be left unsaid that this service of the Most High is the only service that is real; that all else is a service of dreams, a pursuit of shadows. It is the End to which all ends are but the means. Were it not that those large terms, Omnipresence, Omnipotence, and the rest, still belong to theology rather than to life, it would be seen that this is self-evident. For, in view of their significance, where else is there to go? What else is there to do? Surely God and Not-God is poor philosophy and poor religion. Metaphysics has convinced us where Theology failed. But we shall remember that Love lies back of metaphysics; and in that day when metaphysics fails us, Love, and Love alone, shall be our refuge.

As we draw nearer to the Heart of it, it is inevitable that sooner or later there should confront us that idea so inseparable from the nature of Religion, so alien to the character of human aims and ambitions—the idea of renunciation. But this receives also a new interpretation, or rather it is seen that in its true and broad sense it is a far different thing from the narrow doctrine of the schools. But inevitable it surely is in the nature of things, as they who seek the Heart of it must know. Shall we arrive at it through insight; shall we learn it through experience—for these two roads converge?

"So self-renunciation, the main factor in conduct or righteousness," says Matthew Arnold, "is the secret of Jesus. . . . Jesus, above every one, saw that it was *peace, joy, life*." So much for insight! "Everything," says Goethe, "cries out to us that we must renounce." So much for experience! What is it but the Universal that forever spurs men onward in high or low degree, according to their perception? We think it to be the individual and the particular. Nature fosters and God permits the illusion, but nevertheless it is the Universal that lures, or leads, or compels, as it may be. Every swallow beckons us as he dips and curves in his beautiful flight—every nodding flower, every blade of grass. But only the Poet sees, and then and there experiences an inrush of the Universal. Looking at a gem, it is really the *light* that is admired; but the comment is, "What a beautiful gem!" So it is with character, nobility—all the evidences of Divinity, in fact: it is the *Light* again; but the comment, "What a grand man!" Now, happily, we shall address ourselves to the *Light* itself.

So self-renunciation is a foregoing of that which but *appears* for the sake of that which *is*. It is virtually a coming to one's Self, and thus conditions freedom. We shall lose our lives that we may find them—this is the divine paradox, the riddle that we must be born again to answer. But until the love of God has blossomed within us there shall be no rest, no peace. We shall give up name and life that we may be no longer hindered—renounce them in favor of the Spirit, and so rise superior to the personal, and with the ascent gain a broader horizon, until perchance all limits fade away. It is thus that character grows mellow and sweet. And so shall we come at last to the Heart of Life.

## The Power of Fear

THE origin of all bodily ailments is in the region of mentality, it matters not whether they appear by contagion, epidemic, heredity or so-called accident.

If by contagion, the thing that opens the door is fear. It may not be conscious fear experienced at the time, that is, fear of the disease. All fear throws down the walls of defense before whatever may attack, and conscious fear of a thing or an occurrence opens the door to admit that which is specifically feared.

If one is in a general fear state of mentality—afraid of diseases generally, afraid of the weather and the elements, afraid of God and the devil, and afraid of destiny—such an one is defenceless against disease and sickness; while fearlessness in all these particulars, such fearlessness being founded on a belief in the allness of the Good, will render one safe from all sorts of sickness.

We have a long time known that the scared person will take a contagious disease where the fearless one escapes; and the man who is afraid of the horse he rides is liable to be thrown off. Fear is at the basis of all failure.

Hereditary ailments are held and transmitted to each new body we form by the fear arising out of belief in evil. We believe in the same errors and fear the same evils that our parents did, hence we tinge the new particles being constantly assimilated with the same qualities.

There are no accidents in the sense of happening without law or cause. Everything that occurs has a good reason for taking place, whether we see it or not. Every resultant has a legitimate cause.

Then if unlooked-for occurrences overtake us, they are not accidents simply because we have not foreseen the cause. The cause is always back of the occurrence, and if we suffer by it, it is because we are not fortified in the strongholds of God's protecting presence.

## To Live or Die

WHICH is better? To live in this mortal body, with the increasing infirmities of old age, does not commend itself to the majority. It does not seem desirable. In growing old there comes a time when death is looked forward to and welcomed. But the hope of putting on immortality in the present life alters the prospect. We do not get tired of life, but with the limitations that increasing years impose. We think of the Immortals as in a state of perpetual youthfulness. But why choose youth with its immaturities, rather than the maturity of age? The fuller life needs the vigor and enthusiasm of youth with the experience and wisdom of age. Much of the infirmity of age might be avoided with proper care in living.

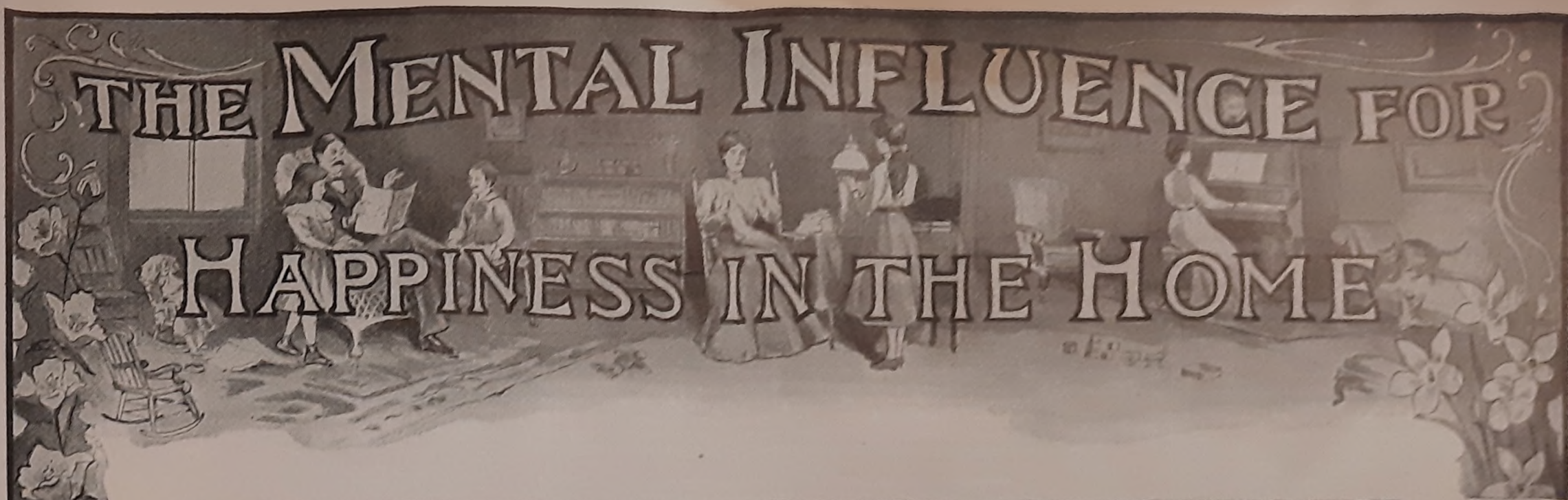
Our breathing, eating, working and resting give us new life; action is life, then why should not our power of life go on increasing rather than decrease? We wear away with the unnecessary burdens we carry. How few live up to the best they know.

In the forms of life around us we see coming to maturity and dying, but only dying for the renewal of life. We indeed are children of the earth, but are we not different, the beginning of a new kingdom of life, and by our experience and wisdom may we not live so as to increase our power and prolong our lives indefinitely, if this was desirable? Death was feared for the uncertainty of the hereafter. An angry God and a place of punishment were the certainties of the future for so many. But now these have gone and in their place come love and joy for all. We have the certainty of love and joy in ourselves.

Whether we can put on immortality in this life is problematic, but it is certain we might prolong and sweeten life by more careful living.

Is death, then, a loss or a gain? Does it hasten or hinder our progress? It may be a loss in separating us from this world before we have learned its lessons. It may be a gain in leading us sooner into the new sphere. We all agree that it is our duty to live as long and as well as we can. Yet how many die, feeling that they had more to do. It seems right we should live till we had the feeling of work finished, not in weariness, but in readiness for a new task. We consider death as a change, but as our knowledge in consciousness increases we will come to know more the oneness of both lives, for we die to live. Then to live or to die is gain; we have work to do in both spheres, work for our growth, and the conditions of growth are the conditions of happiness.—*Philo*.





## PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE TWELVE BEST LETTERS

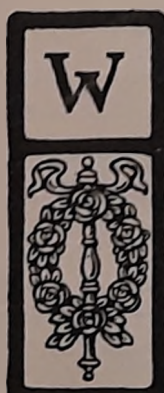
FIRST PRIZE, \$25.00—MRS. MARY McCOLLUM, 247 Crete Avenue, Elmira, N. Y.  
SECOND PRIZE, \$10.00—MRS. MAUDE M. MILLER, 740 E. High Street, Springfield, O.

THE FIVE FOLLOWING WERE EACH AWARDED TWO DOLLARS:

MRS. ANNIE PLAYLE, 411 Ossington Avenue, Toronto, Canada.  
MRS. ARTHUR McDONALD, Deer Ridge, Mo.  
REV. CORNELIUS M. HOWARD, King George County, Va.  
ROBT. W. FREISE, 3423 Scimp Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.  
J. M. AUSTIN, Wilmington, O.

THE FOLLOWING FIVE WERE EACH AWARDED ONE DOLLAR:

EMILY REDFERN, 18 Stainer Street, Stoke-on-Trent, England.  
MRS. INEZ A. BUDD, 1239 E. Channel Street, Stockton, Cal.  
B. M. SHARP, Denning, Tex.  
MARGARET L. S. CHASE, Chicago, Ill.  
MRS. M. T. PIERCE, North Yakima, Wash.



WE have had so many and such interesting letters, such heart-touching glimpses into the lives and life problems of our correspondents, who have so freely and gladly portrayed their struggles, methods and victories, that it is hard to make a choice, but we promised, and we must.

Though many, many of the hundreds of letters contain much of inspiring interest and vital help, we have been obliged to adhere strictly to conditions as set forth in our offer, and confer prizes among those contestants giving actual practical demonstrations of Health, Happiness or Prosperity brought about through the MENTAL attitude.

That we have brought forth such splendid proof of the value of Right Thinking, not only as it benefits the individual, but the Home, is of unspeakable satisfaction and joy. The people whose letters you read below are not those "born with a silver spoon in their mouths"; they are those who have faced hard conditions of life, many obstacles, often apparently insuperable ones. They have struggled with poverty, disease, sorrow. They have been in storm and shadow, in stress and darkness, yet they have overcome. They have been glad to tell us how, and best of all, when you read their brave, strong words, you will feel that the same Power that helped them can help you. You will realize more than ever before that there is a Law which, being complied with, makes Health, Happiness and Prosperity possible for all.

We take pleasure in awarding the prizes to those whose letters follow:

### FIRST PRIZE OF \$25

247 CRETE AVENUE,  
ELMIRA, N. Y., April 6, 1904.

#### Magazine of Mysteries:

To-day I received the April number of my loved Magazine, and in this I respond to your request for personal experiences.

Some years ago I learned the law of directing the subtle forces which control environment by a definite and attainable mental attitude. We had never been prosperous since our marriage, and at that time my husband and I were carrying on a small and unremunerative photograph and engraving business, which was not paying necessary expenses. I therefore determined to put to practical use my newly acquired knowledge by trusting for ample supply. In less than a month money began to flow in more freely, but long accumulated debts would occasionally arise, as threatening ghosts of past misfortunes, to face me.

Each time this occurred I settled myself still more firmly in my mental attitude of Trust and worked on. In time the ghosts vanished, and so did the debts.

Prosperity increased rapidly for a year or two. Then came the summer of 1893, when the whole country was swept by a financial fear and consequent stringency. I have to acknowledge that when its effects were only too apparent upon our affairs my courage and faith went down with the sweeping current, and once more we faced a steadily diminishing business.

In spite of having so plainly proved the Law of Success, the long years of poverty, combined with the present exigency, made vain for several months my efforts to recover a proper mental attitude. But finally, almost overwhelmed by a constant decrease in income and increase of my old enemy, debt, I compelled myself to trust.

At once all fear left me, and, though a long, hard year went by without apparent result except greater poverty and more debts, I never once faltered.

Then came a day I can never forget. We had reached a point where, for days, not a customer had entered our door, and we had not a stroke of work to do in the gallery. My husband, having hired a horse and cart, had gone into the country to photograph some farmhouses, hoping in that way to make a few dollars, while I was in my little sitting-room adjoining the studio—mending. But what of that? I was perfectly happy, and my heart kept singing a little song, "The Earth is Full of the Goodness of the Lord," and I knew I had all the money I wanted, and that it mattered not where it was kept for me.

Then I heard the gallery door open. Fateful opening! A gentleman entered who had come to offer my husband a situation as photographer and engraver in an institution only twenty-five miles away, at a salary of more than a thousand dollars a year. This man was a stranger. The institution he represented we knew nothing about except its mere existence. We had no knowledge of its having any department of photography and engraving, nor had my husband ever contemplated seeking such a situation. Yet it was brought to our very door, and to us seemed wealth indeed.

In ten days it was all settled, and my husband was in full charge. Was it not wonderful? Had it mattered that I could not see where God had banked my money?

Nor was this all. I was now left alone with a patronless gallery on my hands, my husband being able to be with me on Sundays only.

But surely I could not now dare to fail.

I hired a young woman to keep my house and do my printing, and I set earnestly and most trustfully about my business. People began to come for pictures. I welcomed each one with a warm heart and a sense of personal interest. I never did better work.

How my business did grow! I worked alone in that way nearly two years, and the last year I doubled the profits of any previous year, often working until midnight to keep up with my orders.

Then I closed up the business and came to my husband. We have bought a lot and built a suburban cottage home, in which we enjoy Comfort, Harmony and Peace.

Is the arm of the Lord shortened? Surely not. His law of trust and love is eternal and universal, and what one of His children has done each and every other child of His can do.

Faithfully,

MARY McCOLLUM.

### SECOND PRIZE OF \$10

740 EAST HIGH STREET,  
SPRINGFIELD, O., April 23, 1904.

#### Magazine of Mysteries:

Answering your appeal for letters from those who know personally of cases where a proper mental attitude has changed the course in a home from sickness and discouragement, I wish to say that I can vouch for one such instance, and I know of many others which are fast being transformed by one hopeful person in each, who is bringing health and happiness there, simply by reading THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and Practicing its Teachings.

In the first home I mentioned the mother was a delicate woman, and one who, although gifted intellectually, did not succeed in placing to advantage the literary work which she was doing. This so discouraged her that her health further suffered.

One day she saw a copy of your Magazine. It was like the opening of a new world to her. She read eagerly, and pondered over the wonderful things she found there. Could they be true? Were those blessed promises to her? She wrote to Mystic No. 7, and from him she had such reassuring words that she could not doubt.

On the curtain in her bedroom she pinned his letter, where its cheering words could encourage her at all times. She held the Noon and Evening thought with The Silent Brotherhood, until all her life was changed. She asserted Health, Happiness and Success until they all came to her, and to-day she is in excellent health and is now contributing three serials to first-class periodicals, as well as doing short-story writing, for all of which she is paid liberally.

Of course this success, and her improved health, has filled her home with the sunlight of a benediction, and she is the most enthusiastic believer in all the ideas taught by your Mystics.

She buys and sends copies of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES to many despairing friends, many of whom are being brought face to face with your great Truths.

These things I know, and I can give the lady's name to any who may doubt. Hoping that this letter may bring others to see the light, I am

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs.) MAUDE M. MILLER.

THE FIVE FOLLOWING WON PRIZES OF \$2 EACH

411 OSSINGTON AVENUE,  
TORONTO, CANADA, APRIL 2, 1904.

#### Magazine of Mysteries:

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 Noonday 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 others 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.

DEER RIDGE, MO., April 14, 1904.

#### Magazine of Mysteries:

Seeing your message in the April number of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES telling of the mental attitude bringing happiness to the home, I write you my experience.

When I read my first copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, eighteen months ago, I was tired of life. I thought I had nothing to live for, and when I retired at night, would say, "How sweet it would be to go to sleep and never awaken!" I longed to leave the home I once loved so much and never see it again.

My husband, who was all the world to me, had kissed me good-bye, laughing in the best of spirits, on the morning of August 10, 1902, and an hour later was accidentally drowned. When they brought home his lifeless form my heart was crushed. My health failed. I could not attend to the business matters that were awaiting me. I was a wreck physically and mentally.

A few months later I received a sample copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. I read it. The very book itself, as it rested in my feeble hands, gave me New Life, Courage, Hope.

I have been a constant reader of your Magazine, and as a result my home is bright and cheerful. I walk in a newness of life—in oneness with God. There is a sweet calmness in my soul that makes it impossible for me to be sad or discontented. If at any time I feel the need of rest, or disheartened, I sit in the Silence and listen to the Voice within. I am refreshed, and this mental attitude has restored me to happiness again. No day is too long for me. The sunlight of love illuminates my whole soul.

What a wonderful change your blessed teachings have brought into my life! I would like to tell your readers of some revelations given me in those silent communications with the All Presence, but Mystic No. 9 has asked for an experience where a certain mental attitude has brought Happiness, and I have given mine.

Naturally, I would like to win a prize, and if I am successful I will use the money to place THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES in homes that are darkened by sadness and sorrow, as my home was a short time ago.

MRS. ARTHUR McDONALD.







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**S**UNSHINE'S everywhere, and summer, too.—*Browning.*

The piney wood with life-giving fragrance is filled!

Life dances on the singing sea!

Hot July rages!

Now is the blessed season to cultivate a cool, calm, peaceful inner state.

IT IS THE MONTH TO HOPE.

Come, beloved, let us disperse the black clouds of night.

Longing is God's fresh heavenward will,

With our poor earthward striving;

We quench it that we may be still

Content with merely living;

But when we learn that heart's full scope,

Which we are hourly wronging,

Our lives must climb from hope to hope,

And realize our longing.

—*Lowell.*

Blessed Life!—we climb from hope to hope and realize our longing.

It is God's sweet peace—to hope.

And in July remember—

"The hot sun stooped, his eager thirst to slake;  
I trembled for the trembling little lake.

"I thought to see it shrivel in his clutch;  
But lo! it bloomed with lilies at his touch.

"Fear not, sweet saint, by joy to be undone;  
Peace comes with joy, like lilies with the sun."

So, let's have hope and joy and peace and bliss in God, no matter whether the season is hot or cold.

"Count not thy life by calendars; for years  
Shall pass by thee unheeded, whilst an hour—  
Some little fleeting hour, too quickly past—  
May stamp itself so deeply on thy brain,  
Thy latest years shall live upon its joy."

Up! soul, then, and know the blessed truth that thou art eternal and liveth always in Eternity and not in time or seasons.

What is Past, Present or Future?

The ETERNAL NOW of the Spirit is all there is.

And Oh, how grand is hope!

Hope is Life.

"In hope a king doth go to war;

In hope a lover lives full long;

In hope a merchant sails full far;

In hope just men do suffer wrong;

In hope the plowman sows his seed;

Thus hope helps thousands at their need;

Then, faint not, heart, among the rest;

Whatever chance, hope thou the best."

O God, teach me Love, Trust, Courage, Probity, and give me grace, but, above all, do not let me cease to hope.

## Telepathy as a Factor in Evolution

THE difference between the "crank" and the scientist is merely a matter of time. Some fact radiating from the source of all knowledge comes vibrating through space and strikes the brain of a person sensitive to its reception. He in turn gives it verbal expression and sends it out into the world. There it goes through three stages. The first stage is opposition. The second, acceptance. The third, application.

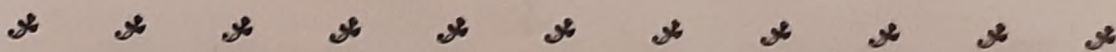
Telepathy has reached the last mentioned stage, after a hard battle with the first two. I am assuming that everyone—who thinks at all—is aware that Telepathy is accepted scientifically, as one of the great Forces of the Universe. That it is considered to be as capable of conscious direction as electricity.

# BIBLE BREAD.

For the bread of God is he (Truth) which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.—John vi, 33.

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing. The words that I speak unto you they are Spirit and they are Life.—John vi, 63.

This is that bread which came from heaven . . . he that eateth of this bread shall live forever.—John vi, 58.



You who are sick, discouraged or struggling for Life, try a daily diet of BIBLE BREAD.

When you are despondent or threatened with disease, repeat for twenty minutes at a time: *The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusted in him, and I am helped. Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth and with my song will I praise him.*—Ps. xxviii, 7. Then sing the words.

When you need courage, read and repeat many times: *Be strong and of good courage, fear not nor be afraid: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee: he will not fail thee nor forsake thee.*—DEUT. xxxi, 6.

When you feel perplexed and sad of heart, sing softly many times: *O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy hill and to thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God, my exceeding joy. Yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.*—Ps. xliii, 3, 4.

NOTE.—This is the beginning of a series. We have these selections printed on gray cardboard, suitable for hanging on the wall, to keep before you as a constant inspiration. Send 10 cents to this office and we will mail you one of these beautiful souvenirs. Order early, as supply is limited.

That it is a subtle form of electricity, in fact. But, lest there be some who still doubt the scientific acceptance of Telepathy, I will quote from a recent edition of the *Scientific American*—probably the most conservative and cautious of all the publications on mechanical sciences. In an article headed "Electric Waves and the Human Brain," I find the following:

"In a note to the Academy of Sciences, Prof. Thomas Tommasina, of Geneva, reached the conclusion that the human body may be employed as a receiving station in wireless telegraphy.

"We ourselves have several times verified Prof. Tommasina's assertion and found that the human body is a receiver almost as perfect as a wire or metallic rod. It is less of a conductor than metal, but, as an offset, presents a wider surface, which practice has demonstrated to be very advantageous for the reception of waves in wireless telegraphy. We have made use of our bodies both as receiving and transmitting stations, first insulating ourselves properly from the ground. We have thus been able to make communications at appreciable distances by sending and receiving the waves through the body.

"Mr. P. Collins, a young electrical engineer of the United States, has gone still farther. He has found that electric waves of great frequency, those of certain flashes, for example, act upon the brain of man and animals both before and after death. The brain acts as a coherer, and coheres and afterward decoheres itself automatically. And this is not all; the human body may serve as a complete receiver in wireless telegraphy. Having the receiver and coherer, we need a battery. This Mr. Collins finds in the nervous system.

"In experimenting upon a live cat that had been put to sleep, Mr. Collins and his collaborators, among whom there were some well-known specialists and professors, remarked that the cat jumped up under the influence of the electric waves, just as when it was submitted to an intermittent or alternating current.

"It may be admitted that the waves that cause the nerves to approach or recede also cause the passage or interruption of the nervous current of the brain, by producing extra opening and closing currents. The nerves serve as conductors, and the receiver is the face, which, in nervous persons especially, shows the action of lightning by signs of fear.

"The following are Mr. Collins's conclusions: (1) The electric waves emitted by the flash act in such a way as to cause the nerves to approach; (2) the cerebral matter acts like a coherer, in life as well as after death; (3) what is often defined as fear is due to the action of electric waves upon the brain; and (4) the electric waves propagated by the dis-

ruptive discharge of the flash are capable of producing characteristic accidents followed by death.

"Such facts are of interest to wireless telegraphers in particular and to humanity in general.

"It results from what has been said that waves of great frequency, which like X-rays, possess a great power of penetration, should be replaced by those of low frequency obtained especially by the discharge of Leyden jars (Braun system of wireless telegraphy), or, better still, by the alternating current system (without sparks), of which Lieutenant Poncelet and ourselves are partisans. But there is still another standpoint from which we should view Mr. Collins's experiments and results. As the electrical world remarks, the phenomena pointed out by this gentleman are of a nature to throw light upon the theory of telepathy.

"We certainly scarcely expected to see telepathy, or the transmission of thought to a distance, appear. The remark is merely incidental, but, since scientists have a tendency toward admitting the possibility of this psychic phenomenon, it is of interest to try to explain it. Mr. Collins's experiments give a certain range to this theory. From the experiments that we have just mentioned, it is evident that transmissions from brain to brain can be produced at a distance, just as in wireless telegraphy. One brain sets the nervous waves in action and the other receives the waves, as in the ordinary wireless receiver. Once again we have here a hypothesis, but one which, according to Mr. Collins's experiments, has a certain value."

This fact admitted, stupendous possibilities open up for the betterment of the world. When we know how to send our thoughts to any point or person, when we become fully conscious that our thoughts are forces that live and crystallize into acts in the minds of those about us, we will be more careful of our thought-world. We will begin to reform the world by reforming the mental image in our minds.

Under the health-radiating influence of consciously directed thought, disease, misery and wrong-doing will disappear. Whether present experience that we call Death will ever be disposed of, I am not prepared to say. I do not think that it matters. The fact that we can still communicate after this change through the soul-sense of telepathy will dispel all doubt and fear and space.

The fact that telepathy is such an evident factor in scientific research at the present age when the world is beginning to outgrow materialism, is evidence that it is part of the plan of evolution.—Dr. Alexander J. McIvor-Tyndall, in *Psychic World*.

"The mind is like a delicate piece of machinery; if well lubricated and kept at work it runs smoothly and easily, but if left idle it becomes dry and rusty and unfit for use."



## CLOSED EYES

By FREDERIC W. BURRY



CLOSED eyes and consequent Ignorance has been the rule in the Race since time immemorial—and the habit still clings to it with extraordinary tenacity.

For now, people are actually wilfully blind; with Facts staring them right in the face, they still refuse to see them.

Not but what I am myself to an extent under the influence of this universal contagion of Ignorance; and I have therefore no right to complain of others. I simply write in this strain that I myself and a few who read may take a step aside from the wilful race-ignorance.

Ignorance and Selfishness are one. The lives of people, their consciousness, are confined in the narrowest of circles. They draw the folds of their veils tight around them, keeping out the air and sunshine and freedom of the universal life—of which just enough breaks through the self-imposed barriers to maintain existence.

Money and greed and vain social ambition are among the things that make men and women enslaved for years and ages, shut up in prison dimensions—their souls and bodies dwarfed and stunted. Yes, the life of fashion and custom cripples the body as well as the soul.

This narrow existence is common with both rich and poor, and it is what keeps the world back.

How can men develop their talents and capabilities when they are spending all their time in a search for mere animal enjoyment? People must rise; they must open their eyes; they must let out some of the celestial possibilities of their nature—only thus can Happiness be their portion.

There is no call for the discarding of riches or ambition or even animal enjoyment; there is no need of asceticism; it is only required that the human will and reason should take all things in hand, and master and control.

This requirement is demanded by Nature, by Life. It is the privilege and duty of every soul, male and female, to hold the reins of destiny, to guide his personal career.

There are a few who accept this responsibility with grace and gladness; but the majority shirk it—they would rather lean than stand upright—they prefer to shoulder all burdens upon others, and leave the affairs of existence in general in the hands of an abstract deity.

Facts are distasteful to them; Science does not appear to them as a blessing; they keep their eyes closed.

Many who turn away their gaze from the questions and problems and realities of life, do so because they imagine that to give them attention would necessitate much effort and self-denial. There is a widespread distaste for Work.

But if people would open their eyes they would find that their Work could be done with ease and pleasure, by the simple methods of faith, attention, self-reliance, concentration.

There is no joy so great as that which comes to a creator. To have a conscious share in the evolution of existence—there is no joy greater than this. Life is one, and we are happy as we become conscious of this unity. All this panorama of the universe exists for the birth of the consciousness of unity.

Dresses and ornaments are very well in their way; symbols and ritual have their place; but surely the Real Thing is better—surely Truth itself is a prize worth seeking and working for.

Whatever we may give up or deny ourselves for the larger benedictions of life must be considered as a good exchange. It is change that people want; there is nothing worth clinging to only for a time; but people make the mistake of holding on to things and conditions when they have had their day.

They do this with their religions, their customs; they think, as they act, in narrow grooves, in ruts—all according to the fashion.

There is now, however, an awakening in many quarters; many are learning to open their eyes. The popular literature reflects the growing consciousness. The signs of new birth, new ideals, a new life, are disclosing themselves everywhere.

Evolution has now reached a point where a new consciousness, a larger existence, must have expression.

Veneration presupposes a Divine Being; the Holy Sun of Righteousness, as much as the eye, presupposes a sphere of visibility, or the ear the realm of sound.—J. P. Cooke.

The language of the angels is the Silent Language of the Purified Soul. Until you speak that language angels can not minister unto you.—World's Advance-Thought.

In all upbuilding the internal is first built up. Therefore, there can be no outside enemies until we have first built them up in our thoughts.—Lucy A. Mallory.

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"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.

JUST think what it is to be a *Power For Good*! All members of the *Success Club* are this, and the larger our Club becomes just so much more the *Power for Good*.

We ask you to read and study the written Testimonials that are so cheerfully sent to us, some of which we print in this and every issue of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, in order that you may know how many lives are led to success.

Consider the glorious work accomplished through the wisdom of The Mystics.

Think, too, of how much has been done, and in such a short space of time!

It is wonderful—almost incredible. But all things are possible to him who has faith.

To be Well, Happy and Successful is yours by right of inheritance, or, to put the proposition before you in the Light of the Living Present, it is your privilege to be in a Perfect Condition, in Mind, Body and Estate, because your ideal surroundings are in reality perfect, if you will only believe this. God has made them so. If you do not know how to take advantage of these conditions, then the fault is yours, and *not* that of the surroundings.

You should know the infinite value of that perfect environment that exists for all.

Let us show you the Way by which this birthright of Health, Happiness and Prosperity may be carved out for You.

Is it not your soul's desire to feel the Beauty, the Dignity, the Value of Life? Most assuredly it is.

Then partake of some of the wisdom that never grows old, because it is an expression of the Eternal.

It is certain that we all rejoice and are glad in our youth. Why not always?

The *Soul never grows old*, and you will realize this when once you understand and follow the Teachings of *The Mystic Success Club*.

If you are an earnest endeavorer, and really wish for your very own the good things your heart desires; if you want the Sunlight to enter into your Soul, and thereby walk in the paths of peace, join the Club.

In this way will your Soul not only be revived, but it will be awakened to its finest faculties.

These statements, Brothers, have become accomplished facts in many hundreds of cases, as you can see for yourself by carefully reading the Testimonials we print from month to month.

These wonderful Spiritual Truths, as known and practiced by the members of *The Mystic Success Club*, may be just as surely known and practiced by you.

This is our plan as formulated and carried out by the Mystics:

The First Step—Leads you to Health. (First month.)

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The Third Step—Leads you to Attractiveness. (Third month.)

The Fourth Step—Leads you to Realization. (Fourth month.)

There is a unity of purpose and method in these Four Degrees that will amaze you. Then will you know what it means to enjoy that "peace that passeth understanding."

And this is and ever has been the sincere desire of all mankind.

Still, if you would attain peace, you must pursue it. This requires a certain amount of time given to the serious contemplation of the Degrees from day to day.

It opens a field of high endeavor, and the result is bound to be the Success and Consummation of this Spiritual work.

After you have passed through these Four Degrees you will be ready, through the knowledge acquired, for any emergency.

The wonderful opportunities for proving the law lie around and about us. They are God-given, but few know how to utilize them.

The Mystics who give their lives to spiritual matters have solved the problem of what we should strive for, and they teach the law of success in the truest acceptance of the term.

Become a member of *The Mystic Success Club*, and put these principles to the Test in your *Own Individual Case*.

Make the resolve to *Be One of Us Now!*

Realize the value and power of practical blessings.

Take this wonderfully beautiful precept of James Russell Lowell unto yourself:

"Be noble! and the nobleness that lies  
In other men, sleeping, but never dead,  
Will rise in majesty to meet thine own."

Was there ever a more radiant light shed upon the acquirement of true nobility of soul than this given by one of our own great American Poets?

And a true poet is always a Seer.

Eternal vigilance is the price we must inevitably pay for a well-rounded and perfect character, or one as nearly perfect as with Divine help and individual efforts we can make it.

*The Mystic Success Club* can point to thousands who have been wonderfully benefited in a Mental, Moral, Physical and Financial way through the simple fact that they have followed its teachings.

Does it not make your heart glad even to know how many people have obtained the results they wished?

Join our *Mystic Success Club* with this idea firmly fixed in your mind, that *Success Is for You!*



Anyone desiring perfect health, strength and grand success should fellowship with *The Mystic Success Club*; if you doubt this statement for one moment, send at once for a free copy of our booklet entitled: "From Disease, Poverty and Drudgery to Health Wealth, Power and Success."

After reading this book your faith will be *great*, because you will be confronted with facts!

What, after all, is that mystic something that makes for Success? Obedience to the Law!

In a little while these Club Teachings take you through the *Four Degrees*, and you are on the highway of Health and Realization.

You are also helped in many inexplainable ways to attain health and success. There are certain members of the Club whose *special* work is to help you.

But you must read and re-read the mystic writings we send with each degree and do your best to fully *realize* Success.

Much time and money have been expended in organizing and formulating our plans and preparing the Four Degrees that they might be simple and comprehensive to *anyone*.

A child can comprehend them.

From this you will know how *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 your 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! 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, 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 Mystics 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 souls for self-expansion and all-expansion—for 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 truth gives.

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 the world.

## MEMBERS OF THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

Last month we called your attention to the fact that you could become a Co-partner and Shareholder in the profits of "Our Magazine," and recommended the idea. Your response has been magnificent and beyond our expectations. We sincerely hope that during the coming month still more members will avail themselves of this splendid opportunity to purchase one or more shares and become a part owner of "Our Magazine."

## The Engrafted Word

CENTRAL THOUGHT—I must graft the Truth into my consciousness.

A strong, vigorous, growing tree may act as the supporting stock for a graft. A shoot from a pear tree may be grafted into an apple tree and thrive and grow as the tree grows. When the fruit-bearing season arrives the graft will bear pears when the tree bears apples; for even as the tree bears fruit after its own kind, so will the graft bear fruit after its kind.

The graft is not a native part of the apple tree, and when it bears fruit it will remain true to the tree on which it originally grew, even though it has been nourished and supported by another kind of tree. The apple tree into which it is grafted acts as an intermediary. It affords the nourishment needed by the little pear-shoot to enable it to become strong enough to bear fruit, and so fills a useful office.

Now apply this illustration to James's words (*James i, 21*) and see how mighty is their meaning: "Lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness"—cast out the unclean spirit; put from you the thought of yourself that is not true and that, therefore, defiles you; forsake your sin, the mistaken self-conception of the natural man; cease to think of yourself whatever has no basis in truth.

"And receive with meekness the engrafted word"—be ready to admit that possibly what you have been accustomed to think about yourself may not be true; do not insist with intellectual pride that you cannot be wrong when so many agree with you; become truly humble in your willingness to learn the divine way; make yourself ready to be led in that way, instead of insisting so strenuously upon your own natural way, and then there may be grafted into your consciousness the word of truth that "is able to save your souls" from the consequences of ignorant sinning—sickness and death. (*James i, 13-15*.)

This "word" is "able" to do this, for it is the graft that will bear fruit after its own kind. Nature's law and order are sure, because God is the Principle that governs all, and He can be always depended upon. Observe how often Jesus drew his illustrations from nature. He taught great truths that could appear, at first, to those whom he taught only as an illustration revealed the meaning.—URSULA N. GESTEFELD,

## Solitude

THERE are times in most lives when the still, small voice is heard saying: "Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile"—when there is no possibility of resisting the call and the soul has to go forth, shrinking and trembling without its accustomed supports, to learn lessons which it could never learn otherwise.

In Solitude the Great Master gathered strength to do His Father's Will, and those who have followed humbly in His sacred footsteps have always had to do likewise. Alone and in silence waits the seed in its cold, damp bed, until the Spring sunshine calls into being its wealth of beauty now so carefully veiled from the naked eye. Who knows what beautiful flowers and fruits are to grow by the same great Law out of the thoughts cherished in a dismal and dreary environment?

Yet, although it is well known that in Solitude the highest and best in man's nature comes to perfection, this affords no comfort to ordinary souls devoid of the divine afflatus. To them is denied that freedom from self-consciousness which makes the solitude of the genius a paradise. To them the state is full of temptations and snares which they are obliged to fight single-handed and without relief of distraction from outside. Driven into their own hearts, they are appalled to find them full of evil they never suspected and despair of being able to conquer.

To such there is but one way out of their misery by which they can attain to a useful and honorable life. Their timid souls must anchor themselves to the Divine Strength before, purified, calmed and fortified, they can stand alone and so standing, help others.

How vast is the contrast between a light in a cottage window and the glow which rises over a well-lighted town or district! Yet to the traveler on a dark, stormy night the solitary light in its dim humility may be far more useful than the powerful but distant light of combined effort.

Be faithful, then, solitary soul, if you cannot all at once be fearless! Guard well your union with the unseen, and, when that is at last firm and secure, from you, tired, tossed and heart-sick as you have been, shall shine reflected a measure of that sacred Light that lighteth all who come into the world.—MARIELLA, in *Light of Reason*.

In life troubles will come which look as if they would never pass away. The night and the storm look as if they would last forever, but the calm and the morning cannot be stopped.—George MacDonald.

"Let the mind have periods of wakeful repose—meditation, calmness and peace."



## 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 OBSCURE ARE RENEWED IN LESS THAN TWELVE MONTHS, SO THAT EACH NEW YEAR WE LITERALLY DON A NEW GARMENT" IF WE KNOW HOW.

Brother Charles C. Hovey, of Bainbridge, N. Y., writes in the following convincing manner of what *The Mystic Success Club* has done for him: "Dear Friends: Inclosed herewith please find my daily record of the work in the Fourth Degree. Besides reading all each night, I read portions of them each morning, and I know that it has been of great benefit to me in all ways. I have better self-control; I look upon the duties of life more calmly, and I can see the necessity and justice of being tolerant and charitable to all who do not see and think as I do; I see that the All-Father-Mother Spirit, God, is the All-Power of the Universe, in the beginning, is now, and ever will be throughout all Eternity. It is my desire to go on with such work as I am capable of doing, and you see fit to give me. I received the first confidential message, and shall carry out the work faithfully, together with as much more reading as I can find the time to do. I shall observe the special requests to read and meditate at least each night and morning. I would like you to send copies of *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES* to those whose names I inclose. I feel sure they will become subscribers. I know I enjoy the paper very much, and should think it would be enjoyed by others. It certainly gives abundance of food for thought. My best wishes to you all." You are quite right, Brother, the Degrees do contain abundance of food for thought. Furthermore, it is not the reading of many books which is necessary to make a man wise or good, but the well-reading of a few, and in the careful reading of the Degrees your soul is fed from the best.

Sister Adelaide E. Baumgras, 524 North Front street, Marquette, Mich., tells of her soul's awakening, and rejoices in giving praise and thanksgiving for this blessing. She writes: "My dear and Blessed Brothers of *The Mystic Success Club*: On this glorious Easter morning, typifying Life, I send a few words with my Fourth Degree. Would that I could tell in glowing words the wondrous story of my *Soul's Awakening*. I thought I was a Christian before my membership in the Club, but I know now that I did not even know how to live the Life. But, thanks be to God, the Word, the Truth, the Life, has been taught me through love, by these Degrees. All the petty things that used to trouble and annoy me trouble me no more. My soul rises above all trifling error, and I am now living in a richness and fulness of Life as never before. I want always to keep in touch and to be associated with the writers of our Degrees. I have not yet realized any more than just enough for my present needs, but with perfect health, happiness and contentment I can wait and trust in Providence. In the Silence I have heard the voice of Him who leads and directs all those who listen. My experience in this Fourth Degree has been the richest soul feast with which one could be blessed. The 'peace of God which passeth understanding' comes to him who has faith to believe. I have been truly blessed in these Four Degrees, and what I have learned and realized will help me in the years to come. For all that you have done you have my heartfelt thanks. May our hearts so abound in love toward all that all may be brought to Him for guidance." Let us rejoice that testimonials like this we are enabled to print for the benefit of all. The exalted tone of this letter should arouse you to your own soul's awakening.

"Rise, my Soul, and stretch thy wings,  
Thy better portion trace;  
Rise from transitory things,  
Toward heaven, thy destined place."

*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 numbers its members by the many thousands.

Our mail is very large, and we select a few letters each month and comment on them in these columns, as many persons ask the same questions.

For instance, a large number of persons write: "Can I join *The Mystic Success Club*, when I already belong to a Success Club?" Certainly, and with great advantage; our plan is no way interferes with or antagonizes any other good plan of life. A membership in our Club makes you mind all-comprehensive to the All-Good, in the All. We open and train the mind for the highest and noblest success. No, faltered souls, come and join this great and mighty society, no matter what may be your nationality, your religion, or whether you belong to one or many other

clubs or organizations—you are sure to get a psychic-mental uplift that will lead you on to a full realization of your hopes and ideals.

Sister S. J. Steele, Curtis Bay, Baltimore, Md., writes: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*: I have been comforted so many times by belonging to *The Success Club*. To know that I belong to a band of Brothers and Sisters who are working for the good of everybody is truly inspiring. I am stronger, happier and perfectly fearless, and, indeed, why should I not be? For I am a child of the eternal All-Father-Mother, who is ever present with me, and who promises to deliver me from trouble when I call upon Him. I wish everybody in the whole world belonged to this *Success Club*. I will work for it, and try to show my appreciation for the many benefits I have received. 'The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much,' says the gospel of St. James, and they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever. With thanks to you all for your loving help. I am indeed grateful."

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
Uttered or unexpressed;  
The motion of a hidden fire  
Lies trembling in the breast."

Brother L. Dean Mason writes of the wonderful progress he has made in many ways, and he has passed through but one Degree. He says: "Dear Friends and Brothers: In this letter you will find the report of my work in the First Degree. I could not imagine for one single moment that it would make such a vast change in one's condition as it has in mine. It has changed me mentally, physically and spiritually for the better. I cannot thank the All-Father-Mother enough for the great privilege of being a member of the *Mystic Brotherhood*, and I hope I may prove myself worthy in every way. May God bless all of its members is the sincere prayer of an earnest worker. I anxiously await my Second Degree." Never fear, Brother, you certainly have proved yourself worthy, for the simple reason that God has already blessed your earnest efforts. As the Apostle Paul has said, "And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."—Gal. vi. 9.

Whoever you are, be your name, race, sect or religion one thing or another, we gladly welcome you among the *Success Workers*. We emphasize oneness of family because there is oneness in all human-kind, of nature, life, interests and possibilities. The One Father is over all and in all. The One Love will work through all. The perfect recognition of the One Father, the One Love and the One Life makes perfect unity. This means co-operation. Co-operation with God and man brings success in its fullest sense.

Forged differences. Remember unities, and be strong, fearless and free.

Come into the *Success Circle* where you can find teaching, encouragement, fellowship and real brotherly help to live your highest and best. The Path is before us. The Light shines for all.

Sister W. D. Merriweather, Guthrie, Ky., writes briefly and to the point as follows: "Dear Mystics: I have just completed the Third Degree, which I return. The Club has benefited me far beyond my expectations. Its teachings have filled me with courage, faith and love, making me understand the beauty and grandeur of life as never before. Surely, the blessing of God rests upon this organization that leads us to the way of perfect peace and happiness."

Brother W. D. Inez, of Arlington, Ga., writes in glowing and enthusiastic terms of difficulties overcome, and of the great happiness he has experienced while working out the First Degree. "God and the good angels ever bless you, my Beloved Brothers and Sisters of *The Mystic Success Club*. I have just finished my First Degree, and oh, how happy I am to know and feel that I am a member of your glorious band that is striving to live that true and better life, 'here and now.' We must do all we can to help others join us in this good work. I have had, and still have many difficulties to overcome in order to reach that state of mind and body that brings true happiness and success. But I feel that I am now on the right road to true happiness. *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES* is truly an inspired teacher—the thought waves from its words of wisdom are a solace and source of happiness to many hungry souls seeking the higher planes of life. My Beloved Brothers and Sisters, I ask your prayers. I have steadily improved in health since I have become a member of our glorious Club. There was a time when I did much secular reading, but I have resolved to stop this harmful practice, and to devote my spare hours to reading and studying the higher thoughts. My wife and I often wished for a Club or Society along the lines of our Beloved *Success Club*, and the first number of *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES* that I read, I realized that I had found what I so much desired. Again let me ask your earnest prayers to God, that I may receive perfect health of mind and body—that I may be strengthened and prepared for the great and holy work of our *Mystic Success Club*. I inclose a brief daily record of my working the First Degree. Believe me, my feelings are very imperfectly expressed by that short record. With a heart overflowing with love to the blessed All-Father-Mother, and to His co-workers here, I am ever, with love and good-will to all life in the universe, your Brother." Surely, this is a splendid record of triumphant struggles for a man of sixty-five. Think of how much more life will mean to him when he shall have passed through the remaining Three Degrees! We pray for you, Brother, for strength to finish the good work you have so courageously begun. Bear this in mind always: "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

I held it truth, with him who sings  
To one clear harp in diverse tones,  
That men may rise on stepping-stones  
Of their dead selves to higher things.

Sister Minnie Paige, Masonic Building, Concord, N. H., is so thankful for the work accomplished in her own regeneration that

she is trying faithfully to help others to do the same for themselves. She says: "MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, Dear Friends: I inclose record of Second Degree; I have found it of great value and help in my daily life and thoughts, and if time permitted could tell you of many (in one way) strange circumstances during the past month. I have benefited much by the teachings practically applied, and have grown mentally in a marvelous degree. My friends and acquaintances, note the change and speak of it. I am trying to help others see the Light and the Way to help themselves and others. Will you kindly send me the Third Degree as soon as possible after receiving this, as I am anxious to reach a full development? The thoughts and teachings of the First Degree keep mingling with the Second, so that I have them both with me all the time. I am yours for All Good."

These remarkable letters are spontaneous writings from many who have been quickly and permanently lifted from disease to health by the mystic power of the Eternal Spirit. It will be seen at a glance that these voluntary expressions are made in holy, universal love, and clearly indicate the power of this Club to help its members to realize quickly and permanently new life, new hope and new courage.

Sister Jennie M. Cavender, 2420 North Alder street, Tacoma, Wash., writes this letter which, in part, reads: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*: Here is my record for the first month's work. I want to assure you that the First Degree has been a great blessing to me in many ways. There has been a very marked improvement in health, strength and flesh, and there have been times when I have felt wonderfully buoyant and rejuvenated. There have been financial helps, too. But I think the greatest blessing of all has been the *sweet peace and calm* that has come to me. I think I understand now better than ever before the deep and true meaning of faith, hope and charity, and I realize they are the all-important things, for they are to stand when forms, ceremonies and creeds have passed away. All my old feelings of resentment are fading away, and I am realizing more and more my Oneness with the whole universe. I believe I am living in closer relations with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit than I ever did before, and I trust that from now on I shall be able to live a more genuine and useful Christian life. I am so thankful for *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES*. It is a daily inspiration to me. May God bless you in your grand work of helping and uplifting aspiring and hungry souls to a higher plane of spiritual consciousness. I believe this is the dawning of Universal Peace Love and Harmony. I am yours in love and gratitude." And now abideth Faith, Hope and Charity; these three; but the greatest of these is Charity.—1 Cor. xiii. 13. It would be a further comfort to you to commit this whole wonderful chapter to memory.

Brother Peter Westover, North Vancouver B. C., Canada, writes of a general improvement, and of the gradual restoration of his eyesight. He says, among other things: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*: I have just finished the First Degree, and I must say that I have been greatly helped. I feel hopeful for the future. Already ways are opening up for my betterment. When I started the Degree I was worrying a good deal. This made me irritable, but I seldom worry now, and my irritability has vanished. My wife says there is a decided improvement, and surely she ought to know. Some three years ago one of my eyes was injured. It grew worse until both were affected. Fourteen months ago I had them examined by one of the best oculists in the Province, who told me I would be obliged to wear glasses to save my sight; but since I started this Degree I have been enabled to do without them, and my eyes are steadily growing stronger every day. They feel almost as strong as ever they did. I know they will be in perfect condition soon. I am anxiously looking for the Second Degree, but until it comes I will continue to work on the First. It is so helpful that one feels like going over and over it again. Wishing you all success in your good work is my constant prayer."

Sister Mary A. Davis, Alpena, S. D., writes as follows: "Dear Brotherhood: I have worked out my First Degree in *The Mystic Success Club*, and I cannot speak too highly of it. My health has improved beyond my fondest hopes. I can now realize that I am a child of the Eternal Father, and that all humanity are children of the one Father—that His love and wisdom extend throughout the length and breadth of the universe. He is ever present. He is all-powerful and all-wise, and is only waiting to be admitted into our being. When we lift up the gates that the King of Glory may enter in we will realize the spiritual meaning of Peace and Love. We know and are led by the Spirit. We follow in the footsteps of our elder Brother because we love God and all His creatures. I have tasted and find nothing to equal this pleasure. I want more of it. I intend to continue climbing until I reach the top. Not for myself alone do I seek these things. I may be able to guide others into the Light of Truth. I am working to get others into the *Success Club*. I hope my report is satisfactory, and may I soon receive the Second Degree? Peace and good-will to all members of *The Mystic Success Club*." Your report shows a most gratifying result, and your further promise of high endeavor for greater progress will surely bring much.

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 institutions. 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.*

Brother O. F. Botkin, Mt. Tabor Station, Portland, Ore., writes: "The *Mystic Success Club* is one of the grandest institutions among men for the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth. May God bless the organizers of *The Mystic Success Club*, and its members. O, God of Love, attend and assist us in our efforts to spread the knowledge of the Truth among all nations. Hold up the hands and strengthen the hearts and wills of the holy Mystics in all their good works. I can truly say that I feel the presence of the holy, heavenly messengers helping me. God is fulfilling His promise to us now. Let us not fear, but with full confidence hold fast to the life-line and breast all difficulties until victory is assured. I have finished the Third Degree in *The Mystic Success Club* so far as I can in answering the questions; but I have not yet picked all the fruit that it produces. It will require eternity to enjoy all its fruits. I am anxious for the Fourth Degree, and I presume that I will be just as anxious for another Degree. But, alas! there is not a Fifth, did you say? God help you, Brothers, to formulate more Degrees, for I cannot think of anything more helpful in leading the mind each day to recognize the great blessings we have received from God, and continue to receive. I glory in this work of the Club, and every hour I grow stronger. God bless us all, and may He continue to shower His blessings upon us." We receive many expressions of gratitude and praise such as this Brother has just recorded; but the story never grows old. It is a great source of comfort to us to know of the great good accomplished for others, through Divine Help.

"Fling wide the portals of your heart,  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for Heaven's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy;  
So shall your Sovereign enter in,  
And new and nobler life begin,  
Praise, O my God! be Thine."

Sister S. W. Bradley, 610 Sixty-fourth street, Missoula, Mont., tells how all her troubles have vanished. She says, in part: "Dear Brother Mystics, and All Members of our Blessed *Success Club*: I am now halfway through my Second Degree, and long to talk with you a little of the great blessings all members are receiving. My heart is full of love and gratitude for the good that has come to me while working out these Degrees, and oh, may I impart some good by the way. I have all my life been inclined to worry and fear, but I am almost entirely free from that now. If at any time an unusually high wave of trouble appears, I am able to drop everything and take the whole matter to our Father. I am always blessed after such a confidence with a great calm and peace. Words cannot tell what a joy it is to me each day. I hold one of the uplifting thoughts in my mind, and sometimes I seem to cling to a certain noble thought for weeks, and I can feel its heavenly force for that length of time. Not a day passes but I am at my work, and I receive untold comfort and help. If I have a pain, I *quietly and alone* ask for treatment, and almost instantly I am free and well. I have no consciousness of age, although I am seventy years old, and have in the past been a confirmed invalid. Now I am a most industrious woman—always at work and I enjoy unusually good health and have for the past few years been trying to live the New Life, and I think I met with more or less success, but when I read *The Mystic Success Club* reports I at once thought there was just the help I wanted on my outward and upward journey. I had to make quite an effort to secure the required number of Subscribers, but, of course, I succeeded, and I shall ever be thankful that I am one of such a noble band, and more than thankful and happy for the help I received. I feel, we have joined hearts and hands in a great work, bringing light and hope to depressed and weary souls. *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES* cannot fail to reach the hearts of all who read it. I only wish it could find its way to every home in the land." It rejoices our hearts, sister, to read your testimony as you have related it, and you have chosen the better part in taking no account of time as it passes for:

A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday.—Psalms xc. 4.

Loyalty and faithfulness are the keys that open the Secret Storehouse of Mystic Truths. Only as you are ready can you receive, but there are many rich things in store for the faithful.

The Mystics write few letters, but in all ways desire to help those in great need of comfort or guidance. Your requests for prayers or special treatment will be carefully considered and conscientiously attended to whether by letter or otherwise.

Sister Abbie Andrews, Scottsburg, Ore., is an enthusiastic, fervent member. She writes briefly: "Since I began this work I have had much comfort and many blessings. I wish all grand success."

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove,  
With all thy quickening powers;  
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love,  
And that shall kindle ours.

Messages for special help and inspiration are sent to all members who have worked the Four Degrees, at intervals of six or eight weeks.

We thus keep in close touch and spiritual fellowship. This means much to each and all.



## About the Mystic Success Club

Brother Charles M. Gwinn, 210 East Fourth street, Abilene, Kan., writes us the following short convincing letter: "Dearly beloved Brothers and Sisters of *The Mystic Success Club*: I herewith inclose report of my work in the Third Degree, and I cannot tell you the good it has accomplished for me. Since I became a member of the Club, I am stronger physically, mentally and *Spiritually*. My mind is broader and brighter. My love for mankind is stronger and more universal than ever before, and I can now earnestly wish for the success and happiness of all mankind. May the Lord abundantly bless every member of *The Mystic Success Club*, and help each one to help all. I thank God for the many blessings received through the Club. May the good work continue to be my constant thought." Brother Gwinn has been a practicing physician for many years, and his present development is particularly cheering.

Sister Emma Nelson, Janesville, Wis., writes a long, enthusiastic account of the many wonderful changes that have been wrought in her since she joined *The Mystic Success Club*. In part, she says: "My dear Benefactors: Inclosed you will find a report of my Third Degree, which I have faithfully worked at every day with the very best results. I now sleep soundly and enjoy the best of health. My understanding and reasoning powers are keener than ever before. Many passages in the Bible are plain to me now, where they used to be mysteries. My character and principles have greatly changed for the better. I have drawn toward me friends, enemies and strangers, and all seem anxious to befriend me. I, in turn, am more than happy to serve them. Yes, I now love everybody, and I want everybody to love me. I thank God and *The Mystic Success Club* for all the good things that have come to me since taking the Degrees. The Fourth Degree will be very welcome. I am working for the success and growth of the Club, as well as for *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES*." "Tis sweet and commendable in your nature, Sister Nelson, thus to give your time and service for the good of our Magazine, and we heartily thank you for the effort. At the same time, accept our congratulations for the noble progress you have made in your own upliftment; and always remember that while all faults have not as yet been overcome, 'They also serve who only stand and wait.'"

All testimonies we print are given freely and the full name and address of the writer given. We receive many letters stating great blessings received, asking us to print same, but not use their names. There is a two-fold purpose in printing these testimonies: (1) to show the world the power of God to bring peace, joy, health, strength and success to His children when they love, trust and live with Him; (2) for the good of the soul of the writer. When God has helped us we should fearlessly and with joy and delight acknowledge it to our brothers and sisters, that it may praise and honor and glorify Him and at the same time help lead others to seek Him. God does not need praise nor does He require it, only in so much as it always blesses the one who praises Him openly and freely. "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for praise is comely for the upright." Never be afraid to praise and acknowledge God.

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*. 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.

Brother Lewis Victor Durand, Milton, Trimble County, Ky., waxes eloquent over the many wonderful blessings he now enjoys, and he wants everyone whose eyes may fall on this page, to *Read, Mark, Learn and Inwardly Digest* every word space will permit us to print. Here follows a part of the account: "Dear Brothers of *The Mystic Success Club*: I have just finished my work in the Second Degree, and oh, you don't know how I feel. I am a new man, and have more power over myself than I ever dared to hope. You must surely gather power from God. His is a power invisible, yet potent. When I began work in the First Degree, I was a wreck spiritually and physically. I had no control over myself, and no power of concentration. After a week's work in this Degree, I felt an unseen force at work within me. At first I was prone not to believe it, but I could not shake off the new feeling. My mind, which heretofore had been troubled as the waters of the sea by a storm, began to grow calmer. I became more reliant upon God, and more submissive to His Divine Will. I can now exclaim with Israel: 'The Lord is my refuge, a very present help in time of trouble. Blessed be the name of the Lord.' Day after day marked a new era of life for me. Then came the blessed *MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES*. It is not at all mysterious. It is helpful and inspiring. I wish every family in the world would subscribe for it. Despairing one! If you are discouraged or sad, become a member of *The Mystic Success Club*, and learn what it means to know God. The Adepts are laboring for you. The world knows them by no other name, but God knows them for His Own. Do not say you cannot make a success of your life. You must succeed. There is no such word as *fail* to a faithful member of *The Mystic Success Club*. Rouse your dormant faculties,

and become a power in God's world—a worker in His vineyard. Do not live in the past or in the future. Live in the *Now*. A day at a time is enough. Take the following thought from the pen of a humble member of *The Mystic Success Club*: 'I am Immortal. I can never die. God holds the power of the universe. The world may fade away, but I shall ever be a part of my God and King. Take heart. Do not despair. God will not leave thee long alone.' I ask for special prayers from the Mystics, and I hope some reader of *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES* will be helped to a better life by the reading of this humble testimonial. I am yours in Holy Love." Truly, brother, you have been blessed above most men, for you have overcome so many difficulties in such a short time. The right spirit has certainly been renewed within you, and your life henceforth will be happy in well-doing.

Serve the Lord with gladness.—Psalm c. 2.

Sister Julia M. Pence, Arroyo Grande, Cal., writes a long and thankful letter of the great change that has come into her life since joining our Club, a part of which we give: "Dear Brothers: I inclose my record of work in the First Degree. It will give you little idea of how much it has really done for me. As I look back over the month it seems little less than a miracle. It has changed me from an irritable, nervous, unhappy woman, wholly unfit to cope with the cares and tasks of a wife and mother of a family of little ones, into a comparatively peaceful, loving, patient woman, with a remarkable amount of endurance. But, strangest of all, I could not chronicle a single instance on my record when I seemed to have any special help. It all came about gradually and quietly. I could not tell when nor how. Like the blind man in the time of Jesus, who said: 'I know not when nor how it was done, but this I do know, wherein I was blind, now I see;' but as yet it is only dimly. Oh, how I wish I could fully grasp the beautiful thoughts in that Degree. I know every one by heart, but I do not seem to understand the full meaning. I ask the prayers of the Mystics for a clearing of my mental vision. I am almost a vegetarian now, and feel much benefit from the régime. The change of heart I have experienced is simply marvelous. My friends are continually remarking the change in me. May God bless abundantly the grand work of *The Mystic Success Club*." The many changes of which you speak are all the better for having been brought about gradually. In a little while, through faith, you will have a full understanding of all the beautiful messages. You may remember Paul's sublime definition of faith. It is this: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Brother Alfred Prince, 1 Esplanade avenue, Montreal, Canada, gives this direct and succinct testimony: "I forward Second Degree of *The Mystic Success Club*. I have enjoyed the study of it, and happiness and better health are now mine. I receive loving thoughts from the Holy Spirit, and I only hope I may make the same progress in the other Degrees. In the silence loving and great thoughts come, and an uplifting which takes away all gloomy and pessimistic ideas, besides broadening the mind and opening it to the love of the universal All. This helps the Christ-life here. My best wishes and God's blessing to all members." Progress is certain to be yours, if you will continue as you have begun.

Nothing happens in the Universe by chance. Everything is cause and effect. All you see requires a cause. God is a God of eternal changeless Law and Order; it is mortal and carnal mind that is continually changing. We never come into the full blaze of the changeless Radiant Light until we completely give up selfish mind and will and let the changeless and eternal Divine Mind and Will have full and complete sway throughout our whole being. It is then we come into union or oneness with the eternal omnipresent Author or Cause of all Being. It is then we know (not merely believe), yes, positively know, that everything in the universe is ordered and arranged upon definite and eternal changeless principles, and never at random. Everything is governed by a beneficent and changeless law—the Law of Universal Love, the Law of the eternal and Universal God. Come, beloved, try to know that, knowing which, ALL is known.

Sister Alice A. Drumm, Kansas City, Miss., gives this testimony: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*: I have finished my work in the Third Degree, and I found great pleasure and much peace in working out the blessed truth therein given. The growth is so calm and quiet it sometimes overcomes me. I cannot describe the sensation, except to say it is one of spiritual elation. I know that I am growing and expanding. I feel a wonderful inflow of love and good-will toward all, and I see new beauties in all things. My love goes out to every member of this blessed *Mystic Success Club*, which is to accomplish great things in uplifting and blessing humanity, and I am so thankful that I am permitted to help in this great Soul-Awakening work." *Soul-Awakening* is the term to use. That is surely applicable to the work of this Club. We try to give a general idea in these two pages from month to month of the splendid results achieved, but it is impossible to convey the soulfulness of it all. One must feel this. It cannot be expressed in words always.

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*.

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

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-ETH AWAY WRATH. THE SECRET OF GENTLE POLITENESS IS TO LOVE.

Sister Ellen Callion, Jones, La., writes a full and detailed account of the troubles that are now past and gone. This is what the sister says: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*: I am indeed delighted to be able to inclose you my report for the First Degree. I am now a changed person altogether, so much so that everyone notices and speaks of it. The conditions under which I took my exercises were not at all what I would have desired, for my rest hours were very short, and as most of your help came at night, I felt I lost some of it. But, thanks to the Infinite One, to-day I am really a changed being. I have had a very great sorrow which has almost driven me insane. For nearly two years I had not enjoyed one restful night's sleep. But since your help has come to me, I sleep sweetly and peacefully, and I am as calm as though I had never been acquainted with sorrow. Sometimes, however, I feel my grief pressing somewhat upon me, but I always find instant relief by using the suggestions. I do considerable mental work at the school in which I teach, and sew very hard after school hours. When exhausted my demand for help is instantly answered. I find success coming to me from many sources, which is so marked I cannot help but see that the Club is my strength. I look so much better that everyone notices it. Oh, never can I thank God enough for sending me to you. You can never understand how much you have been to me. I am working to overcome my sorrow, and I now believe my success assured. Never have I been so near to God as I now am. If my report is satisfactory, I hope to receive the Second Degree in due time. I certainly believe I have entered upon a successful career. All glory to God for His rich blessings. I humbly invoke God's blessing upon every member of our Club." Let us rejoice with our sister and pray for her further success. "Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied!"

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.

Brother Max Zimmerman, 155 High street, Memphis, Tenn., writes thus of his rapid progress: "Dear Mystics: Thirty days have now elapsed since I received my First Degree, and as you required an earnest and honest working of the thoughts to be held, all I can say is this: In twelve days I felt so wonderfully helped in every way, physically, mentally and spiritually, that I really thought it would be useless to spend more time on myself, for I was in perfect health, and I felt that sickness would be impossible to me forever. Consequently, I reasoned that it would be selfish to devote the rest of the thirty days to myself. As my Degree shows, I held continually Thought No. 3, for Universal Peace to all, and I can truthfully say I felt better for loving all, than by just working for my health. Of course, it is for you to say as to whether I have worked out your First Degree earnestly and honestly enough to send me the Second. I think it a great blessing to be a Life Member of this *Sacred Club*, and I promise to work day and night for its success, and for *THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES* as well. I, for one, am not ashamed to let it be known that I belong to the greatest of religious organizations, and that I daily receive help from many loving souls. I look forward with gladness for the Second Degree. Yours for work, and in Brotherly love." May we have thousands of such reports from young men all over the land.

Sister Henrietta Ermin, Tyrone, Pa., writes: "I want to let you know that I realize and enjoy being a member of *The Mystic Success Club*. I am feeling much better, and may God bless all our dear sisters and brothers in this holy Club. Each of the Four Degrees has proved a great blessing to me. I have been taught by practical demonstrations that Spirit is in this work. I am convinced that God is ever near to help. I thoroughly enjoy our Club, and take a profound interest in it. I am a part of it, as of all things else. I send love and blessings to all. My earnest desire is to become useful in helping this good work along, for surely no one can go through the Four Degrees without feeling it is God's own work." Blessed are they that live in the Spirit, for their days shall be joyous and their nights refreshing. Oh, what a blessed thing it is to live the forceful life, where every good action counts, and to know—

"That nothing walks with aimless feet;  
That not one life shall be destroyed,  
Or cast as rubbish to the void,  
When God hath made the pile complete."

Brother John A. Kingkendall, 1339 Ingraham street, Los Angeles, Cal., writes the following glowing account of the relief and joy that have come not alone to him, but to his wife as well. We cannot print the entire letter, but the Brother says, among other things: "My dear Friends: I have finished the work thou didst give me to do in the First Degree—the Health Degree—this day. I hope you will approve of my work, as it was done under great difficulties and tribulations. I was very sick at the time I received this Degree, and was using a grain of morphine daily, on account of continual sick headache and severe pains in my back. But I am much better now in all respects, and feel that I am on the road to health. Thank God! I also developed heart trouble during this illness. That, too, has gone, and I am like a new man. I thank God with every breath I draw for His goodness and His divine help, and for the help and love of the dearly beloved *Success Club*. May the good work continue, until all the people have been blessed by your noble and glorious work—the work of God, who doth all things well. I shall be delighted to receive the Second Degree at the earliest possible moment. We have sent in four subscribers, and my dear wife may become a member of *The Mystic Success Club*. We both want to become workers for the All—the All-Good—and to do what good we can for others as well as for ourselves. This grand work is highly appreciated by both of us. Dear Mystics, please continue the good work for us. We are both badly afflicted, but we are much better, and we both believe that we will be entirely cured, by your help and through God's divine love. The love of God surpasseth all things, in Knowledge, Love, Power and Glory. Blessed be His name forever. Amen." Your courage, patience and faith will be rewarded in the future, as you yourself have testified they have been in the past. You have kept God's loving kindness before your eyes, and you have tried to walk in the Truth. Your greatest blessings are yet to come.

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 be thus 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 of 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.

## The Secret of Attainment

WHEN strong desire grows in thy soul,  
And whispers in thy heart of some great deed,  
Grasp in thy hand the sword of thy strong will,  
And hew with might toward thy goal.  
Let naught stand 'twixt thee  
And the sacred shrine. And if there be  
A thought, or thing, or man, which claims  
Thy strength, which takes thy talents,  
And which tries at length to lure thy spirit  
From its given task, thrust such aside;  
Nor pause to ask if thou should lend thine  
Ear to precedent. The light of One Design  
Unto thy soul is sent, like that which shone around  
The Infant Saviour whom the Wise Men found.  
Walk thou therein; bask in its sacred fire—  
And lo! thy temple shall be ready for thy Heart's Desire.

M. JOSEPHINE CONGER,  
In The Light of Truth.



## 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). 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 Two Sides of a Question

By MYSTIC No. 12

#### Waiting

By John Burroughs

SERENE I fold my hands and wait,  
Nor care for wind, nor tide, nor sea;  
I rave no more 'gainst time or fate,  
For lo! my own shall come to me.

I stay my haste, I make delays,  
For what avails this eager pace?  
I stand amid the eternal ways,  
And what is mine shall know my face.

Asleep, awake, by night or day,  
The friends I seek are seeking me;  
No wind can drive my bark astray,  
Nor change the tide of destiny.

What matter if I stand alone?  
I wait with joy the coming years;  
My heart shall reap where it has sown,  
And garner up its fruit of tears

The waters know their own, and draw  
The brooks that spring in yonder heights,  
So flows the good with equal law,  
Unto the soul of pure delight.

The stars come nightly to the sky,  
The tidal wave unto the sea;  
Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high  
Can keep my own from away me.

### The Song of the Mystic

By Father Ryan

I WALK down the Valley of Silence—  
Down the dim, voiceless valley—alone!  
And I hear not the fall of a footstep  
Around me, save God's and my own.

But far on the deep there are billows  
That never shall break on the beach,  
And I have heard songs in the Silence  
That never shall float into speech;  
And I have had dreams in the valley  
Too lofty for language to reach.

Do you ask me the place of the Valley,  
Ye hearts that are harrowed by care?  
It lieth afar between mountains,  
And God and His angels are there;  
And one is the dark Mount of Sorrow  
And one the bright Mountain of Prayer.

Some years ago, in midwinter, I commenced a voyage to the Old World. As children return

home after many years, so we of the New World return to the land of our forefathers. The first day out was cold and stormy. Then every day the cold became less intense, although our good ship's course was north. The gulf stream, that warm heart of old ocean, was bringing us good cheer. So let me say to those who are seeking health in The Mystic Healing Circle: It is because God has in years past made some heartstreams in the ocean of life warmer than the life ocean over which all are journeying, that it is possible to get into the current which brings health. This is why some have been brought into health. I am perhaps able to steer their ship into the Gulf Stream of Health. If I could, I should like to tell you the story of how to find the stream, so that each could find it in his own way.

When a train starts from New York to San Francisco it follows the track already laid; it seeks no new way of its own over the rough ground. Just so, I use the words and teachings of the Bible to carry you on the saving stream without jar or wreck to our destination—Health. "Make his paths straight." Instead of being a ship without a rudder, tossed here and there by wind and wave, the Mystics teach us to say, as He taught them to say, "Peace, be still." A few weeks ago I heard an eloquent sermon, and the preacher said that when John told of "that great city, the holy Jerusalem" having "on the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; on the west three gates. And the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass"—"he did the best he could with the words at his command."

Truly it has been said of the Silence, "Too lofty for language to reach."

I receive a good many letters telling me how and when to send the vibrations. There are various ways and times, according to each individual need.

Let us read the story of Naaman, II Kings, v, 1: "Now, Naaman, captain of the host of the King of Syria, was a great man with his master and honorable, because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria; he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper."

"And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife."

"And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria, for he would recover him of his leprosy."

"And one went in and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel."

"And the King of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the King of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver and six thousand pieces of gold and ten changes of raiment."

"And he brought the letter to the King of Israel, saying, Now, when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy."

"And it came to pass, when the King of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? Wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me."

"And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the King of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the King, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

"So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha."

"And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper."

"Are not Abana and Pharpar rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldst thou not have done it? How much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Then went he down and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

It has been said that there are always two sides to a question.

I have given you the "waiting side" and the active side.

"The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

A great many write and tell me of constipation, and how they are praying for relief; and they wish me to come out and pray, too. Instead of relying entirely upon prayer I send them a printed message.

Now, I wish each member of The Mystic Healing Circle to be a link in the unbroken circle.

I have told you to eat bran. I will now tell you how to eat the bran. Mix Graham flour and bran one-half of each; mix with milk or water and bake in hot gem-pans in a quick oven. As they contain no yeast they can be eaten when first taken from the oven. They are delicious. If you have a small mill to grind the wheat, so much the better. Now, let each one who tries this and gets relief from constipation send in a testimonial; give only first name or initials for publication.

Ecclesiastes gives us the two sides of a question in the third chapter.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

"A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted."

"A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak."

Let us always remember that there is a time to pray and a time to act.

#### The Rheumatism Has Left Me

Dear Mystic No. 12—I feel this morning as if I could praise God all the rest of my life. I am feeling much better. The rheumatism has left me. Please find one dollar inclosed for treatment for the month of April.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. E. M.

#### Mother is Being Helped

Dear Mystic No. 12—I inclose one dollar for another month's treatment for my mother. She is receiving much benefit from your vibrations and I wish to continue treatment for insanity until she is cured.

#### My Husband Noticed the Change

Mystic No. 12, Beloved Brother—Inclosed find one dollar for another month's treatment. I have been helped by your vibrations more than I believed it ever possible to be. My husband noticed the change the first week, and rejoices with me.

Yours very gratefully, F.

#### The All Good

Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother in Truth—My wife and myself having had one month's treatment, which closed a short time ago, it seems but right that I make some words of acknowledgment of the same. I feel in myself much improvement, mentally and psychically, yet not so much physically, although I am in better health than months ago. I see and feel very clearly the "overcoming" I have to do, and believe I am farther on the road to accomplish this work. I am more and more filled with realization of the Divine Goodness Ever Present in the life and affairs of every human being, and that this All Good is more and more active within us according as we recognize and co-operate with it.

I remain, most sincerely yours in Christ, J. M.

#### My Husband is Improving

Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed find one dollar for another month's treatment. I am much better. My hearing is improving. I would like your vibrations for my husband, too. B.



### Two Months' Vibrations

*Mystic No. 12*—Two months have passed since coming under your treatment, and I find myself steadily gaining in health and courage, so much so that I wish to remain in your vibrations at least two months longer, and inclose two dollars for the same. I am trying to live and work for health and prosperity, and feel sure my efforts will be rewarded.  
Very gratefully yours,  
Mrs. R.

### "Heareth the Word, and Understandeth It"

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—I write to thank you for the life vibrations which you have been sending to my husband and myself for the past month. I feel to be gaining and my husband also is much better. I truly thank God for this as well as other blessings which are coming to us. Still praying for light and guidance to help carry on the good work,  
I am yours sincerely,  
C. S.

### The Whole Wheat

*Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother*—Your printed message received. I think your teachings are grand. I know all things are possible with God, and in time I will be well. I feel better contented and happier since your message came. Have had fine results from eating whole wheat. Have done all you advised.  
Yours in love,  
HELEN.

### Cured of Chronic Rheumatism

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—I send one dollar for another month's treatment for my husband. You were instrumental in curing me of chronic rheumatism. I bless the day I first heard of you and THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.  
With sisterly love,  
Mrs. E.

### Is Trying to Help Herself

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's vibrations. I am feeling much better, and think at the end of the month I will try to do alone with the help of your printed messages. I read some of them every day. I have memorized parts of them. I have them in my mind constantly, and put in practice their teachings. THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES is a great help to me also. I know you are pleased whenever your patients tell you they are trying to help themselves, which I am trying to do.  
Sincerely and with love,  
Mrs. O.

### Words of Love and Cheer

*Beloved Friend*—I inclose one dollar for another month's health vibrations for my husband and myself. They are so uplifting and helpful we feel that we cannot get along without them yet awhile. My sister wishes me to send you another dollar for another month of your beautiful vibrations. She thinks it is helping her, and also giving her courage and strength to overcome her grief. You are a wonderful help, through your love of God and humanity, to those struggling with sickness or grief; and I thank the Almighty Power of Love for giving you to the world.  
Gratefully,  
Mrs. C.

### Neuralgia

*Dear Mystic No. 21*—Please find one dollar inclosed for another month's treatment. Your first month's treatment has done a great deal for me. Before I could not step to the door to get a breath of fresh air without having neuralgia; and now I can ride to school with a hat on and don't have sick headache or catarrh so much. Have had sick headache only once.  
Yours most gratefully,  
E.

### Is Finding Health

*Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother*—I received your messages last

Saturday night and read them all over Sunday, and I have felt so much better. This week I have done more work than I have in a good while. I feel stronger every way, and I hope I can keep on with your vibrations until I am well entirely.

Yours, with best wishes,  
B.

### Returns to Praise

*Mystic No. 12, Dear Friend*—Inclosed is one dollar for one month's vibrations which we cannot do without. You have done wonders for us, and we are so grateful. Our little boy is improving wonderfully. We feel that we have much to be thankful for. Even financial affairs are beginning to look up. Still continue to surround us with your blessed vibrations. My own health is greatly improved. I feel like a different person.  
Yours gratefully,  
Mrs. B.

### Know Thyself

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—Inclosed find one dollar, for which give my son and I another month's treatment. You are helping me greatly to know myself; the why and wherefore of former failures.  
Sincerely, gratefully yours,  
Mrs. H.

### Has Found Health

*Mystic No. 12—Very Kind and Helpful Friend*—My time has now expired for treatments, and I thank you most heartily and sincerely for all of your kindness to me. I have gained so fast the last month that I shall not need any more treatments. I wish you and all of the mystics, the Club and the Magazine, the best success.  
Respectfully,  
Mrs. C.

### Very Grateful for Blessings Received

*Dear Brother Mystic No. 12*—I know you will be pleased to hear that I have improved very much since I last wrote you. I am very grateful for blessings received. I inclose two dollars more for two months' treatment. May you realize every blessing the Kingdom affords.  
Faithfully yours,  
ANNA.

### His Word Will Not Return to Him Void

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—I wish I could write and express my appreciation of the great good work that has been done in my family by your prayers for my two daughters. One was sick a long while after her second child was born; just weakness and nervousness. Did not care to go any place. Now she is all right. We love THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. It comes like a beacon of light on the dark ocean, brings good cheer and causes us to thrill with the living truth. Thank God the seed has been sown in my children by your printed messages. He will give the increase. His word will not return to Him void.  
MARY.

### "And I Have Heard Songs in the Silence That Never Can Float into Speech"

*Dear Mystic No. 12*—You will find inclosed money order for two dollars for treatment. I cannot thank you for your great kindness to me. All my life I will be grateful to you, and hold sacred the beautiful promises you have made me of a purer, nobler, more useful, more successful life. If I could have known that God had been so good as to send me this at the end of the misery and darkness of these eight years, I would have blessed that darkness, and it would have been light. If I have talent I will use it to make people better; and from this day I will live in every way as nobly as I can, with the hope that before this life gives place to that other one, I can be truly pure of heart and mind.  
I can never thank you for your kindness.  
Yours sincerely,  
VIRGINIA.

go right to work and help somebody else to be well and happy.

Many years ago, yes, when I was a tiny little girl, my father, who made hundreds of people well, taught me of this wonderful power of God and told me some day I would be able to use it as he was doing. So I began the work of healing little children even then, and when we were playing or in school sometimes I often healed them of a pain or sickness, and when they were so ill my father was called, I was his helper.

Can you wonder that I love to do his work now, when I tell you it has been my work all these years?

I have such a large family (many of them are full-grown now), that I really feel as if I were mother to everybody's children, and this is why I want to get acquainted with all of you. Will it not be nice to feel that we are a big, happy, busy family, each one doing his part to help some other one who may not be as well or happy as himself. For here, my dears, is a little secret. We can never find the lasting wholeness or happiness unless we are helping somebody else.

Now remember, this letter is just a beginning. As soon as I hear from you I will answer, besides writing another letter, which our Magazine will print, and we shall soon feel as if we had always known each other.

But you must tell me what help you need or just where and how your body needs mending. Write on one side of the paper, be sure to give your full name and address and inclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for me to use in reply. After you have your letter written and before you put it into the envelope, breathe upon it five times and hold it in your hands a few minutes. If you are not able to write the letter, let the one who writes it lay it upon your forehead and afterward let you breathe upon it and hold it for a little before it is sent away. Then, in order to pay the many expenses of printing, postage, etc., we have to ask you to send \$1.00 the first time you write.

That will make it possible for me to give you my special attention for healing for one whole month. Perhaps you will be whole by that time or before, or perhaps it will take longer; but anyway we shall do our part and trust God to do the rest.

Address all your letters to  
MYSTIC MOTHER,  
Care MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES,  
22 North William Street,  
N. Y. City.

### A Helping Hand

A HELPING hand we all may give,  
If but a pleasant word to say,  
And something find each day we live  
To help another on the way.

A helping hand may sow the seed  
From which the fruits of goodness grow,  
And to the right may gently lead  
The erring from the path of woe.

A helping hand to all mankind,  
Among the rich, the poor, and low,  
In every state of life can find  
An act of kindness to bestow.

A helping hand we all may need  
When darkest sorrows leave their trace,  
Someone to comfort and to lead,  
To give us strength and needed grace.

A helping hand where'er we go  
A ray of sunshine may impart,  
And but a deed of kindness show  
A noble and a generous heart.

A helping hand is ever near  
In passing through life's troubled tide;  
When all the world seems cold and drear  
It is a never-failing guide.

### Just Smile

If you can't do anything else to help along, just smile.

How can you smile when you feel so bad?  
Screw your face the other way and see how good it will feel. You will soon get in the habit of it, and the smile will strike in. Some narrow-gauge folks may tell you that the smile should come from inside, and not be put off and on like a mask. Never mind them. Keep on with your lateral distention, keep on lifting up your countenance instead of pulling it down—in other words, keep on grinning.

Some day you will look in the mirror and wonder how you could ever have done anything else.

When you see what the smile brings to you you will break the old sickness-compelling, death-dealing habit of groaning and fault-finding. Then the smile will come from within.

If you want to die—fuss.

If you want to live in peace and prosperity—just smile, and you cannot smile when you are fussing.—Eleanor Kirk.

"There is no truth so lofty that it cannot be put into practice if firmly enough believed in."

## Our Children's Healing Circle

So grand a work has been done and is being done by our faithful Mystic No. 12, that we have decided to supplement his work by adding a department for the **HEALING OF CHILDREN**. This will be under the care of the Mystic Mother, who, out of her great love for **CHILDREN**, desires to do a special work for them and awaits letters and applications for help from their parents, or whenever possible from the children themselves.

### Dear Children

I LOVE little boys and girls so much that I want to devote my whole life to helping those who are lame or sick or unhappy. So here I am writing to tell you that I shall be glad to have you write to me telling me just what is the trouble. God has given me a wonderful gift of healing and many, many little children who were sick and lame or blind or paralyzed have been healed through this power of God, for that is what it is, and you know if we can only trust God enough His power can heal anything and everything.

You know what it means, don't you, when we say a thing is whole or broken? If you were talking about two boxes and one had one corner off or a board all splintered and the other was in splendid shape, with every board in its place, you would say of the first, "This one is broken, but the other one is whole."

So a little boy or girl who has a fine, strong perfect body has a whole or healthy body; but the one who is weak or has one leg smaller or shorter than the other or one eye that is not right has an imperfect or diseased body.

Now, you see, when the poor diseased body gets mended or made sound and whole, we say it is healed; and it is God's power that heals, just as it is God's power that turns the food we eat into flesh and blood and bone and muscle.

If we did not eat, though, we could not expect the power to turn the food into flesh and blood for us. Do you see why, little friends? Because God has given us the food and the body. He expects us to prepare the food and put it into our mouths. He has many, many ways of helping us if we will only do our part, and it is that you may learn just what to do in order to have God's power make your bodies whole that I want to help heal you and make you well and happy, so you can



## SAYINGS OF THE BLISSFUL PROPHET

Observations on Human Affairs, Specially Written for  
The Magazine of Mysteries

"That which exists is one; Sages call it variously."—*Rig-Veda*, I, 161, 46.

### INVOCATION

Almighty and eternal God, grant me understanding, knowledge and wisdom to write here words of Truth, Love and Hope. O blessed guardian angel! I ask thee for Light from the Angel Spheres, and may my guides and controls guard my mind and hand, that nothing but the Truth may be written. All for the glory of God, the Holy Spirit and the Holy Angels. Amen.



HE strong clinging and attachment for the fleeting objects of the senses make men negative, powerless and miserable.

Attraction and attachment to objects of the senses retards spiritual growth, and, strange as it may appear, keeps countless people in disease, poverty and drudgery; often that which we seek too strongly and selfishly evades us entirely. Money-mad men scatter their psychic forces and repel Unseen Forces which could and would help them to fortune.

Blessed, indeed, is he who loves and seeks God only, attends loyally and faithfully to the work nearest his hands and trusts to the mighty Unseen Forces to add all material blessings.

He who is attached in intense and fervent love to God will have peace, power, purpose and plenty. No adverse state or condition can touch the pure and fervent God-lover.

See everything, do everything, touch everything and possess all wealth, but be not attached, say the holy sages in all ages.

To realize supreme bliss we must not be extremely attached to anything or anybody, excepting God; to be attached to anything or anyone excepting God, is to be an abject slave.

There is a higher and more blessed state of consciousness than that of the person who is a slave to men, or women, or things.

Meditate deeply on all your misery and in a while you will trace its root-cause to selfish attachment to persons and things; the only way to break the chains of attachment is in love for God. Change your attachment for things, places and persons to the great God, and lo! a miracle is performed—you become free.

Love and do good to all, and inject God in all, for He is the All in All, but do not become attached.

Attachment makes us extremely selfish and keeps the mind closed to the eternal Oneness of all there is.

Swami Vivekananda, in speaking of attachment, says: "From this failing we want to injure others to do good to those we love (attached to). A good many of the wicked deeds done in this world are really done through attachment to certain persons."

Everything, all souls, belong to God. Intense love should be given to all, but there should be no idea of ownership or jealousy in regard to any object of the senses or any person.

"There should be no jealousy in regard to objects of the senses. Jealousy is the root of all evil, and a most difficult thing to conquer."

Blessed is he who can see the One Self in everything, in all being, and whose mind is so purified that he is able to take in all objects and all manifestations of eternal Life and think about them without attachment, without envy, and without jealousy and delusion. Then, and then only, does the mind become pure and sane, and then, and then only, is constant and blissful memory of God in the mind.

All our woe and misery is due to the fact that we are bound by the senses—by attachment. We are all of us more or less controlled by matter, when, in truth, if we loved God enough, we could control all matter, and nature, and mind, and everything.

No man can really love who is attached. Pure love is non-attached; it is eternal and universal.

Men are partial and not whole (holy) to the extent to which they are bound and attached to this world and its sense-objects. The great universal man is beyond all this; he lives and has his being in the blessed Universal One who is beyond all time and all space and all Nature.

He who really wants to love and know God, and all the blessed Angels and adepts, and all the secrets and mysteries of Life and Nature, must get rid of

extreme desires and attachment; desire nothing except God.

This is a good and blessed world, so far as it helps us to reach God and to be at perfect ease, and the objects of the senses are good as a means to the goal; good so far as they help us to attain to a higher and more blessed state of Consciousness.

So we must struggle and persevere and hope and work and be patient and come into peace, power and plenty here and now, if possible; that is the ideal. But we may expect no real progress as long as we are strongly attached to and cling to the world. This world is heaven to the non-attached, and it is hell to the attached.

"Wife, children, husband, money, land, or learning, are good, so long as they help us forward; but as soon as they have ceased to do that, they are nothing but evil. If the wife helps us to God, that is a good wife. So with husbands and children. Or if money helps a man to do good to others, it is something real; but, if not, it is simply a mass of evil, and the sooner we throw it out the better."

A pure, God-loving man may possess a billion dollars and not one dollar will possess him; and a man may be in poverty and be the most bound and attached man in the world. Indeed, it is selfish attachment, petty envies and jealousies that keep men in poverty, drudgery and disease.

Every blessing in the universe is added to the pure, God-loving, non-attached soul.

Strong attachment to a certain religion, sect, party or movement keeps the Light of Truth from men. Blessed is he who can see the great God in every religion, in all sects, and all movements.

No man can behold God as long as he limits Him. No man becomes greater than his own conception of God; and no man rises above his attractions, his attachments and his desires.

Our blessed Lord and Master, Jesus, was a perfectly non-attached soul, and who, pray, ever made such an impression for good on the world? Who ever left such teachings of unselfish love, non-attachment and non-resistance? As long as this great earth lasts and is peopled by human beings, these teachings will be in force, and will lead suffering men out of the muck and mire of sensualism, woe and misery to peace, power and plenty here, now and forever.



Capilya said:

Let thy life be thy preacher. The behavior of one good man, even in a sparse country, is of more avail than a thousand preachers. The clamor of the tongue maketh speedy converts, but it changeth not the blood. They perform rites and ceremonies, but their behavior is not of the twelve virtues.

One family of a score of men and women, that dwell together in peace and love, doing good toward one another, is the manifestation of more wisdom than all the books in the world.

A man that has learned sympathy is better learned than the philosopher that will kick a cat or a dog. Great learning is not only in books; he who hath learned to harmonize with the Creator hath great learning.

"My sermons are not in wordy professions, but in the souls of My people who practice My commandments."

"My people say little; profess little, as regardeth their virtues; but their practice is My voice!"

Capilya said:

Whatever should be the character of one man so should be the family; so should be the state. Harmony in a man's soul is his greatest blessing; and so of the family, and of the State. Whoso will sacrifice self-gratification for good of the family is the greatest, best one in the family. Whoso triumphs in self-desire or in inflicting on others his opinions or doctrines, is the worst, bad man in the family.

My Father in heaven is thy Father also; all men and women are my brothers and sisters. To magnify one's soul so as to realize this brotherhood is a great virtue. No matter what name

He hath, there is, nevertheless, but one Creator; and all peoples are His children. Call thou Him what name thou wilt, I will not quarrel with thee. I am a child of His love; by love will I prove it unto thee. No man can prove this by war.

Capilya taught twelve virtues in part as follows:

The first virtue is to learn to find the Father in all things, and to love and glorify Him.

The second virtue is Cleanliness; all people, old and young, should bathe once a day.

The third virtue is to eat no fish or flesh, nor other unclean thing; for of what profit is it to bathe the outer part if one putteth filth within?

The fourth virtue is Industry. Because the Father gave man neither feathers, nor hair, nor wool, let it be testimony of His commandment that man shall clothe himself. To clothe oneself, and to provide oneself with food, these are the enforced industry upon all people. In addition to these, to labor for the helpless, to bathe them and feed them and house them and clothe them; these are the volunteer industries permitted by the Father that ye may prove your soul's worthiness before Him. Without industry no people can be virtuous.

The fifth virtue is of the same kind, which is Labor. There shall be no rich amongst you; but all shall labor. As ye develop your physical bodies unto strength by reasonable labor, so doth the act of labor develop the spirit of man to profitable growth for its habitation in heaven. For I declare unto you a great truth, which is, that the idle and the rich, who labor not with the physical body, are born into heaven helpless as babes.

The sixth, which is greater than all the rest, is Abnegation of oneself. Without abnegation no man shall have peace of soul, either on earth or in heaven. Consider what thou doest, not that it shall profit thyself, but whether it will benefit others, even as if thou wert not one of them. Without the sixth virtue no family can dwell together in peace.

The seventh virtue is Love. Consider when thou speaketh whether thy words will promote love; if not, then speak not, and thou shalt have no enemies all the days of thy life. But if thou canst justly say a good thing of any man, be not silent; this is the secret to win many loves.

The eighth virtue is Discretion, especially in words. Consider well, and then speak. If all men would do this, thou wouldst be surprised at the wisdom of thy neighbors. Discretion is a regulator; without it man is like a tangled thread.

The ninth virtue is System and Order. A weak man with System and Order doeth more than a strong man without them.

The tenth virtue is Observance. With observance a man accepteth from the ancients such things as have proven to be good.

The eleventh virtue is Discipline. The discipline for the individual and the family. He who hath not Discipline is like a racehorse without a rider. A time to rise; a time to eat; a time to pray; a time to dance; a time to labor; these are good in any man; but the family that practiseth them in unison with one another hath discipline.

The twelfth virtue is like unto it, and is Obedience. All good and great men are obedient. He that boasteth his disobedience to discipline is a fool and a madman. Greater and better is the weak man of obedience than the strong man of defiance. For the one promoteth the harmony of the family; but the other rupturith it.

Consider these twelve virtues; they are sufficient laws unto the whole world. Man may multiply books and laws forever, but they will not make the family, nor colony, nor State happy without the adoption of these twelve virtues.

### The New Spiritual Day

It has not only dawned upon the world, but we are actually realizing some of its glorious benefits. The power of creeds and dogmas, which has for ages enthralled mankind, is passing into oblivion, and freedom is fast permeating every nation, kindred, people and tongue on this globe.

As the new era advances, its "morning stars sing together," and its "sons of God shout for joy," as it was recorded they did at the birth of a former era. The beaming star of hope gilds the horizon, and the Sun of the New Day sheds its brilliant light over a world, driving out fear and bidding superstition depart, together with all tyranny and oppression.

The mountain-tops of thought and a disenfranchised humanity are bathed with effulgence, and the hills and valleys reverberate with songs of joy which ascend to heaven from the denizens of the twentieth century, because of their awakening to new life, with new conditions, new opportunities and new responsibilities in the new Era, so long hoped for, sung about and earnestly expected by our grandsires, but never realized in any previous century.

The New Spiritual Day is here.—*The Philosophical Journal*.

"Life is not years, but experiences and states. Every road leads to God."



## FOR THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD

Thought to be held at 12 M.

"Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law."—  
Psalm cxix, 18.

Thought to be held at 9 P.M.

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved; for thou art my  
praise."—Jeremiah, xvii, 14.

**N**OW that Nature has sent her beautiful children out in all their manifold loveliness of form and color, we can study with joy and profit the particular revelation brought us by tree, flower, bird, bee and insect. But we must have the open eyes, the unburdened heart and the child-like mind. **OPEN THOU MINE EYES.** To say this **SINCERELY** and **HEARTILY** will be a preparation to the opening of the inner eyes, the feeling and perception of the Spirit.

Try it. Every day at noontide take a few moments for voicing this **REAL ASPIRATION** to know. Can you not see how it will cause you to see more in the material world? How everything will have a new meaning? To even walk forth on an errand, will in this open state of mind, cause you to discover **MANY, MANY** things unrevealed before. What everyone needs is the habit of thoughtfulness. This noontime prayer will help cultivate it. The regular and earnest observance of the rule is invaluable. Why? Because there is always a **FOCUSING** of **POWER** as a result of the **FOCUSING** of **THOUGHT**.

To constantly aspire to see, to understand, is finally to observe, to interpret, and **AT LAST TO KNOW**. This is why we say, Stop for a brief time at the noon hour, and **THINK** of what you would have come to pass. There is no greater nor more essential gift than the ability to **KNOW** the Law. Therefore, this is a prayer that covers a great field in the realm of human life. It is a prayer, dear friend, because it is the deep, earnest voicing of the child heart. **SAY IT. THINK IT. LIVE IT.** Be ever conscious of the wonderful revelation that is round about you, in nature and life and every incident of living.

**OPEN THOU MINE EYES.** Let every cloud of selfishness or ignorance, of pride or prejudice, be **UTTERLY DISSIPATED**, so that I may see **ONLY** Thee and Thy works. Let every veil be removed that the sunlight of Truth be all powerful and all revealing. This is the text enlarged, and brought to the voicing of your need, and mine and everybody's. For we need this openness, this **POWER OF ABSORPTION**, which will enable us to receive knowledge of God's law and intention concerning us and the beautiful world in which He has placed us.

Whether we stay at our post amid the toll and duties of the day, or saunter afar in the fields, or walk in the busy streets, let us heed this little voice within, that pleads for more light, more knowledge, more and closer acquaintance with the Divine, and say our midday prayer until it becomes registered in every act of life.

If, then, we begin to realize that our God is ever present, in peace or turmoil, in discouragement or disease, what more natural or more in accord with our spontaneous desire, than to turn to the Most High for healing or comfort?

Have we sought in vain for the healing balm, for the strength that would renew our youth? Then can we say with quickening faith: **HEAL ME, O LORD, AND I SHALL BE HEALED.**

Who is above the power of the Almighty? What law can supersede the Supreme Law? It is not only in the **LOOKING TO GOD FOR HELP** in the spirit of true faith, but in the **SPIRIT OF PRAISE**. Do not forget this. Faith begets praise. Where there is real faith there **MUST BE PRAISE**. They are inseparable. Can you not see, then, that praise makes a condition by which **HEALING** is possible? With praise there is lightness of heart, a happy mind, and as to the body, a free, bounding circulation. Into the chamber of sleep take ever praiseful, happy thoughts, and the words of Healing and Salvation will become happy possibilities.

No. 7.

## The Organizing Power of the Human Mind

A STUDY of the organizing power of a mind is approximately marvelous. All organizing power is inherent in the mind. The physical body is but the organized product of mind. Bodies are not simply built according to any pattern. They are not laid out in advance. There is no intelligent architecture in them. They are *organized*. They are put together for *mental* purposes. A human mind needs just such a physical instrument as the human body. It collects all of the material and puts it together in the complex shape of the human body. Think of building the osseous system of the body, then the muscular system and then the nervous system, all interdependent and closely connected. Again, think of constructing the human brain. All of this is done by human faculties. Faculties build their own special brain centres. Brain centres or convolutions constitute brain lobes; brain lobes go to make the human brain. On the same principle counties constitute States and States make the Nation. One should not think of a human brain as unorganized, nor should one think of it as growing into any form without a cause. The cause or causes can be specifically got at. They are the inherent powers of the various faculties. If all inherited the forty-two faculties in an equal degree of strength all would have symmetrical heads. Minds being made up of faculties organize different kinds of bodies. They build different brains, faces and bodies according to their mental formation. A mind, for instance, that is not strongly vital will never build a vital system of the body in a strong degree. A mind not strongly motor will never build the bones, ligaments and muscles in a strong degree. Again, a mind that is very weak in the social faculties will never build the posterior lobes of the brain that constitute the back head in a strong degree. A mind that is naturally weak in the moral faculties will never build a good forehead. When properly understood the human body is but the organized structure of the mind. Some call it human nature. They say, "Nature did it." There is no nature in one except human nature, and human nature is simply the sum total of the forty-two genetic instincts or propensities, feelings or faculties of which all are composed.—*Human Culture*.

## Condition and Conduct

WHEN an individual is miserable what does it most of all behoove him to do? To complain of this man or of that, of this thing or of that? To fill the world and the street with lamentation, oburgation? Not so at all; the reverse of so. All moralists advise him not to complain of any person or of any thing, but of himself only. He is to know of a truth that being miserable he has been unwise. Had he faithfully followed Nature and her Laws, Nature, ever true to her Laws, would have yielded fruit and increase and felicity to him; but he has followed other than Nature's Laws and now Nature, her patience with him being ended, leaves him desolate; answers with very emphatic significance to him, "No, not by this road, my son; by another road shalt thou attain well-being. This, thou perceivest, is the road to ill-being; quit this!" So do all moralists advise, that the man penitently say to himself first of all, Behold I was not wise enough; I quitted the laws of Fact, which are also called the Laws of God, and mistook for them the Laws of Sham and Semblance, which are called the Devil's Laws; therefore am I here!"—*Thomas Carlyle's "Past and Present"*

If in the least particular one could derange the order of Nature who would accept the gift of life?—*Emerson*.

But ye, keep ye on earth  
Your lips from over-speech,  
Loud words and longing are so little worth;  
And the end is hard to reach.  
For silence after grievous things is good,  
And reverence, and the fear that makes men whole,  
And shame, and righteous governance of blood,  
And lordship of the soul.  
But from sharp words and wits men pluck no fruit,  
And gathering thorns they shake the tree at root;  
For words divide and rend;  
But silence is most noble till the end.  
—*"Atlanta in Calydon," Swinburne*.

"Do not despise your situation; in it you must act, suffer and conquer. From every point on earth we are equally near to heaven and to the Infinite."

## Life Studies.

I am a student of life. To me everything is interesting and significant. The busy, seething throngs on the street, the child, the beautiful youth, the old man, the woman who toils for a crust and a shelter, the homeless dog, the household pet, the bird that wings its way through the mysterious air—all creatures, high or low, are of keen interest to my hungry soul, for I seek the food that satisfies—the Truth about Life.

This unknown, I am a bond slave chained to conditions, bound by prejudices, selfish considerations, proud boastings, disease, poverty, lovelessness and all that go to make a narrow, ignorant, unhappy life. I would be free! Therefore I seek the truth, for I have already learned that truth alone can make me free.

I walked forth, not long since, feeling my burdens too heavy to bear. The world looked dark. The sky was gray and the sun hid behind a threatening cloud. I walked upon a city bridge over a deep, dark river. It was near evening, and all passers hastened. Two women came, one from either end of the bridge. One talked angrily to herself. The other looked up and her lips moved as if in prayer. Both paused midway on the bridge while I sauntered slowly by. Suddenly the angry one leaped to the parapet as if to throw herself over. The other grasped quickly and held the rash one back. "Are you mad?" she cried. "What would you do?"

"Let me go! I will not stop. My beautiful furs are ruined. I left them in the care of an ignorant servant and the moths have destroyed them. There is nothing safe in this world. I'll get out of it."

"Friend" said the soft voice of the other, "my three children sit in a garret waiting for bread I have no money to buy. They are crying with hunger. I have nothing, yet I trust God. He has many ways that I know not, and He will lead me to His storehouse, or send to me His messenger. Can you not trust Him?"

The other woman began to weep. She was delicate and frail, one of the *poor*, rich ones. She had but yielded to overwrought nerves and ignorance. I left them both in tears, and I knew God was in their meeting. . . .

I had suddenly seen a light—the light of the wonderful truth that as a man thinketh in his heart so is he. . . .

To-day I awoke with the sunrise. A bird perched upon a tree nearby and sang and sang and sang. His song was merry, and as I listened my heart grew light, and I felt a wondrous joy creeping over me, and I, too, began to sing.

What a kinship between the bird and my soul! Was it not the same life, the same joy we both felt? I began to realize the Oneness of the All. . . . and in the far spaces where my thought roamed unrestrained, I felt the vastness and grandeur of the illimitable, majestic Life, of which there was no beginning and can be no ending. . . . Surely these studies of mine are profitable, for day by day as I gaze upon the fragmentary lives of these many parts, I catch the rhythmic pulsing of the mighty Whole.

The Student.



# HEART TALKS

By Helen Van-Anderson

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**O**H, if I could only do something to help; if I could feel that some life was better or brighter because of my being alive, I would be so happy!"

These and similar words come in almost every mail. Probably there never was a time in the world's history where there was such a longing to express the good there is in human hearts. The poet has voiced this longing in saying:

"I only ask to sing

A little song so true and strangely sweet,  
That though it be not wise or incomplete  
The tired world while going to and fro,  
More glad and faithful hearing it shall grow."

Even this desire to do some little thing is a sign of the beginning of the spiritual development which marks the warm-hearted, aspiring soul, for it is in the spirit all love and fellowship lies. The desire to help is born not only of the many needs that lie all about, but of the desire to express, to put forth into actual form the beautiful vision or the stirring energy that comes from the depths of sympathy.

Dear Friend, you can begin where you are and sing the little song. Perhaps it will not be a song in words. Perhaps there will be no written notes by which it can be learned as a melody. Nevertheless, if the joy and love of your heart become expressed in your countenance, even your commonplace words will make you as a singer or a musical sound to those whose hearts are heavy, whose paths seem long and weary. It is not the great works nor the public service that counts so much. It is the obscure, the unnoticed deed which to one if not to many may give the blessed service. The human being is like a wonderful instrument, and when perfectly attuned to the Divine harmonies is a Heavenly melody within himself. This means when his soul and mind and body are in such perfect accord that he is happy, holy and sound. There is that within which corresponds to every beautiful thing in the Universe. What is holiness in the spirit becomes happiness in the mind and health in the body. These three words indicate the three planes of being, and when each corresponds to the other there is a capacity in the individual to respond to the perfection that is in the whole.

When you feel, dear heart, this desire to help others you are merely expressing outwardly something of that beautiful vision of the perfect which has come to your inner or perceptive eye. To keep yourself in the right condition to see and feel the beautiful is the surest and truest way to be able to express what you see and what you feel. Thus, if you only keep your own being attuned, whether silently or audibly, visibly or invisibly, you will be conveying something of the Heavenly within to the earthly without. In other words, you will be a mediator between the ideal and the real. Your desire to sing, to do, to help, is the ideal seeking to be expressed through you. Do not disdain, then, the small ways of helping. Be your message even if you cannot speak it. *Stare even if you cannot carry a torch.* There are always those who will be helped. They may be in your home or neighborhood. They may be casual passers on the street, or possibly they may be at the other side of the world. Not one note of harmony can be lost nor one ray of light put out. If you are the body and whole One, you will be the awakener of business and wholeness. If you are happy you will create happiness. Not so much because of what you do as of what you are. Is not this encouraging? Can you not see that it is not necessary for you to go forth into the recognized ranks of the world's reformers or public helpers to accomplish the desire of your heart? You can be in your own home, quietly doing your day's work about the house or sitting at your desk. You can be unknown, so far as your name and position in society are concerned, yet if so be you are in this wonderful harmony of being you will be God's Messenger, His Voice, His Song, His Light to His World.

One of the grandest means of keeping yourself in tune is to sing. Sing often and touch. Words that others have written or words that come spontaneously out of your own heart. The desire to sing implies a possible harmony and linking together of the best in oneself with the best in every soul, that intangible something that makes life sweet and tender and rich in the living. There is nothing in the world that marks the kinship of humanity so quickly as a song. One that is true to the human heart, with its lights and darks, its heights and depths, its struggles and aspirations, so your song may do unutterable things for all souls that awaken to its truth and sweetness. You will find much to inspire you. Perhaps the words and music that flow from your lips may come through

a smile or a love ray from soul-lit eyes; a gentle word; a patient silence or helpful service rendered; or perhaps a tiny flower; a bird song; a summer dawn or star-gemmed sky.

He who has to give always receives. Like a wind-blown harp he responds to the lightest sweep of air from any source. It fills his soul with music, and on the invisible wings of song will it glide forth on its mission. Give, and the receiving will take care of itself. Do not look for it, and when you least expect it, Lo! it is as though some fairy had suddenly waved her wand for you. Such is the blessedness of giving.

"Sing to my soul the sweet song that thou livest,  
Read me the poem that never was penned.  
The wonderful idyl of life that thou givest  
Fresh from Thy Spirit, O beautiful friend!"

is the tacit pleading of every soul to other souls, whether they be friends or strangers, for this generous outpouring of the wine of life—soul sympathy.

Can you not see now how your desire may be answered? How the opportunity lies near at hand? Patience, dear heart, for as surely as you sing the song you will hear many and ever-nearing refrains. What though the night seems long, the morning with its music has already dawned.

All this means nothing more nor less than living every moment the joy of life. Ah, yes! I hear your undertone of protest that you fall so far short of your ideal. Never mind. Your protest comes either from looking backward or forward. If backward you see in your mind's eye the failures and shortcomings of past days, the fate of desires as warm as the ones you have expressed just now. If forward, you argue from past to future failures. In either case you see only the black shadow instead of the radiating light.

Physically, how would you be able to see with a mote in your eye? Would your sight be normal? Would you be able to use your eyes with ease, and to discern the true outline and proportion of objects in your range of vision?

There is an analogy between physical and spiritual sight. Just as you would have to remove the material mote, in order to be untrammelled in seeing, you will have to remove the mote in your spiritual vision.

The best and surest method of removing this is to use your sight for the realm of light, the plane where there are no shadows—in other words, to look above the clouds. Can this really be done? Dear heart, yes, if you see the ideal, the heavenly, the perfect only. And the singing will help you to see it, to feel it and to point it out to others.

This is the way in which you attune your whole being until it becomes a song to the world.

## Real Beauty

By Addie Cornell

If we would have beautiful faces, let us daily wear the smile of patience. And let God's sunshine flood our hearts and radiate our countenances.

If we would have beautiful eyes, let us look upon the teachings of the Master each day, and look upon the faults of others with charity and pity.

If we would have beautiful lips, let us ever have a smile for those whom we meet in our daily life, and kind and loving words for everyone cast down and in despair. Oh, if we only realized how words of sympathy soothe and heal a bruised and broken heart, we would never neglect to scatter them all along our way.

If we would have beautiful forms, let us cheerfully bear upon our shoulders the burdens which God gives us to carry up life's rugged height.

If we would have beautiful hands, let us do the task which lies nearest us, and "whatsoever our hand findeth to do, do with our might." And above all things let us never become too proud to clasp in ours the hand of our fellow-man, no matter if that hand be stained and hardened by honest toil. If we would have our hands beautiful, let us never turn away when we might reach down and lift up some poor fallen creature who has sunk into the depths of sin.

If we would have beautiful feet, we must walk in the pathway of righteousness.

If we do these things we shall possess a beauty and loveliness which will never fade.

## Morning Devotion

WHEN you awaken in the morning leap out of bed as if you were going to a marriage feast! Let joy and thankfulness fill your heart. No matter what the surrounding conditions, remember "now it is Myself and God." It is with God that I would make my covenant.

Stand erect upon first rising. Raise your arms—palms open heavenward—and thank God that the present opportunity is yours—Praise Him for life itself—Praise Him for the environment in which you abide. Praise Him for the sunshine—and remember that the sun always shines. Praise Him for the shadow—whether it be outward or inward, for in that shadow the quickening process goes on. Praise Him for this temple of clay so wonderfully made, not fashioned by hands but eternal in the heavens.

Praise Him for Eternal Life.  
Praise Him for Strength.  
Praise Him for Love.  
Praise Him for Light.  
Praise Him for Power.  
Praise Him for Peace.  
Praise Him for Life.  
Praise Him for Wisdom.  
Praise Him for Will.

### CLOSING ODE

O God, in Thee would I live and move and have my being in consciousness forevermore.

—"Mother Virtuzia."

## My Desire

**I** WOULD not pray the world to give me fame,  
Nor strive for heights where I might hear my name  
Above the murmur of the moving throng.  
Suffice it if, each day, I pass along  
Some word of cheer, some deed that bringeth light  
Into a burdened, weary heart, that might  
By love grow stronger, ere the coming night  
Wrap it around and I, alas! regret.

Give, heart of mine, give self, give everything  
Thou canst, and freely; still remembering  
Thou, too, art drifting on this lonely sea,  
Crying, "More light, more love," eternally.

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# THE PERFECT LIFE

By JOHN P. COOKE

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In speaking of the PERFECT LIFE, let me distinguish between the effort of man, the finite creature who is so often stumbling and falling in disastrous night, in his struggle upward after perfection, and the Perfect Life of the Inner Being or soul of all Nature with whom there is no painful effort, no struggle, only adequate power and perfect poise, knowledge of Cause, means and end.

Is it not better and wiser to conquer oneself than to be struggling to convert a neighbor?

There is a class who never consider their own souls in a healthy and prosperous condition unless they are borrowing trouble on account of their neighbor's souls. They want to save somebody by converting them. And they forget that soul growth, development, is from within, for each one. The effort of painful battling even for moral goodness is distasteful to the thoughtful person. The Aspiring soul may indeed strive and pray for self-knowledge and understanding.

"Not all the pomp of rituals, nor the savor

Of gums and spices, can the unseen One please,  
As if His ear could bend with childish favor  
To the poor flattery of the organ-keys!  
Not such the service the benignant Father  
Requireth at His earthly children's hands;  
Not the poor offering of vain rites; but rather  
The simple duty man from man demands.  
For He whom Jesus loved has truly spoken:  
The holier worship which He deigns to bless  
Restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,  
And feeds the widow and the fatherless.  
O brother-man! Fold to thy heart thy brother,  
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there:  
To worship rightly is to love each other:  
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.  
Follow with reverent steps the great example  
Of Him whose holy work was doing good;  
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,  
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude."

In the calm purposes and realizations of the Higher Life there are Power, Activity, Energy, Accomplishment without painful endeavor. The world of Nature is not seamed and overwrought by effort and painful toil. The processes by which the glorious results are brought about are never associated with visible effort. They work in Majestic calmness. It is Spirit or Life in manifestation.

There is no wrinkle on the brow of God, no scar or frown of effort. The elemental world is quiet.

"Far, far beneath, the noise of tempests dieth,  
And silver waves chime ever peacefully;  
And no rude storm, how fierce so'er it fieth,  
Disturbs the sabbath of that deeper sea.

"Far, far away, the roar of passion dieth,  
And loving thoughts rise calm and peacefully;  
And no rude storm, how fierce so'er it fieth,  
Disturbs the soul that dwells, O Lord, in Thee!"

After millions of years the sun rises as unweariedly as at first. There is no lack of Power!

Have you never wakened early in the morning when in the total darkness you could see nothing, and then watched as time went on till the faint peep of dawn crept in at the window? At first you could only distinguish the dim outlines of things, and then you could see their forms, and later the details of all in the room, and you could tell all the colors.

You say the sun is rising, but the sun has not moved, but our earth has turned slowly round, bringing your little window face to face with the great fiery ball and the vibrations come in.

So it is in the coming of the Light of the Perfect Life into the heart of man. Man has been revolving in the Cosmos for ages; alternately sleeping and waking, moving and manifesting. By and bye the Living beams of the Spirit of God shine into the chamber of his heart and all is transfigured with the glory of the new-born Soul that only reflects the Love-Light that has entered in. It is God's Light—not a man's creation! A gift—not a human production.

Go upon the mountain's brow and watch the sun as it arises from the abyss of night, glorious as a Divine bridegroom still, although he has waited through the million ages of dark and malignant chaos for the spirit of Intelligence and life to manifest through the dim curtains of matter and darkness and dust. How the Over-Brooding Love has watched for the ascension of life forms into man, with his God-given powers of Reason, intelligence, spirituality and Gratitude! Every evening the glory of the sky goes down or is rising on other lands, calm and serene, gathering his robes of glory about him, not a color faded, no ray of glory missing!

The silent forces are ever the Mighty forces. We cannot hear the grass grow nor the millions of rootlets murmur as the spring sun quickens their

vital motions. There is no effort, no visible strain. Where the energy is used in harmony with the spirit of Nature there is no pain, no striving.

The best human workmen enjoy their labors in calm, sustained energy, because they have behind them the Power of All Powers—the power of Universal Intelligence. The Master Workman is in action, and man feels joy alone in duty done, and rest alone in striving.

Jesus said—and it was one of the grandest sayings that ever fell from His blessed lips—"Be ye PERFECT, even as your Father in heaven is Perfect!"

What a tremendous command! When we think of the coarse, brutal grade of humanity that surrounded Him, what an Ideal it was to hold before them! Think of it! How He called their attention to the fact that God sends His sunshine on the evil as well as the good, His rain upon the just and the unjust. God, in the affluence of His Love, is Great (for us), as He condescends to the humblest intelligence, the lowliest creatures, not in proportion as He is higher than the highest of His creations.

It may be true that He sits upon the circumference of immensity. But that thought is beyond our grasp. To us it is a phrase, not a reality.

For us He perfumes the rose, He paints the lily, He decks the violet with its dewdrop jewel. He revives the grass, and feeds the cattle, and pastures the flocks, and ripens the grain that all may be blessed with Life—and the fulness of Joy.

Is it not the gracious quality of the Divine Being that He keeps alive the refuse humanity of the globe, allows people to blaspheme against Him with impunity, feeds them day by day while they do it, and gives the glory of His universe to them when they care nothing for it, but only flaunt their stupid Atheism before His face!

That being is truly divine who is undaunted by the stubbornness, unwearyed by the infidelity, and ungrieved by the heartlessness of the world! GOD'S LIFE is the PERFECT LIFE!

"GOD is the LORD and GIVER OF LIFE,"  
To Whom be our gratitude and our Praise!

## Wanted—Horizon

It is wonderful how persistently and how stubbornly many persons will cling to an idealless life. The worst offense you can commit is to offer to clean their sky-windows for them. They seem positively to love darkness rather than light. Diogenes is not offered to us by history as being exactly a model of manners to royalty, for, when asked by kingly Alexander what gift he would receive from him, he only replied, "That you may get out of my sunlight." But when you have to choose between even Alexander and sunlight there is something to be said for the latter. In the case before us there is no such excuse. The mind seems to say: Leave me to a life from which the bright firmament of the ideal is excluded. Let me "walk on still in darkness," whatever light be round about me. So they are like Plato's men in the cave. With faces toward the gloom, they are conscious only of the reflected shadows cast by the glories of a world of light which they never see. Their stolid incredulity will quench the torch of your enthusiasm before it will be kindled by it. In answer to the cry of the disciple, "We have seen the Lord," they will lay down conditions before their entry into the promised land of the ideal, into the world of spiritual reality, into the realization of the unseen, which destroy its potency to the heart—"Except I see, I will not believe."

Such people are much to be pitied for their want of horizon. In their case it has been created, and the process is usually tedious and slow. Idealism is perhaps the intensest delight in life, and it cannot be won in a moment. It is the reward of a long cultivation of the vision-faculty. People who live the life of crustaceans in the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky lose the power of vision through long disuse. A rector once suffered from his attempt (upon his entry into an English country parish) to create "horizon" in the case of an old woman who existed in constant semi-darkness through the grimy condition of her windows. Asthmatical and weak, living in a dark, ground-floor room shut in by other houses, she particularly needed light. But the offer to have her windows cleaned for her was rejected with horror. Her remark to one who called soon after, referring to her new rector's visit, was, "Another king arose, which knew not Joseph." The would-be reformer had become the Pharaoh of the oppression, and Susan, lover of obscure sky-window, was Israel in Egypt.

This lack of horizon springs from several causes. One is spiritual sloth. It is too much trouble to some people to keep their sky-windows clean. All that rises above the sordid they reject with the inertia of utter disregard. It is undesired, and therefore undiscerned. "Horizon" means distance,

scope, long sight, and these involve effort. Charles Kingsley extolled the English fen country for its broad levels, unbroken for miles save by ancient dyke, shining mere, whispering reed and rustling poplar. To him it meant horizon, and horizon meant—to a soul that loved liberty as dearly as life—the sense of freedom and room, of air to breathe, of scope wherein to energize and overcome. To a weaker soul the very vastness of that unbroken sky, with its lonesome, glorious sunsets, its galaxied hemisphere of stars, means the dreadful sense of a man's littleness and man's isolation.

Another cause of lack of horizon is selfish preoccupation. The intensity of life at the centre brooks no concern for life at the circumference. An atrophied heart generally carries with it a poor circulation at the peripheries. Horizon is drawn back into the little circle of personal interests. Such a one wholly misses the spiritual meaning of life, the solemn significance of the world round about him, the marvels of the reign of law in nature, the throbbing of one pulse in all the movements of humanity, the presence of the real at every turn, the powers of the world to come which stoop down to bless as angels stoop to kiss sleeping children, the troubled face of the tired souls of men, the mysteries of the heavenly kingdom which lie hidden for others in the homeliest things of life-experience. A visitor was once extolling in an exquisite west country landscape in England the glories of the scenery to a native. "We be always here," was the sufficient explanation of inability to admire. "Horizon" had lost its true meaning just as Bunyan's man with the muck-rake missed the crown just above his head.

Another cause, again, is short-sightedness. What is the value of the most perfect horizon to a blind man? The subjective gift can alone make the objective glories a reality. What horizon means to us is determined not so much by that horizon in itself as by what we bring to it. What the mind perceives at any one moment is the result of our past experience of vision. It is the mind that sees. We bring to each new vision the result of our past use, or misuse, of the gift of vision. The world has become to us what we ourselves have made it. This is true even of sense-vision, as Bishop Berkeley and others have shown. It is still more true of soul-vision. The shepherds on the Delectable Mountains showed the pilgrims blind men among the tombs below. They had lost their sight in Doubting Castle. They had "wandered out of the way of understanding," and so they "abode in the congregation of the dead." Horizon must be cultivated, and then even a short-sighted person will find sight lengthen with age, as experts say. But if I become self-absorbed, lost in the minutiae of the earth, how shall I compass "the land of far distances"? Shall I not sadly confess, with Darwin, as to the higher things of the soul, "I am become like one that is color-blind"?

If the hindrances to horizon are great, the helps are greater. Vision-faculty increases with cultivation. And faith is that vision-faculty. Christ never promised to increase His disciples' faith. His answer to their prayer was, practically, Use the gift, and it will increase of its own nature. With that vision-faculty there must be vision-scope. Keep your sky-windows clean. See to it that there is no veil over the heart. And seek vision-atmosphere. In the "ampler, purer air" of Hermon the disciples beheld the transfiguration of their Lord's person, saw Him in the anticipated glory of His victory over death, and with that fact realized the transfiguration of their difficulties at the foot of the mount, and the transfiguration of their lives and aims in Him. "They saw no man any more, save Jesus only." There was horizon, indeed—boundless vistas of blessing and possibility in ever richer color and widening prospect, an ocean of happy being, the measure of whose fulness is even "unto all the fulness of God."—*The Sunday-School Times.*

## Make Every Day

SUCCESSFUL, no matter how little the success may be. It is those who are doing the little things now that will be picked out to do greater things to-morrow.

Learn to master the details of your business yourself. Use conscientious and painstaking effort. Make an examination each night of what you have done during the day. See wherein you have been in error and wherein you could have improved, and this will fit you better for to-morrow's work.

The way to reach the ideal to-morrow is to make to-day successful, and to make to-day a day of work instead of a day of hope.—*Light of Truth.*

No one can fully separate himself from his day and generation, even though the spiritual pattern be truly discerned. We have not overcome, but are overcoming. The Ideal is the utmost Real, but no one save Jesus of Nazareth hath made it fully manifest. We press forward toward the Christly mind as shown through Him, and can count as already ours that measure of spiritual stature which filleth our desire.—*Henry Wood.*

"Many are so busy shouting 'Advance,' that they have no breath to ask whether they are going."—*Henry Seton Merriman.*

What joy and delight!—to meet a really broad-minded, tolerant, liberal man or woman.



# PEARLS OF THE FAITH:

OR

## ISLÂM'S ROSARY,

BEING

### THE NINETY-NINE BEAUTIFUL NAMES OF ALLAH.

"Allah hath most excellent names, therefore call Him by the same."

**I**T is a custom of many pious Muslims to employ in their devotions a three-stringed chaplet, each string containing thirty-three beads, and each bead representing one of the "Ninety-nine beautiful names of Allah," whenever this—among many other religious uses—is made of it.

The Koran bids them "celebrate Allah with an abundant celebration," and on certain occasions—such as during the intervals of the Taranih night service in Ramadhan, the Faithful pass these ninety-nine beads through their fingers, repeating with each "Name of God" an ejaculation of praise and worship.

Such an exercise is called Zikr, or "Remembrance," and the rosary Masba'hah.

The soul of Islam is its declaration of the unity of God; its heart is an absolute resignation to His will. Every good Muslim knows the "Ninety-nine beautiful names of Allah" from beginning to end, and can repeat the prayers that belong to each.

Sir Edwin Arnold, permeated with the ideas of the Orient, and familiar with every aspect of its civilization, moral and religious life, has translated these exquisite poetic prayers from the Arabic into English, for the benefit of the Western nations, and we certainly owe him a debt of everlasting gratitude for these finely wrought mosaics and for the spiritual comfort they have given to countless thousands of our own land.

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| <p>1<br/>"Allah!" Bi-smi'llah! Say that God is One,<br/>Living, Eternal; and beside Him none</p> <p>2<br/>Say Ar-Rahmân! "The Merciful" Him call,<br/>For He is full of mercy unto all.<br/>Merciful One and just! we bless<br/>Thy name, and crave forgiveness.</p> <p>3<br/>Say Ar-Raheem! call Him "Compassionate,"<br/>For He is pitiful to small and great.<br/>O Thou whose love is wide and great,<br/>We Praise Thee, "The Compassionate."</p> <p>7<br/>Al-Maumin! "Faithful," fast and just is He,<br/>And loveth such as live in verity.<br/>Ya! Allah-al-Maumin!<br/>In truthfulness of act be our faith seen.</p> <p>8<br/>Call Him Muhaimin, "Help in danger's hour,"<br/>Protector of the true who trust His power.<br/>Allah-al-Muhaimin! shield and save<br/>Us, for His sake within that cave.</p> <p>9<br/>Say Al-Hathim! He is the Mighty One!<br/>Praise Him, and hear the great "Verse of the<br/>Thron."<br/>Ayat-ul-Koorsiy! this we Muslims grave<br/>On polished gem and painted architrave;<br/>But thou, with its great letters on thy heart<br/>Lauding the Mighty One, whose work thou art.</p> <p>10<br/>The "All-Compelling!" golden is that verse,<br/>Which doth His title—Al-Jabbâr—rehearse.<br/>So rule, Al-Jabbâr; make our wills<br/>Bend, though more stubborn than the hills.</p> <p>11<br/>Al-Mutakabbir! all the heavens declare<br/>His majesty, Who makes them what they are.<br/>Well spak'st thou, Friend of Allah! none<br/>Is "great" except the Greatest One.</p> <p>12<br/>Praise the "Creator!" He who made us live,<br/>Life everlasting unto us can give.<br/>Al-Khâlik! Fashioner Divine!<br/>Finish Thy work and make us Thine!</p> <p>13<br/>Al-Bârî! Maker of each form and frame,<br/>Pots praise the Potter, when we speak this name.<br/>Nowhere another one, we see,<br/>Wondrous "Artificer" like Thee.</p> <p>14<br/>Al-Munzir! the "Fashioner!" say thou;<br/>Still lauding Him who hath compounded us.<br/>Allah! when he doth call us, take!<br/>We are such clay as Thou dost make.</p> <p>15<br/>Al-Ghaffâr, the "Forgiver," praise thereby<br/>Thy Lord who is so full of clemency.<br/>Long-suffering Lord, ah, who should be<br/>Forgiven, if Thou wert as we!</p> | <p>4<br/>Call Him "Al-Mâlik," King of all the kings,<br/>Maker and Master of created things<br/>O Sovereign Giver of good things,<br/>We praise Thee, "Mâlik," King of kings.</p> <p>5<br/>Allah-al-Kuddûs—the "Holy One" He is;<br/>But purify thy speech, pronouncing this:<br/>Forgive, Thou Pure One!—whom we bless—<br/>Of our good deeds the sinfulness.</p> <p>6<br/>Thou Who art "Peace," and unto peace dost bring,<br/>Allah-as-Salâm! we praise Thee, Judge and King!<br/>Giver of Peace! when comes that day,<br/>Set us within Thy sight, we pray.</p> <p>16<br/>Al-Kahhâr call Him—"Dominant" the King,<br/>Who maketh, knoweth, ruleth everything.<br/>Al-Kahhâr! All-embracing One!<br/>Our trust is fixed on Thee alone.</p> <p>17<br/>Praise "the Bestower;" unto all that live<br/>He giveth, and He loveth those who give.<br/>Bestower! grant us grace to see<br/>Our gain is what we lose for Thee.</p> <p>18<br/>Al-Razzâk! the "Provider!" thus again<br/>Praise Him who, having formed thee, doth sustain.<br/>The favor of thy Lord perpend,<br/>And praise His mercies without end.</p> <p>19<br/>Al-Fâtât'h! praise the "Opener!" and recite<br/>The marvels of that "Journey of the Night"<br/>Al-Fâtât'h! "Opener!" we say<br/>Thy name, and worship Thee alway.</p> <p>20<br/>Al-'Alim! the "All Known!" by this word<br/>Praise Him who sees th' unseen, and hears th' un-<br/>heard.<br/>Al-'Alim! Thou who knowest all,<br/>With hearts unveiled on Thee we call.</p> <p>21<br/>Yakbuza wa Yabsutu! heaven and hell<br/>He closeth and uncloseth—and doth well!<br/>Al-Kabiz! so He bars the gate<br/>Against the unregenerate.</p> <p>22<br/>Yet He who shuts the gate, just wrath to wreak,<br/>Unbars it, full of mercy, to the meek.<br/>Al-Bâsit! thus He opens wide<br/>His mercies to the justified.</p> <p>23<br/>Al-Khâfir! the "Abaser!" praise hereby<br/>Him who doth mock at earthly majesty<br/>O Thou Abaser of all pride!<br/>Mighty Thou art, and none beside.</p> <p>24<br/>Ar-Râfi! the "Exalter!" laud Him so<br/>Who loves the humble and lifts up the low.<br/>Save God there is none high at all,<br/>Nor any low whom He doth call.</p> | <p>25<br/>Al-Muhizz! by this celebrate<br/>The "Honorer" whose favor maketh great.<br/>Al-Muhizz! only this we pray<br/>To learn Thy will and to obey.</p> <p>26<br/>O Al-Muzil! what if it be Thy will,<br/>Having made man to lead him unto ill?<br/>Al-Muzil! lead us not astray!<br/>Teach us to find the perfect way.</p> <p>27<br/>As-Samî'h! O Thou Hearer! none can be<br/>So far, his crying doth not come to Thee.<br/>Hearer of hearts! As-Samî'h! so<br/>Our love inspire, and Thine bestow.</p> <p>28<br/>Al-Bazir! O Thou Seer! great and small<br/>Live in Thy vision, which embraceth all.<br/>With Thee, Lord, be the time and place,<br/>So that we die in Thy dear grace.</p> <p>29<br/>Al-Hâkim! think upon the Day of Doom,<br/>And fear "the Judge" before whom all must come.<br/>Al-Hâkim! Judge! Save by Thy power,<br/>Who might abide that awful hour?</p> <p>30<br/>Al-Hâdil! O "Just Lord!" we magnify<br/>Thy righteous Law, which shall the whole world try.<br/>Give us to pass before Thy throne<br/>Among the number of Thine own.</p> <p>31<br/>Dread is His wrath, but boundless is His grace,<br/>Al-Latif! Lord! show us Thy "favoring" face!<br/>Ah, Gracious One, we toil to reap:<br/>The soil is hard, the way is steep!</p> <p>32<br/>Al-Khabir! Thou who art "aware" of all,<br/>By this name also for Thy grace we call.<br/>Yea! pardon, Lord, since Thou dost know<br/>To-morrow, now and long ago.</p> <p>33<br/>Al-Halim! "Clement" is our Lord above;<br/>Magnify Allah by this name of love.<br/>Faithful and just, Al-Halim! we<br/>Take refuge in Thy clemency.</p> |
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34  
Al-'Aziz! "Strong and Sovereign" God, Thy hand  
Is over all Thy works, holding command.  
O Higher, Wiser, than we know,  
Let not Thy creatures judge Thee so.

35  
He is the "Pardoner," and His Scripture hath—  
"Paradise is for them that check their wrath,  
And pardon sins; so Allah doth with souls;  
He loveth best him who himself controls."

36  
"Grateful"—Ash-Shākir—is He; praise Him so  
Who thanketh men for that He did bestow.  
Allah, who dost reward so well,  
What maketh man in sin to dwell?

37  
Al' Hali! O believers, magnify  
By this great name, Allah, our Lord "Most High."  
Most High! the lengthening shadows teach  
Morning and evening prayer to each.

38  
Praise Him, Al-Kabir, seated on "the Throne,"  
The "Very Great," the High-exalted One.  
Allah-Kabir! in silence we  
Meditate on Thy majesty.

39  
Al-Hāfiz! O "Preserver!" succor us  
Who, humbly trustful, cry unto Thee thus.  
"Ya Hāfiz!" on your doors ye grave;  
In your hearts, too, these Scriptures have!

40  
Praise Al-Mukit, the great "Mountaineer!" He  
Made us, and makes our sustenance to be.  
Nay, Al-Mukit! in life and death  
Thine are we: Truth Thy Scripture saith.

41  
Laud Him as "Reckoner," casting up th' account,  
And making little merits largely mount.  
Ya Hasib! praise to Thee; for all  
Our good deeds needs must be so small.

42  
Al-Jamil! "the Benign;" ah, name most dear,  
Which bids us love and worship without fear.  
Brothers! with other eyes must we  
Behold the Roses on that Tree.

43  
Allah-al-Karim! Bountiful Lord! we bless  
By this good name Thy loving kindnesses.  
Ya Karim! since Thou lovest thus,  
Quicken, ah, quicken love in us.

44  
Allah-al-Rakib! praise ye "the Watchful One,"  
Who noteth what men do and leave undone.  
O "Watcher!" grant our names may be  
In that Book lying near to Thee.

45  
Allah-al-Mujib, who biddest men to pray,  
And hearest prayer; thus praise we Thee always.  
Us, too, Mujib! in hearing keep;  
Better is prayer than food or sleep!

46  
"All-comprehending One," Al-Wasi'h! we  
By this name also praise and honor Thee.  
Abounding Lord! in every place  
Is built the Mecca of Thy grace.

47  
Al-Hakim! Judge of all the judges! show  
Mercy to us and make us justice know.  
Lord! make us just, that we may be  
A little justified with Thee.

48  
"The Loving"—Al-Wadood! ah, title dear,  
Whereby Thy children praise Thee, free of fear.  
Yea! for high Heaven's felicity  
Is but the shadow, Lord, of Thee.

49  
Al-Majid! Glorious Lord upon the Throne,  
With this great name we praise Thee, Sovereign  
One!  
Allah-al-Majid! Thy favor grant,  
That we may keep this covenant.

50  
Al-Bāhith! Opener of the Tombs! we praise  
Thy power, which unto life the dead can raise.  
Why should we fear to yield our breath  
To Thee That art the Lord of Death?

51  
Ash-Shahid! God is "Witness!" and He took  
Witness of us, ye People of the Book!  
Allah-ash-Shahid! make us to hear  
The errand that Thy children bear.

52  
O Thou, the Truth, when so Thy name we call,  
All's said that need be said, sith Thou art all.  
Ya Hak! true God! never with Thee  
Can other or can equal be.

53  
Alai kul shay Waki! Guardian of all!  
By this name trustfully on Thee we call.  
Allah-al-Waki! Thy wards are we;  
Have us in Thy fidelity.

54  
Thou mighty One! Whose mercy hath upraised  
Mankind to praise Thee, be Thou hereby praised!  
Al-Kawi! King of power and might!  
Be Thy hand o'er us day and night!

55  
Allah-al-Mateen! "Firm" is our Lord and fast;  
Praise Him who doth uphold Thee to the last.  
Stay of Thy servants, al-Mateen!  
In Thee is strong deliverance seen.

56  
Al-Wali! Nearest of all friends, and Best,  
So praise your Lord, whose help is mightiest.  
He that hath Allah for a friend  
To want and woe hath put the end.

57  
Rich to reward your Lord is; oh, do ye  
Praise Al-Hamid, the "Ever-praiseworthy!"  
Allah-al-Hamid! what tongue can tell  
Thy goodness, ever-laudable?

58  
Al-Muhsi! The "Accountant!" laud Him so  
Who reckoneth up the deeds men do below.  
Al-Muhsi! dread Accountant! look  
In mercy on our judgment book.

59  
Al-Mubdi! praise Him by this holy name,  
Who gave to all the spark which lights life's flame.  
Al-Mubdi! "Great Beginner!" take  
Our praises, for life's pleasant sake.

60  
He made life—and He takes it—but instead  
Gives more; praise the Restorer, Al-Mu'hid!  
He who died at Azan gave  
This to those that made his grave.

61  
Al-Mo'hyi! the "Quickener!" hereby  
Praise Him whom Angels praise eternally.  
O thou believer! shall it be  
He saves the green thing, and not thee?

62  
He quickeneth, but "He killeth;" blessed they  
Who may abide in trust that final day!  
Al-Mumit! "Slayer!" send him thus,  
In love, not anger, unto us.

63  
Praise Him, Al-Haiy! the "Ever-living" King  
Who to eternal life His own doth bring.  
Ya-Haiy! Thou ever-living Lord,  
Be ours such work and such reward.

64  
Magnify Him, Al-Kayyum; and so call  
The "Self-subsisting" God who judgeth all.  
Thou Self-subsistent, Living Lord!  
Thy grace against that day afford.

65  
Al-Wajid! praise hereby that Watchful One  
Whose eyes see all things underneath the sun.  
Al-Wajid! "Watcher!" save by grace  
Who shall attain that happy place?

66  
Wahid! The "One!" ye faithful, say herein  
Sura Al-I'hlas, cleansing souls from sin.  
Ya Wahid! Holy! Only! we  
Thus do declare Thy unity.

67  
As-Samad! the "Eternal!" by this name  
Laud Him who will be, was, and is the Same.  
As-Samid! Everlasting One!  
Thy times are good. Thy will be done.

68  
Al-Kadar! He is "Providence!" hereby  
The Lord of all things living magnify.  
Ya Kadar! "Ruler!" teach us still  
Islam, submission to Thy will.

69  
Al-Muktedir! the "Powerful!" by this  
Praise we the Word, whence cometh woe and bliss.  
Grant us that seat of truth to see,  
Almighty Allah! nigh to Thee.

70-71  
Mukaddim! Muwakhir! by these names still  
Praise Him who hath forewarned and doth fulfil.  
Forwarner and Fulfiler! we  
Confess with dread Thine equity.

72-73-74-75  
Awwal! Akhir! Thāhir! Bātin! these four  
Be Mothers of the Names; thy Lord adore;  
Speaking such words as do Him truly call  
Essence and Substance, First and Last in all.  
Beginning! End! Without! Within!  
We celebrate Thy praise herein.

76  
Laud Him who governs governors and kings,  
Angels, and Djins, and men, and living things.  
Ya Wāli! Gracious Lord! impart  
True knowledge of Thee, as Thou art.

77  
Praise Him, Al-Mutāhāli! whose decree  
Is wiser than the wit of man can see.  
Al-Mutāhāli! Maker of men  
Exalted art Thou past our ken.

78  
Praise Him, Al-Barri! whose goodness is so great,  
Who is so loving and compassionate.  
As we forgive—and more than we—  
Ya Barri! good God! show clemency.

79  
Praise Him, Al-Tawwāb; if a soul repents,  
Seven times and seventy times thy Lord relents.  
Ya Tawwāb! for Thy mercy's sake  
Us to sweet peace and pity take.

80-81  
"Forgiver!" and "Avenger!" worship Him—  
By these two names, Ghafoor and Muntakim.  
O man! fear Him, magnify Him—  
Al-Ghafoor and Al-Muntakim.

82  
Praise Him, Al-Rawūf, Just and Kind always,  
Who knoweth how He made us of the clay.  
Ever-indulgent Maker! we  
Praise for these words Thy clemency.

83  
King of all Kingdoms! only Thou art crowned,  
Whose throne is heaven, and earth thy footstool,  
'round.  
King of all kings! we celebrate  
With endless praise Thy glorious state.

84  
O "Lord of awfulness and honor!" we  
Lack wit and words in fitly naming Thee.  
Dhu'l jalāl wa'l ikram! thus ever  
Praise we Thy Throne which fadeth never.

85  
Al-Muhsit! "Equitable!" make us know,  
As men have wrought with so.  
O just "Distributor!" incline  
Our hearts to keep Thy laws divine.

86  
Al-Jami'h! praise "the Gatherer," who divides  
Evil and good unto their proper sides.  
We take Thee for our Shepherd; keep  
Safe in the fold Thy foolish sheep.

87  
We praise Thee; but no need of praise Thou hast  
Al-Ghani! in Thy glory bright and vast.  
Ah, Self-sufficing One! we seek  
To praise Thee well, but words are weak.

88  
He is sufficient, and He makes suffice;  
Praise thus again thy Lord, mighty and wise.  
Al-Mughni! best Rewarder! we  
Endure, putting our trust in Thee.

89-90  
Mu'hti and Mani'h! Heav'n Thou mad'st, and Hell,  
Providing and withholding—and didst well.  
Lord of the twofold roads, we pray  
Lead us upon the rightful way.

91  
"Propitious" is He unto those that show  
Compassion to His Creatures; praise Him so.  
By those dumb mouths be ye forgiven,  
Ere ye are heard pleading with Heaven.

92  
Az-Zarr! "Harmful" He is to them that sin  
Mocking the truth; O man! fear Him herein.  
Oh, Harmful unto mockers! we  
Know and adore Thy majesty.

93  
An-Noor! "The Light" that lightens all who live!  
By this great name to Allah glory give.  
Light of the world! An-Noor! illumine  
Our darkling pathway to the tomb.

94  
Al-Hādī! Lord! the way is hard, and we,  
Thy creatures, have none other "Guide" than Thee.  
But unto us Thy changeless name  
Is Allah—praised be the same.

95-96  
Al-Azali! Al-Rabi! praise to Thee  
Who wast before beginning, and will be  
After the Ending. From Thy mercy came  
Man's breath, and unto Thee returns the same.  
Thy mercy send,  
Thou, the Beginning and the End!

97  
Inheritor! all things proceed from Thee  
And recommitment to Thy hands shall be.  
Inheritor! all things are thine;  
Al-Warith! O Thou might Divine!

98  
Earth knows, heaven shows; the holy Scriptures say,  
How righteous and "unerring" is Thy way.  
O Al-Raschid! and if not be  
Increase to us Thy clemency.

99  
O loving-kind, "long-suffering" Lord! once more  
We praise Thee, magnifying Az-Zahoor.  
Allah! His holy will be done:  
Islam!—we bow before His throne.



# OUR IDEAL HOME.

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## RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIVILEGES OF PARENTHOOD

By Helen Van-Anderson

**P**ARENTHOOD is not merely the physical door through which children enter this world. It is the intelligent, brooding, care-taking, guiding and tender watchfulness that protects and educates the small (and sometimes large) human beings put into its arms and heart. Any earnest, beneficent humanity-lover is in this sense a parent, be he progenitor, teacher or educator.

There are schools for making artists, preachers, scientists, lawyers, doctors, teachers and every conceivable kind of worker, imitative or creative, for both sexes; but nowhere do we hear of schools for the making of parents. Considering the vast and far-reaching importance of such instruction, we feel that not a moment is to be lost in turning every already organized home into such a school and every well-organized heart into a minister-at-large for the purpose of creating a necessary fund of enthusiasm for its successful establishment and continuance.

So important a part have women in this magnificent work of child culture that over a hundred years ago the great teacher-parent, Froebel, said: "We must cultivate women, who are the educators of the human race, else a new generation cannot accomplish its task." Shall one be found among women of this day—this glorious day of the twentieth century—who is not ready to take her place in the honored ranks of the "educators of the human race"? God forbid!

And where shall we begin? With the children that are already with us and with the children that are to come.

How shall we begin? With ourselves first. Someone has beautifully said: "The understanding of little children demands of woman her highest endeavor, the broadest culture, the most complete command of herself and the understanding of her resources and environments. It demands of her that she become a physician, an artist, a teacher, a poet, a philosopher, a priest."

To begin with, no one may have such qualification, but all may aim for it. We can educate ourselves as we educate our little ones; and the key is understanding—understanding of ourselves and them. This would imply first a recognition of the supreme fact that the Divine in the human is paramount. His free operation in and through the human (or natural) perfects the human. What is the Divine in us if it be not the Highest, Best—the indestructible Good, from which comes every virtue? And this is inherent in every human being, from the least to the greatest.

Who can better define Education than Froebel, who said: "Education should lead and guide man to clearness concerning himself and in himself, to peace with Nature, and to unity with God—and to the pure and holy life to which such knowledge leads." On this basis educate your child to know himself—the best of himself—first, through the right understanding and right use of his body, and then of his mind and soul. Teach him the good uses of eyes, ears, hands and feet. When he is old enough, show him the relation between what he thinks and what he does. Thus you prepare the way to his discovery of the fact that it is his province to be his own governor, the corrector of his own faults, the chooser of his own disposition and the maker of his own happiness. This is the beginning of his conscious individuality.

These dear little ones, of varying ages, already in our homes—what shall we do with their faults and flaws of temperament; with their thousand questions; their growing activities, their tastes, inclinations, desires? In what way can we best turn their instincts into might, and make them conscious of the wonderful possibilities hidden away in their own souls? These and many other questions we hope to have discussed and perhaps helpfully answered in these pages.

"A regenerate motherhood is the one indispensable condition of a regenerate childhood."

From the first moment the little one is put into your arms, dear mothers, all the mother-nature springs to meet its need. But mother-wisdom must go with mother-love, and above all and beyond what the loving mother eyes see and hands feel must be the consciousness that the beautiful baby body enshrines a soul—that wonderful seed of Divinity which you have been given to nurture that it may bloom forth in the garden of humanity a veritable flower of heaven, the offspring of its Father, God.

The gardener of earthly flowers does naught but make conditions right, attending to soil, environment, temperature, etc., with the utmost care. And lo! there one day bursts upon our delighted vision rare and beautiful blossoms, each different yet exquisitely perfect.

Why not consider the hidden germ, the soul of the child, as the seed, and put forth intelligent, consecrated care from the very first, that his soul qualities may blossom into expression—that he may stand before you and the world an individuality shining with the glory of the immortals?

As a seed the child needs warmth and light, and this goes from your heart to his as love. Love first and always is the sun that draws from his inner nature its wondrous beauty. With love, care (its developing power) is indispensable. The wise mother-gardener will see that even her own mental temperature, in the first baby days, is harmonious and soothing; that, as she shields the little one from harsh and sudden noises, she shields him from her own violent or sudden emotions, her anxieties or nervous fretfulness. And while he is yet in the dumb helplessness of infancy, she is awakening his power of discerning between the sweet serenity of a well-kept mind and the turbulence of one that is governed only by the impulse of accident. Herein lies his food for thought.

With the growth of intelligence the child needs an interpreter, and this becomes the next of the grand privileges of motherhood. The mother with her tenderness, her sympathy and her loving insight—with her patience and wisdom—stands as the connecting link between the inner and the outer world, the divine revealer of life's wondrous mysteries.

To make a child conscious of his own inherent powers is to give him the first key to himself. How to use and wisely guide and control these powers is the curriculum in the education of his childhood and youth.

"What shall I do with my little girl of four years old, who is bright as a sunbeam most of the time, but has spells of almost uncontrollable screaming?"

Perhaps it is the result of prenatal influence. Undoubtedly it is a form of nervousness. Whatever the cause, go to the root of the matter, and not only make right conditions for her, but teach her to make them for herself. Study her temperament carefully, and note things that irritate and things that please; also mark the time when she is apt to have these spells. Probably she is a sensitive, delicately organized child, easily wrought upon by outside influences. Keep her from all forms of violent or sudden excitement. See that she takes a nap every day at the same hour. If she is very intense in her interests and very active in her movements, a crust of bread, a "cracker" or a glass of milk ought to be given her between meals. Nervous, active children need food oftener than others; and they should be given their allowance regularly.

Put your child to bed early, and at the same time every night, no matter what happens. As my aunt used to say, when teaching me to knit stockings: "Knit into the middle of your needle, child, no matter what goes on." "Even if the house is on fire?" I asked, determined to see how

serious the matter was. "Yes, even if the house is afire," she said. And I knew the thing had to be done.

Be sure to have the last waking thoughts full of happiness. This is *very important*. Tell her a story or say a few words that convey one central thought to her mind, beautiful and striking—something she can grasp, remember, and apply to herself. For instance, tell her about the sun—how it is always on time, how it goes to bed and gets up at exactly the right minute, and this is why it can do so much for the world. Every person can be a sun in a certain way, but he must do everything on time, etc. You can thus easily teach her the necessity of ceasing work or play at the right time, and soon she will be led into an intelligent understanding of how to manage herself when she is tired, and seek sleep before the nervous tension causes screaming. With her mind filled with happy thoughts she will easily fall asleep, and gain not only physical rest but a sweet influx of joy that will work miracles for her disposition as well as for her little body.

## Child Culture; Grandest Vocation in the World

By Hannah Whitehall Smith, in Multitude

To be a mother is the grandest vocation in the world. No other human being has a position of such power and influence. She holds in her hands the destiny of nations. We must therefore cultivate mothers. The children of the future are crying to us for the right kind of mothers. Of all specialists on earth, the mother usually brings the poorest training to her task. To a mother is given the largest opportunity of influencing the man or woman that is to be. It is a high privilege, and must not be left in its performance to ignorant and misguided impulses. The service of motherhood demands attention. A child is what we make it. If justice were done to-day there would be thousands of parents exchanging places with their children in reformatories or jails. What is needed in child training more than anything else is to enlist the child's own desires on the side of good.

This should be the mother's constant aim. Let her, as far as possible, ignore all that is evil, and avoid fixing her child's attention on it by her scolding and punishings; let her fill her mind instead with the opposite good. Every fault is simply the lack of some virtue; and if that virtue is cultivated and developed, the fault will die for the want of nourishment. Let the mother try, then, to make her children in love with goodness. Compulsion is the attempt to get a deed done where the conviction that it is right is absent. Voluntary obedience is a deed which is performed after the right state of feeling toward the thing that has been induced. Compulsion is an attempt to manufacture the fruit without planting the seed. Voluntary obedience is the fruit that is brought forth by the living plant. The wall that is to guard the human soul from evil in the long run must be built up within the soul itself. It is far better to implant principle than to inspire terror. Already even in her ignorance the love of the mother works magic for humanity; but taught and guided into the higher intelligence, who can doubt that it will work miracles?

If we gathered in one great company the disappointed mothers who with silent heartache have seen their boys drift away into worlds unknown to themselves, we should see an army urging by its own wounds and defeat that the same hand that rocks the cradle reaches up and out for all discipline and education, by whatever name called, that will help Love to keep its rule over the sacred world of home.—Mary Love Dickinson.



## FOR OUR CHILDREN

## WHAT MARJORIE SAID

By H. V.-A.

DEAR Marjorie sat in the clover so white,  
Waiting for thoughts she ought to speak.

"I'm 'ginning, now, mama, to think of the Right;  
I feel ever so good from my head to my feet.  
That naughty old feeling's all going away,  
And now I am sure in love I can play.  
For, mama, out here with the bees and the birds,  
The grass and the flowers and the sky and the trees,  
My heart is just full of the loveliest words,  
Like, 'I love you,' and 'Thank you,' and 'Yes, if  
you please.'  
Now, mama, can't Robbie and Kitty and Lou  
Come out in the garden and play with me, too?"

## Dorothy's Letter

By H. V.-A.

DEAR GRANDMA: We're all coming down to see you for the Fourth of July. Can we have the parrot and the black kitten for company when we have the picnic dinner? We're going to bring twelve little flags and maybe a great big one. Papa said if it wasn't too much trouble to carry we could have it. Last year Freddie Pike's eye was put out by a firecracker, so we never want firecrackers to celebrate with. Poor boy, he can never have two good eyes again, and I just wish they'd have flowers, and flags, and popcorn balls, and picnics, and pets, and good things, 'stead o' those cruel firecrackers and toy pistols.

Have you got Alexander, the dog, yet? That curly black one that always wags his tail and smiles at us? We want him at the picnic, too. Mama's going to dress the baby in short clothes. She's just as *cute* as anything, Baby is, and we love her 'most to pieces. We're hoping to find a name for her pretty soon. Can you think of one? John says Calla would be a nice name 'cause she's like a calla lily, so white and sweet, but I don't like 'Calla very well. Mama says we can keep on our thinking caps 'cause Baby *must* have a name that fits, and that *means* lots o' things besides, so we're thinking hard, every one of us, and papa, too.

John and I feel pretty anxious about getting the right name. Next Sunday's our birthday. We'll be seven years old, and John's learning to whistle. I hope folks'll learn to call us by our names when we're seven, 'stead o' "*the twins*." We feel quite old, and each one wants a name that'll make us feel separate, so we don't want to be called just the twins when they talk about us.

Nearly every night mama comes into the nursery and tells us a story. It is a long story, and a real nice one. I wish every little boy and girl could hear it. It's about Tom, and he turned into a water baby.

After mama gets through, John and I send good wishes to all the little children in the world. Mama says *wishes* make real good presents, and they go right straight to wherever they're sent. She says there's little telegraph wires that nobody can see, and the wishes travel on them.

Isn't that funny? There's a good many wishes traveling by this time then. If you catch one flying by you can have it, 'cause a good wish is like love. It can go everywhere, and belong to everybody, and never be broken, or lost, or stolen. Oh, dear! I'm so glad, 'cause everybody in the world can have something good.

Good-bye till the Fourth. I've been a week writing this letter, and the time'll be shorter than when I commenced. John's a pretty good boy, but he cut off one of Baby's curls yesterday. He said it looked like a gold ring. Mama made him sit on a chair and *think*.

Good-bye again, and tell grandpa we all send love. We do to you, too, and to Alexander and the kitten and the rest.

From your dear

DOROTHY.

A birdie with a yellow bill,  
Hopped upon my window-sill,  
Cocked his shining eye and said:  
"Ain't you 'shamed, you sleepy head!"

## The Bird's Lesson

THE beautiful springtime is with us,  
The robins are heard all the day,  
Singing their sweetest of carols  
In branches not far away.

They are planning their house together,  
Just where the twig shall be laid;  
And then they will work in all weather,  
To have a home in the shade.

Perhaps 'twill not be the roomiest,  
Nor with modern conveniences filled;  
But the very sweetest and dearest  
That such little birdies can build.

At length the tiny home's finished,  
There are three little eggs in it now;  
And mother-bird sits on the nest  
While father-bird sings on the bough.

And thus, 'twixt working and singing,  
Life passes in good done each day;  
If we only start right in beginning,  
And do not grow faint on the way.  
—Carrie Booker Gillivan.

## The Humming-Bird

FAIRY, or winged flower,  
Born of the sunny hour,  
Flashing through the bower,  
From bud to blossom going.

Far excelling gems  
In monarch's diadems;  
Fair flower on dainty stems,  
Thy form in sunlight glowing.

Wealth of bloom enhancing,  
Miracle entrancing!  
Sunbeams pulsing, dancing,  
Thine incarnate loveliness.

—E. S. Hill.

Every brave man is a man of his word.—Cornille.

## The Brown Thrush

THERE'S a merry brown thrush sitting up in the tree,  
He's singing to me! He's singing to me!  
And what does he say, little girl, little boy?  
"Oh, the world's running over with joy!  
Don't you hear? Don't you see?  
Hush! Look! In my tree,  
I'm as happy as can be!"

And the brown thrush keeps singing, "A nest do  
you see,  
And five eggs hid by me in the juniper tree?  
Don't meddle! Don't touch! Little girl, little boy,  
Or the world will lose some of its joy!  
Now I'm glad! Now I'm free!  
And I always shall be.  
If you will never bring sorrow to me."

So the merry brown thrush sings away in the tree,  
To you and to me, to you and to me;  
And he sings all the day, little girl, little boy,  
"Oh, the world's running over with joy!  
But long it won't be,  
Don't you know? don't you see?  
Unless we are as good as can be!"

—Lucy Larcom.

## A Smile

NOTHING on earth can smile but man! Gems  
may flash reflected light, but what is a diamond-  
flash compared with an eye-flash and a mirth-flash?  
Flowers cannot smile; this is a charm that even  
they cannot claim. It is the prerogative of man;  
it is the color which love wears, and cheerfulness  
and joy—these three. It is a light in the windows  
of the face, by which the heart signifies it is at home  
and waiting. A face that cannot smile is like a bud  
that cannot blossom and dries up on the stalk.  
Laughter is day, and sobriety is night, and a smile  
is the twilight that hovers gently between both—  
more bewitching than either.—H. W. Beecher.

"Then let us on through shower and sun  
And heat and cold be driving;  
There's life alone in duty done,  
And rest alone in striving."  
Let us not dread any failure for  
"Death will find us soon or later  
On the deck or in the cot,  
And we cannot meet him better  
Than in working out our lot."

## LITTLE WHITE LILY

By L. V. NEWTON

Little white lily, afloat on the stream,  
Open your tender heart, wake from your dream;  
Lift up your face to the kiss of the sun,  
Wake and rejoice that the winter is done!  
Though you are tiny and humble and frail,  
Live and be happy, and fear not the gale.  
Little white lily, though soon you must fade,  
He loveth all things Who all of us made!

Little white lily, there's given to you  
Something to live for, and something to do;  
If to one heart you bring (seeing you there)  
Thoughts of the Hand that created you fair!  
If you lift one soul from the earth for a space,  
'Twas for that Heav'n gave you beauty and grace.  
Little white lily, although you are small,  
You are His servant Who fashioned us all.



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Let the glorious life of the universe live itself through you and you will find rest, peace and satisfaction. You will find completeness in your life for the first time. The reason there are so much unrest, unhappiness and widespread dissatisfaction with life is because there is so much incompleteness in the response given to the impulses of the Universal Life. As a consequence no one fulfils the pattern of his individuality. He falls far short of attaining his full stature because he is limiting his growth at every step by putting his faith and trust in the judgments of his mortal mind, instead of giving himself over fully to the guidance of his intuition and following faithfully the Divine Urge in place of mortal, limited understanding. "The Father knoweth what things ye have need of."

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The life of the world (the animal, mortal life) is more desirable than the condition just described. The Law of Life is activity. Life is not life unless your heart finds expression in all your acts, unless you love all that you do and follow will-ingly the Divine leading. This alone will lead you into the path of brightness and peace.

*Everyone shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.—MARK IX, 49.*

Savor comes into life through life's sacrifices. Jesus said, "Everyone shall be salted with fire." That means that everyone shall be given savor by the sacrifice and burden and labor which have been in their lives. And how true that is! Think of motherhood in which there is no labor or care or sacrifice! How surely and greatly would the genuine flavor of motherhood be missed in such a one! Think of citizenship in which there was no offering for one's city or one's country, in which one seeks only for one's own pocketbook all the time. How certainly and sadly is the savor of patriotism missing in such citizenship! Think of Christianity in which there is no evidence of Christ—how miserably short of the savor of Christ would such a Christianity have fallen! If we want to have the salt in our lives we must have the fire in them. Bearing our burdens, doing our duties, making our offerings, thus do we bring the high savor of godliness and Christliness into our living.—Henry Clay Trumbull.

## THY PRESENCE

"I feel Thy hallowed presence round me falling,  
My waking soul is filled with holy power,  
A new-born light within me now is glowing,  
I turn to Thee in this redeeming hour.

"I ask not why my heart with peace is filling,  
I ask not why my soul with joy is thrilling;  
But this I know, my heart is Thine,  
And now my soul is filled with joy divine.

"The darkness now is o'er. Thy peace serene and pure  
My soul shall fill with beauty evermore.  
My heavenly guiding star, Thou reignest in my heart,  
My Lord, my Saviour, King—my King, my Saviour, Lord!"



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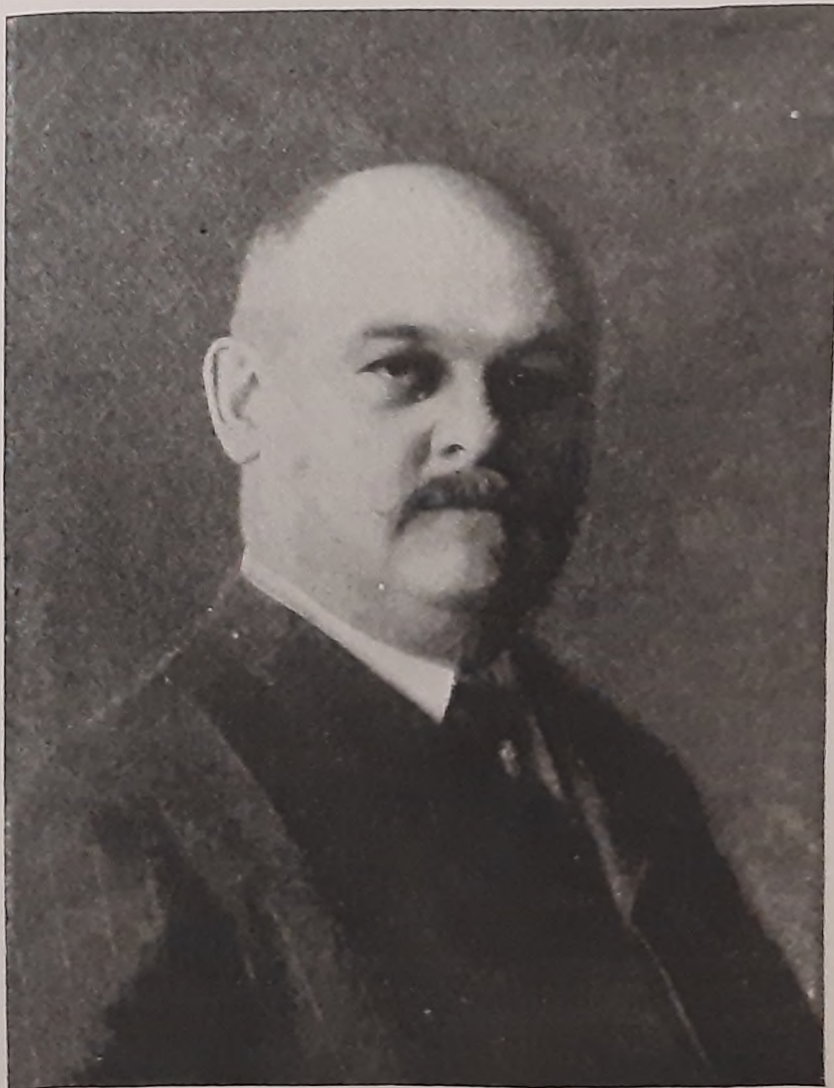
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ENTRANCE TO PRESIDENT ELLIS'S PRIVATE OFFICE

I FEEL that the readers and subscribers of "OUR MAGAZINE" will be interested to learn of the progress which I have made in disposing of shares in "OUR ASSOCIATION" to people who wish to become my *co-workers—co-partners—co-operators*, as shareholders in this Association. In the May issue of this Magazine we had a full-page announcement; also in the June issue. This was the first time that any of our readers and subscribers were made aware of the fact that it was possible to obtain shares in "OUR ASSOCIATION." Since that time it gives me pleasure to be in a position to say that this new project of selling shares in "OUR ASSOCIATION" has gone far ahead of anything which I had hoped. The shares in this Association are AS SAFE AS A SAVINGS BANK—they will pay large and *satisfactory* dividends every May and November of each and every year. The MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES ASSOCIATION is incorporated with only 25,000 non-assessable and fully-paid shares of \$10.00 each. From the present earning capacity of "OUR MAGAZINE" I feel justified in saying that I fully believe the dividends *will surely* be not less than 15 per cent., and I have every reason to believe that THEY WILL RANGE FROM 20 PER CENT. UPWARD YEARLY. This will double your money in five (5) years. As a business investment I am sure you will agree with me that nowhere else is it possible to get an investment "AS SAFE AS A SAVINGS BANK" with dividends ranging from 15 to 25 per cent., and, at the same time, to be a shareholder in a magazine that is doing untold good for all of its readers and subscribers. THE NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES is the only one of its kind in this whole country. I wish to have a good, earnest talk with every reader and especially with every subscriber of this MAGAZINE. I feel sure that every such 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 everyone 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

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*Everyone shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.—MARK ix, 49.*

Savor comes into life through life's sacrifices. Jesus said, "Everyone shall be salted with fire." That means that everyone shall be given savor by the sacrifice and burden and labor which have been in their lives. And how true that is! Think of motherhood in which there is no labor or care or sacrifice! How surely and greatly would the genuine flavor of motherhood be missed in such a one! Think of citizenship in which there was no offering for one's city or one's country, in which one seeks only for one's own pocketbook all the time. How certainly and sadly is the savor of patriotism missing in such citizenship! Think of Christianity in which there is no evidence of Christ—how miserably short of the savor of Christ would such a Christianity have fallen! If we want to have the salt in our lives we must have the fire in them. Bearing our burdens, doing our duties, making our offerings, thus do we bring the high savor of godliness and Christliness into our living.—Henry Clay Trumbull.

## THY PRESENCE

"I feel Thy hallowed presence round me falling,  
My waking soul is filled with holy power,  
A new-born light within me now is glowing,  
I turn to Thee in this redeeming hour.

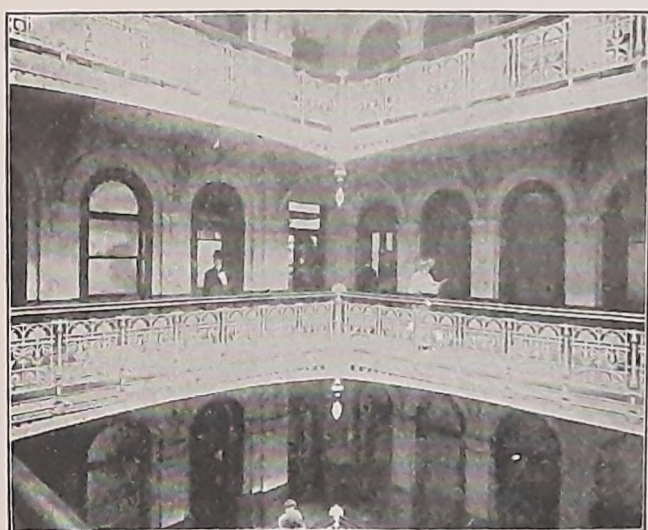
"I ask not why my heart with peace is filling,  
I ask not why my soul with joy is thrilling;  
But this I know, my heart is Thine,  
And now my soul is filled with joy divine.

"The darkness now is o'er. Thy peace serene and pure  
My soul shall fill with beauty evermore.  
My heavenly guiding star, Thou reignest in my heart,  
My Lord, my Saviour, King—my King, my Saviour, Lord!"



## Interesting Facts Regarding The Magazine of Mysteries Association, Inc.

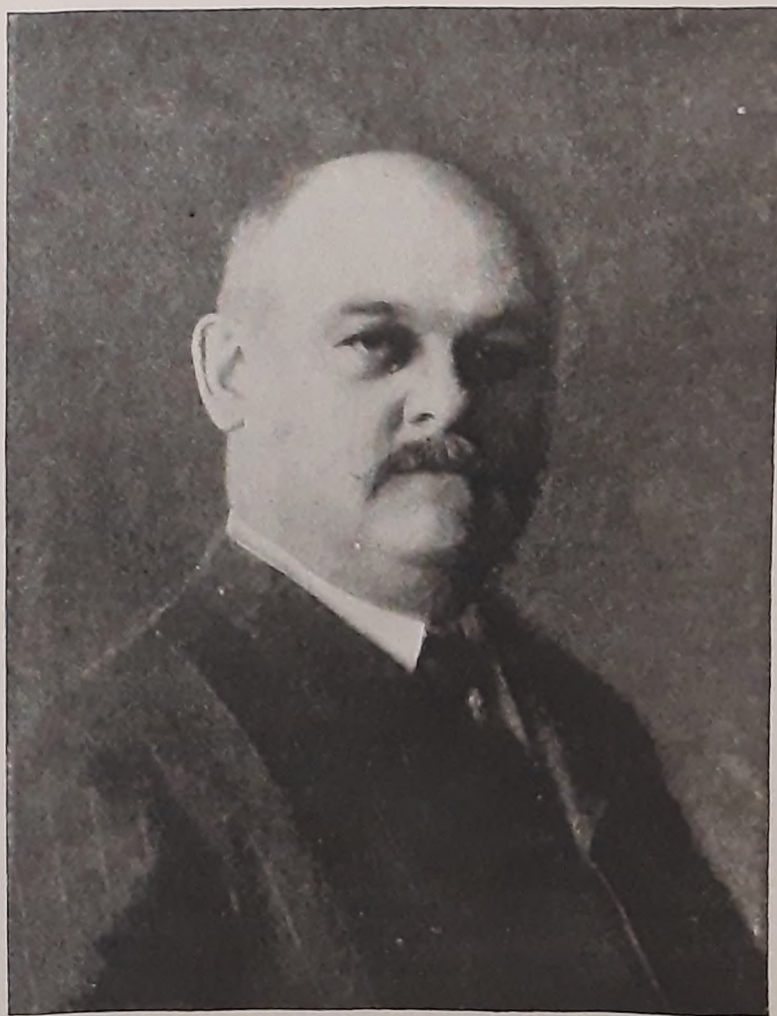
# Success Has Surely Brought Success



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ENTRANCE TO PRESIDENT ELLIS'S PRIVATE OFFICE

I FEEL that the readers and subscribers of "OUR MAGAZINE" will be interested to learn of the progress which I have made in disposing of shares in "OUR ASSOCIATION" to people who wish to become my co-workers—co-partners—co-operators, as shareholders in this Association. In the May issue of this Magazine we had a full-page announcement; also in the June issue. This was the first time that any of our readers and subscribers were made aware of the fact that it was possible to obtain shares in "OUR ASSOCIATION." Since that time it gives me pleasure to be in a position to say that this new project of selling shares in "OUR ASSOCIATION" has gone far ahead of anything which I had hoped. The shares in this Association are AS SAFE AS A SAVINGS BANK—they will pay large and satisfactory dividends every May and November of each and every year. The MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES ASSOCIATION is incorporated with only 25,000 non-assessable and fully-paid shares of \$10.00 each. From the present earning capacity of "OUR MAGAZINE" I feel justified in saying that I fully believe the dividends will surely be not less than 15 per cent., and I have every reason to believe that THEY WILL RANGE FROM 20 PER CENT. UPWARD YEARLY. This will double your money in five (5) years. As a business investment I am sure you will agree with me that nowhere else is it possible to get an investment "AS SAFE AS A SAVINGS BANK" with dividends ranging from 15 to 25 per cent., and, at the same time, to be a shareholder in a magazine that is doing untold good for all of its readers and subscribers. THE NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES is the only one of its kind in this whole country. I wish to have a good, earnest talk with every reader and especially with every subscriber of this MAGAZINE. I feel sure that every such 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 everyone 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 HEALTHFUL, 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. We are well aware that a large majority of our readers and subscribers occupy positions where they feel it is entirely impossible for them to co-operate with us; they feel that they have not the time, even though they might have the inclination, to solicit subscribers or otherwise do work which they think we might require. I wish to explain right here that all of this kind of work, in its way, is very valuable; but, on the other hand, IF MY READERS AND SUBSCRIBERS EACH HAVE AN INVESTMENT IN THESE SHARES, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE NOT the time and inclination to do any active co-operative work, THEY WILL ALSO BE VERY VALUABLE AS FAR AS FURTHERING THE OBJECTIVE POINTS AIMED AT BY THE NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. If you hold one or more shares in "OUR ASSOCIATION" you will find that in a thousand and one ways



PRESIDENT CHARLES E. ELLIS

the COMBINED ENERGIES of all our shareholders will result in the VERY BEST KIND of co-operation. Naturally it occurs to you, HOW? If you own shares in "OUR ASSOCIATION," YOU ARE SURE to talk about the same to your friends and neighbors. You will find that you will show the Magazine to EVERYONE who may call at your house from time to time. No one knows better than the publisher of a large magazine the enormous results of these talks. YOU HAVE FOLLOWED me by subscribing and reading this Magazine from month to month and 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



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owe a cent. We have a strong cash balance in the bank. WE HAVE ALREADY, DURING THE FIRST FIVE (5) MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, EARNED ENOUGH MONEY TO EQUAL A NET PROFIT THAT WOULD PAY A DIVIDEND OF OVER EIGHT (8) PER CENT. I am very enthusiastic in my project of placing my shares among my readers, and wish to say that if you cannot see where the co-operation WILL COME FROM YOURSELF, PLEASE CONSIDER THESE SHARES PURELY AS A BUSINESS INVESTMENT. You can rely upon large dividends every six (6) months. You can have your money refunded. If you will write me I will send you an epistle distinctly outlining just how the Association makes a special Contract and Agreement to refund your money. This agreement is signed by the Treasurer of the Association. You will agree with me that an investment like this—AS SAFE AS A SAVINGS BANK, paying LARGE DIVIDENDS every May and November, where you can double your money in five (5) years, where you can get a special contract and agreement from the Association to have your money refunded—is AN ELEGANT OPPORTUNITY. 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 for you to decide after carefully studying the wonderful showing and steady growth of the subscriptions since this Magazine was born. I am sure that you will agree with me when I say that a showing like this has NEVER BEEN EQUALED in the publishing world.

#### RECEIPTS FROM SUBSCRIPTIONS

Year 1901—Last 9 months .....	\$8,078 48
Year 1902 .....	41,370 00
Year 1903 .....	55,562 16
Year 1904—First 5 months only .....	91,256 15

Total .....

#### RECEIPTS FROM ADVERTISING

Year 1902 .....	\$3,613 60
Year 1903 .....	24,871 38
Year 1904—First 5 months only .....	15,751 64

Total .....



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You will thus see that in three (3) short years from the time we started we have taken a grand total of two hundred and forty thousand five hundred and three dollars and forty-one cents (\$240,503.41). Now, if you will kindly give me your closest attention for a moment, I am sure you will begin to understand why I am so enthusiastic about the WONDERFUL PROFITS and the GREAT FINANCIAL SUCCESS OF OUR MAGAZINE. At this writing, please bear in mind we have only received subscription and advertising receipts for *January, February, March, April and May* (only five months); yet, in these five months, we have received from subscriptions ninety-one thousand two hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifteen cents (\$91,256.15), and from advertising fifteen thousand seven hundred and fifty-one dollars and sixty-four cents (\$15,751.64), making a grand total of one hundred and seven thousand and seven dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$107,007.79) for the first five months of this year, which is twenty-six thousand five hundred and seventy-four dollars and twenty-five cents (\$26,574.25) MORE than we received during the entire twelve months of the previous year, 1903. I consider this a MOST MARVELOUS and SATISFACTORY SHOWING, as we still have seven more months to hear from, which will add a great many thousands of dollars to the one hundred and seven thousand and seven dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$107,007.79). We have, during the first five months of this year, received sixty-two thousand and twenty-four dollars and nineteen cents (\$62,024.19) MORE than we received during the whole twelve months of 1902. I have already received congratulations from my personal and business acquaintances, and YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME that you have never witnessed a MORE PHENOMENAL and HEALTHY GROWTH in any publication in this country. I consider the shares in this Association the best business investment of which I have any knowledge to-day.

### How You Can Co-operate With Us

There are so many different ways that you can become of GREAT VALUE by co-operation with us that we find it difficult to know which to mention first. One of the most valuable is by showing "OUR MAGAZINE" to your friends and neighbors and TALKING about it to them; mentioning WHAT GOOD IT IS DOING, what its influence has been upon yourself and what you think it will do for them. This IS THE IDEAL FORM OF CO-OPERATION, and will result in interesting thousands of new subscribers and readers. EVERY NEW SUBSCRIBER and reader that OUR CO-OPERATORS and SHAREHOLDERS influence adds just so much more to the dividends of us all. You can also write us letters outlining such plans as you think would increase the circulation and good influence of "OUR MAGAZINE." It is my wish to make this THE LARGEST, THE BEST, and MOST INFLUENTIAL MAGAZINE in the world. If you will subscribe as a shareholder in this Association I shall be very much gratified personally. You will have helped me in my station; you will be a PART OWNER IN OUR MAGAZINE, a publication that is doing good all over this grand and glorious



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land. AS A BUSINESS INVESTMENT it is impossible for you to find anything that will bring you regularly a larger dividend. Remember, YOU CAN HAVE YOUR MONEY REFUNDED; remember, that if you are a shareholder in "OUR ASSOCIATION" we do not ask you to do any co-operative work of any kind, but I am sure that when I say to you that after you are a shareholder in "OUR ASSOCIATION" your influence will be of INFINITE VALUE to our glorious magazine and its good work, EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIAL EFFORT. CO-OPERATION is the one word which stands before the world to-day as the word representing THE GREATEST STRENGTH, the GREATEST FORCE, of this, the twentieth century. "OUR MAGAZINE" has already been made successful by the co-operation of its readers and subscribers. There are so many ways in which you can co-operate with us, dear reader, that I could keep on enumerating them indefinitely, and, even though I went on for the next page mentioning different methods, there will still occur to you a great many ways that have not occurred to us after you have become interested as a shareholder. I want to add your name to my list of satisfied co-workers as a shareholder. One or more shares WILL MAKE YOU A CO-OPERATOR and a CO-WORKER WITH MYSELF. If you will write me I will send you a personal letter and literature which will contain clear and satisfactory facts why these shares offer you a magnificent opportunity to double your money inside of five (5) years, and which will show you that THEY MAKE A SPLENDID BUSINESS INVESTMENT. I will appreciate and reward your promptness.



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### Your Money Refunded

I also want to firmly impress upon your mind that if you wish to have your money refunded, you can receive every dollar back with not less than six (6) per cent. interest for all of the time we have had it. If you are interested to learn how you can make a splendid business investment which is just as safe as a savings bank and at the same time have your money refunded, drop me a line and I will write you a personal letter covering every point about the SPECIAL GUARANTEE AGREEMENT and CONTRACT signed by the Treasurer of the Association, which we send you with your certificate of shares in the Association. I WANT YOUR INFLUENCE as a shareholder, and I am anxious that you should especially understand every detail about your money being refunded. Please write me. You will never be sorry. I AM FIRMLY CONVINCED, however, you will never ask to have your MONEY REFUNDED, as your dividend will be from 15 to 20 per cent. or more, and under these circumstances no one person will part with a single share for less than from twenty (\$20.00) to thirty (\$30.00) dollars each, although they will ONLY HAVE COST YOU ten dollars each. I shall consider it an especial favor to write you a personal letter explaining in clear and concise language how these shares make a splendid business investment.

The GENTLEWOMAN for May published the item below:

### "A New Idea

"If you have only a small amount of money to invest and you wish to get the very largest dividends possible for it and at the same time have



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your money invested where you know it is absolutely safe, you have, if you wish to take advantage of it, the privilege of writing to one of the most successful FINANCIERS, business men and publishers in New York City. A man who is at the head of publishing concerns that annually publish over twenty-two million two hundred thousand magazines (22,200,000). A man who is a success, who is a millionaire. HE WILL HELP YOU. He will give you his ideas. He will show you how he has made money during the last three years. He will show you how a small amount of your money can be invested where it will be absolutely safe and draw dividends. If you wish this valuable information, address 713 Temple Court Building, New York City."

The PARAGON MONTHLY for May published the following:

### "Savings Banks

"Savings Banks pay about four per cent. and are undoubtedly as safe an investment as it is possible to get. If you have a little money that you wish to invest in an enterprise that is already established, is a big success, is a big money earner and that will pay you two or three times as much each year as you could get from any savings bank and yet be as safe as if you had it in the strongest savings bank in this country, write me at once. We will send you full, convincing particulars regarding an enterprise that is a big money maker, that is as safe as a savings bank, that enters into a special contract with you regarding the refunding and guaranteeing your investment to your satisfaction. And also, by the same mail, will write you a personal letter telling you the reason why you are allowed to come in and share the profits, and the reason why the other shareholders have agreed to let you in when they might get all the profits if they wished. You will find these reasons why you are allowed to come into a Company that is very successful and that does not need a cent of money very interesting. The reasons will be so interesting, so convincing, so sincere that you will be very grateful that you have written us. Address 713 Temple Court, New York, N. Y."

In fact, suffice it to say it gives me great pleasure in saying that the large successful business men of New York City consider this one of the best business investments possible, an investment that will pay large dividends and that is as safe as a savings bank. Where you find an opportunity like this, where the concern is already successful, already earning big profits and big dividends, this is the kind of a Company to invest in. The general trouble with such a company is that it is impossible to get into it after it is a success and after it is earning big dividends. Surely the people who have put in their hard-earned money and have worked overtime to make the enterprise a big money earner are not looking to part with any shares. If you have a small amount of money that you wish to invest in a company that is already a big money earner, that has already done as big a business in the first five months of 1904 as it did in the whole twelve months of 1903, I OFFER YOU SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY. If you will write me



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PRIVATE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT CHARLES E. ELLIS

*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 this because you have read it carefully.*

### Our Immediate Profit-Sharing Plan

I have a plan, which I send to our shareholders, whereby they may make a neat sum each and every

week and get the money at once. You will find this a most gratifying example of what co-operation can accomplish, and at the same time you can have the satisfied feeling that you are furthering and promoting an enterprise of which you are one of the proprietors. The MONEY that you RECEIVE IMMEDIATELY does not in any way interfere with your REGULAR DIVIDENDS, which will be sent you every May and November.

### 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 large and satisfactory dividends 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 incorporated magazine association, 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 the million dollars or more if he should care to sell or 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 incorporated association, that he wants the co-operation of every subscriber and reader of this magazine. *He believes and knows that if you are his co-partner in this publication as a shareholder and co-operator, YOU AND HE together can make this the GRANDEST, BRIGHTEST, and BEST magazine IN THE WORLD to bring HEALTH, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY to all mankind. HERE YOU CAN BECOME A CO-PARTNER 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 him at once. Draw your dividends forever from now on, and watch the further successful development of "your," of "our" magazine. This is what co-operation means.* Mr. Ellis is President of this Association. Mr. Ellis is also President and owns nearly all the shares in the C. E. Ellis Company, valued conservatively at \$250,000. 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 CO-PARTNER and a CO-OPERATOR, as a SHAREHOLDER in this ASSOCIATION. 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 for you.

### 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 will 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 co-partners 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 association 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 in *The Magazine of Mysteries Association, Inc.*, 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, you ever received 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

CHARLES E. ELLIS, President,  
713 Temple Court Building,  
New York.

at once I will send you a personal letter outlining the reasons WHY you are allowed to come into this ALREADY SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE, where large dividends are already being earned. Your money is guaranteed, and you can have it refunded to you. *This Association makes a special contract with you regarding refunding of your money and guaranteeing it, so that there can be no possibility of there being a misunderstanding.* This is one opportunity in a lifetime. Write me at once and I will send you full particulars and satisfactory reasons why you are allowed to come into this successful dividend-paying enterprise.

In the May and June issues of this magazine, on the back page, I had an announcement setting forth to the readers and subscribers an opportunity whereby they could obtain shares in this Association. If, by chance, you did not notice these announcements, I earnestly request that you read both the back pages of the May and June issues. If you have given them away or mislaid them, I shall be pleased if you will write me to send you another copy of each of these issues. If you are to become a shareholder in our Association I want you to understand every little detail. I want you to know just where your money is going and to feel satisfied that you understand the wonderful progress, scope and success of THE NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. I want you to understand

### My Reasons

Unless you know *just why I am willing to let you share in these BIG PROFITS, I shall not have accomplished my object.* I have GREAT, BIG, CONVINCING REASONS; REASONS that will convince, satisfy and make both yourself and myself PROUD and GRATEFUL to be associated together as Co-Partners, Co-Operators, as Shareholders in THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES ASSOCIATION, INC. I want to take you into my confidence and write you a personal letter setting forth the reasons, as only can be done in a personal letter. Write me to-day; I will immediately answer you personally, giving you a full and concise statement of all my reasons, which will at once satisfy you that they are all based upon GOOD, SOUND BUSINESS JUDGMENT. I wish again to ask you to kindly read my announcement on the back cover of the May issue of this Magazine. If you have lost or mislaid the May issue, write me and I will be pleased to send you another copy free by return mail.

### Fortune Knocks at Your Door To-day

Every large enterprise requires the strength and force of its Co-Operators, which is necessary to absorb something of the enthusiasm, earnestness and confidence which are so essential to the success of any large undertaking. I am offering you to-day, dear reader, an opportunity to make a business investment purely from a commercial standpoint in the shares of OUR ASSOCIATION, an investment which will net you large and regular dividends every May and November of each and every coming year; an investment which requires absolutely no effort upon your part. I am offering you to-day an investment to become a Co-Worker, a Co-Partner, as a Shareholder in OUR ASSOCIATION. If you wish you can co-operate with us, as above stated, in many ways. You will get your proportionate gain resulting from your efforts. On the other hand, if you wish to make one of the safest investments it is possible to make from a commercial standpoint, here is your opportunity. It is not necessary for you to co-operate with us, although your influence as a shareholder will be of material benefit to OUR MAGAZINE.

### See What Others Have Done

Some of the largest fortunes in this country have been made in the publishing business. The



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### A Pure Water Sermon

In a paper read before the World's Congress of Medico Climatology, at Chicago, May, 1893, the following trite facts were stated:

"FIRST—Pure water is the greatest solvent in nature.

"SECOND—Pure water in sufficient quantity is the hardest thing to find in nature.

"THIRD—Most diseases arise from and depend upon defective solution, distribution and elimination of matter soluble in pure water, from which it follows that most diseases not characterized by secondary pathological conditions should be cured by proper use of pure water.

"FIFTH—Mineral water is water spoiled, except to an exceedingly small number of special uses."

To those interested I will say that the only pure water in nature is rain water or snow water. Pure water may be produced by distillation, and so great is the demand for pure water in all large cities distilled water companies furnish absolutely pure water at a nominal cost.

Those who cannot purchase pure water can obtain a still at a low figure and have a constant supply of pure aerated water at a trifling expense.

The daily use of pure water will greatly assist in eliminating many diseases, and without an adequate supply of water certain complaints are not curable.

THERE is a life which taketh not its hue  
From earth or earthly things, and so grows pure  
And higher than the petty cares of men,  
And is a blessed life and glorified.

—Lewis Morris.

LET us live happily, then, not hating those who hate us! among men who hate us let us dwell free from hatred.

Let us live happily, then, free from greed among the greedy! Among men who are greedy let us dwell free from greed.—Buddha.



## To Do Good

THE soul of man always yearns to do good; to help his brother.

Our spiritual growth and progress depends upon doing as much good, each day, to as many sisters and brothers as possible.

He that loveth the great God loveth and helpeth his brother all he can; this is the underlying principle of simple Holy Mysticism, of a pure, sweet, powerful and blissful life here, now and forever.

No man can walk in the spirit unless he loves and helps all, all he can, and nothing gives a man more spiritual strength and power than this earnest and persistent work of doing good in the world; it is the greatest and highest motive man can have—TO DO GOOD.

Now what is the highest good? It is *lasting* or *eternal* good. Great is he who relieves a man from hunger and poverty; but this is only temporary. The great good is *that* which plants a seed of eternal truth in the soul, heart and mind of man which will give him Light and Power to help himself and overcome all his woes and miseries forever.

So it is not in bestowing material gifts that we do the greatest good; it is in sowing and scattering hope, truth, love, sunshine and courage, in which a giving soul does its *great* and *lasting* gift.

What simpler and easier way can any reader of this Magazine employ in doing lasting good than introducing here and there, among his or her discouraged and disheartened friends, the teachings of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES? Thousands of souls have been lifted up out of the slough of despond by merely reading one copy of this Magazine. Not a copy but what contains potent and cheering words of Life, Love, Light and Truth.

YOU DO LASTING GOOD EVERY TIME YOU GET ANYONE TO READ THIS MAGAZINE.

There is but one Helping Hand in the universe. It is God's Hand. You can do no higher or greater good than to get any soul to reading about this one blessed Helping Hand, about which we print so much each month.

It is this very truth we print, iterate and reiterate, continuously, that is doing such wonderful good and making our Magazine the great success it is.

It costs you nothing to speak daily about our work in The Mystic Success Club, and in putting others into the currents of hope and success you will experience a great spiritual uplift every time you get a soul interested in it. It requires the love and Spirit of God, and not money, to do good in this world. Those who continually bemoan the lack of money as preventing them from doing good know not what good is, and do little or no good in this world.

Give to your brother your love, your sunshine, kind and gentle words, and cheering words, and tell him all about the hopeful and cheerful words of truth you find in the pages of Our Magazine, and you may do more good than if you had a million dollars to give away. Often one little word spoken from the heart and soul will start a soul on the path to freedom. Certainly no suffering or aspiring brother can read truth words such as fill our pages many months without being fired and awakened by New Life.

One part of our ministry is to tell freely to all, about any book, or any magazine, or any teaching that has helped us.

The fulness of all good comes when we share our blessings with our brothers. The highest and greatest blessing is not money; it is the pure White Light of Truth. The greatest and highest gift you can bestow on anyone is a ray of Truth. As you share your Light with others more Light will come to you. If you would remain in darkness try to retain or withhold all the Light for yourself.

God is calling on us to "come up higher," and there is no better way to reach the Most High than to love our brothers and serve them; by scattering sunshine in a sweet, pure, cheerful way we do good and become conscious that our hearts, souls, minds and hands are really the Heart, Soul, Mind and Hand of God.

And now, beloved, you can do good every day of your earth-life. Come, help us in our work; help us spread to every friend and neighbor of yours the gospel of Love, Light, Truth, Peace, Power, Plenty, Joy and Bliss.

The great success of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES is that it fully and completely demonstrates what it teaches. It is the great Magazine of success. See what it has done in three short years! Reached a circulation of nearly 200,000! This proves that it is a universal magazine for the multitudes; that both its editorial and business departments are thriving with the energy of real life.

To succeed in life read this Magazine regularly and get into our successful Vibrations.

Pessimism has been the cause for the ruin of thousands of men, and the wreck of many fortunes. The cure for Pessimism is Optimism, the joy that comes of a broad outlook upon Life. Become a regular subscriber to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, join our Mystic Success Club, and you cannot but be awakened to your own grand possibilities. Both this Magazine and our Club are successful. We can help you. The Mystic Way is a true Way to grand success.

## Definitions of Christianity

WE have referred to several definitions of Christianity which have been made recently by Christian preachers, by a Christian layman and by Buddhists, says the editor of the New York Sun. These may be summarized thus:

The Rev. Dr. Heber Newton, Episcopalian: Christianity "is not exclusive but inclusive of all religions."

The Rev. Dr. J. L. Jones, Unitarian: "It believes that beneath all forms of faith are common purposes. Get to heaven by any road you like."

The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, Congregationalist: "I do not care whether a man is a Catholic or a Protestant, a Jew or a Christian, so long as he does justly, loves mercy, walks reverently with God."

The Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, Presbyterian: "A Christian is simply a pure, honest and unselfish man."

Swami Ram: "The Christianity of the New Testament is distinctly and characteristically Vedantic."

Capt. Mahan: "Christianity is the faith that by the co-operation of man's will with the power of Jesus Christ man's soul, man's whole being, may be saved, not for his own profit chiefly, but that he may lay it, thus redeemed, thus exalted, at the feet of Him who loved him and gave Himself for him."

Still another definition, offered in an address entitled "A Logical Definition of Christianity," delivered in 1898 by the Rev. Dr. Fairbairn, the Warden of the Episcopal St. Stephen's College at Annandale, in New York, and now printed, agrees essentially with Capt. Mahan, and takes issue squarely with the others we have quoted, continues the editor of the Sun. Dr. Fairbairn denies the identity of Christianity with Buddhism, with Judaism and with Unitarianism, and contends that it is a religion radically distinct from all other religions, because its essence is that "it exhibits Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, redeeming the World by the sacrifice of the Cross and ever living at the right hand of God as the source of grace." Its "perfect morality" he describes as only "a property." Its essential "characteristics stand forth" in it "only of all the religions of the world."

Of course, Christianity would never have been preached and propagated if this had not been its faith. It has been offered to mankind as the one and only means of salvation. Except for that belief there would have been no missions to the so-called heathen. If Buddhism and Christianity are substantially identical, why have thousands of missionaries for hundreds of years been seeking to convert Buddhists to Christianity? Are the millions still expended annually on the support of Christian missions in India, China and Japan contributed by Christians on any other theory than that the Gospel alone points out the way of salvation for men in a future state?

If the views we have quoted are sound, that all the great religions are the same in essence and men can get to heaven by one as well as by another, "by any road you like," the history of Christianity has been a long record of waste of energy, enthusiasm and material resources.

The more you love, the less you criticize, condemn and censure, the more God-like you are. The less you find fault with your brother, the more you love your brother, and the more respect and reverence he will have for your mode of life. Men are converted to God more by the *lives* of teachers than by their words. Cold, hard, harsh and fanatical reformers do little or no good. *Live the simple life of love*, and you reform and transmute all men who merely see you.

It is foolish to murmur and complain. You are getting all you have earned.

The Law of Health and Wealth is to serve in love.

We are subject to ills and misfortune just so long as we spurn and ignore the Power of God. It is the blessed Spirit that can help us and nothing else.—*The Mystics*.

Thinking is blessed when it leads us to God; and it is destructive when it leads us away from God.

I will love God and obey His blessed Law and become God-like; that is all there is to life.

Our nervousness and discontent will grow and increase until we recognize the inner Christ and give full expression to our spiritual nature. "The inner Christ demands outward expression."

Nothing is impure and unholy, in and of itself. Only wrong thinking makes it so. I will think no evil, and try to think of no evil.—*Henry Wood*.

Blessed is he who feels the Holy Presence within his soul.

The Spirit levels all artificial distinctions and makes us recognize the beautiful oneness of life.

All is well when we live in the Christ Spirit.

## The New City\*

UNVEILED in form of prophecy  
I see a glorious city rise,  
A greeting to the new-born day,  
The growing light, the glowing skies.

In fair proportions doth she rise;  
Her walls are ranks of free-born men;  
And Justice's sword, that flames on high,  
Becomes at last the mightier pen.

I see no house of worship there,\*\*  
Save God's own blue o'erarching sky,  
For every place shall hear the prayer  
Of love and song and industry.

Her temples shall be made for use,  
And built by willing brawn and brains;  
For work shall reap its full reward,  
And Labor toil no more in chains.

Her palaces and homes shall rise  
In graceful forms to greet the sun,  
While in them rest the sons of toil  
When Labor's lightened tasks are done.

In vision of prophetic ken,  
'Mid scenes of splendor, homes of love—  
No more the slaves of toil, or men—  
What radiant forms of beauty move!

Work then in faith, ye knights of toil;  
Lay deep her broad foundation stones;  
Your hammer's click rings out the knell,  
The downfall of the tyrant thrones.

For Priest and Pontiff, Kaiser, King,  
Have long usurped despotic sway;  
At length has come the wished-for time  
When Truth and Right shall have their day.

With grateful hearts we honor them\*\*\*  
Who, through long years with patient plan,  
Have wrought to build an empire here,  
Whose chiefest cornerstone is Man.

And what if, in this world-wide strife,  
This mighty roar 'twixt man and trust—  
Myriads shall fall on every side,  
Their prostrate forms lie in the dust!

For he who dies at duty's call  
In jail or mine, in shop or field,  
Doth shed his blood in Freedom's cause,  
As he who falls with sword and shield.

Far better, too, to fall at last,  
And sleep in Truth's unnoted graves,  
Than live in luxury and die,  
Of passion, greed and lust the slaves.

Then let us work with heart and hope,  
And bide with perfect trust the time  
When toil shall clasp fraternal hands  
With hands that toil in every clime.

The scales are falling from the eyes  
Of untold myriads born blind;  
The tethers break, the fetters fall  
That sorely vex the human mind.

The thrones decay, the sceptres fall!  
'Tis Truth and Progress lead the van!  
And Right and Might are bringing in  
The Rule and Brotherhood of Man!

—S. A. MERRILL, in *The World's Advance-Thought*.

\* "And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven."—*Rev. xxi, 2*.

\*\* "And I saw no temple therein."—*Ibid xxi, 22*.

\*\*\* The Fathers of the Republic.

## Personality

CHILD of man, because of your priceless possession of Personality, you now occupy the most Exalted Place in Creation; and you are in touch with every source of wealth and power. If you are not completely conscious of this eternal Fact, if shadows obscure your vision, if obstacles in various ways befront you, you may look upon all these conditions as Experiences, which will, in the long run, only make you more fully conscious of your Everlasting Position as Ruler in the Domain of Existence.

You cannot truly Possess without first passing through the Shadow of Poverty; you cannot appreciate anything without first feeling the need of it.

Therefore, whatever your lot may now be, you are most surely face to face with some Opportunity.

Affirm the Dignity of your Personality, and you crown yourself with the laurels of Genius. Recognition is better than mere Possession, as popularly understood; for Consciousness is Life itself.

You have an infinite store of Energy and Resources to draw upon; there is no need of vulgarly clamoring for the few perishable things within reach. Sow the seeds of Action; do not hoard anything; and thus allow the Law of Growth to increase and multiply your belongings.





"True hope is swift and flies with swallow's wings.  
Kings it makes gods, and meaner creatures kings."  
—Richard III, v., 3.

**H**OPE refreshes and recreates us constantly. She spurns anxiety and apprehension. Blessed is that soul which never ceases to hope.

Start each blessed day with hope, live it with hope and retire to sleep with hope. This is the divine way. This is the highest prayer. No man will faint as long as he has hope. He who is without hope is in the hells.

Let fate do her worst, she cannot destroy my hope. As long as I have hope the night-time of sorrow and care cannot touch me.

"The possible stands by us ever fresh,  
Fairer than aught which any life hath owned"

Without hope we feed on the husks of life. The hope of to-day brings victory to-morrow.

"What though crowding and multiplied sorrows,  
Legion-like, darken this planet of ours?

Hope is a balsam the wounded heart borrows,  
Even when anguish hath palsied its powers;  
Wherefore, though fate play the part of a traitor,  
Soar o'er the stars on the pinions of hope;  
Fearlessly certain that, sooner or later,  
Over the stars thy desires shall have scope."

And what is the highest hope?—to hope and pray for all. Hope must be universal and not partial to give us real peace and power.

Real hope takes short yet deep views of life; its central spring is in childlike love, faith and trust in God.

Sydney Smith said: "Take short views, hope for the best, and put your trust in God."

What is best in life? It is to never despair; it is to hope on; it is the glad and joyous power to strive again and again; it is to rise once more toward the skies though we be deep in the muck and mire of the world; it is to let nothing disturb you and nothing affright you.

It is written: "We are saved by hope. Hope is the mind's best food, and a great sage asks, 'Is not hope the spiritual element which, after all, gives tone and vigor to the entire nature?'"

Both for mental and bodily health live in hope; the heart with divine love in it increaseth hope, courage, health, strength and vigor. "Hope is the wing by which the soul ascends."

No matter how crushed may be our hearts there is much that's worth living for yet.

The world is upheld by hope; she makes the earth sweet and beautiful and wholesome. What can anyone do without hope?

Great is that soul in whom affliction rouses hope. "Our greatest good and what we can least spare is hope."

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Kings it makes gods, and meaner creatures kings."

O, beloved, burn these words in your soul, your heart and your mind—"Kings it makes gods, and meaner creatures kings."

In every human condition we need hope and more of it; it is the only way to be cheerful and God-like and to look at the better side of things; indeed, it is our great safeguard against many adversities and many illnesses. A hopeful man is rarely sick.

We stand on our feet as we are hopeful. The hopeful man does not go sorrowing all the day; it's better to hope than to mourn; it's better to hope and trust in God and the Angels than to pine and whine.

The seen and unseen powers of the universe serve the hopeful child of God; it is an occult phenomenon that the hopeful soon rise superior to adverse states and conditions.

A hopeful man or woman is refreshing; a hopeless being depressing; one attracts good and repels evil, the other attracts evil and repels good; one is an optimist and the other is a pessimist. Wordsworth said:

"Hope rules a land forever green."

Hope will turn tears into sunshine, failure into success, disease into health; without hope we poorly serve God and man.

Work without hope draws nectar in a sieve,  
And hope without an object cannot live.  
—Coleridge.

It is when we vibrate with hope that we create a fair atmosphere in which the Angels can dwell and help us—

And, bending above thee, the angels draw near  
And sing, "The rainbow! the rainbow!  
The smile of God is here."

Without hope one may not expect to be shrouded with that celestial influence which brings one face to face with God and His mighty hosts.

Confucius said: "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." We mount and climb on the ladder of hope, the rungs of which are Love, Trust, Faith, Patience and Courage.

Who, or what, can down the large, cheerful, hopeful nature?

Who pauses not for toil or pain? The God-loving hopeful soul, none other.

Thy hope and thy hope alone will determine thy life—whether it be miserable or joyful.

And the great power of hope!—it is beyond description; it is the only light in the darkest night.

"Hope, like the glimmering taper's light,  
Adorns and cheers the way;  
And still, as darker grows the night,  
Emits a brighter ray."

Doubts, fears and a lack of hope are the leaks in our bark which sink us deep into the slough of despond. Come, beloved, feel a new hope, a new life, in every gale.

"Come, then, O care, O grief, O woe,  
O troubles mighty in your kind,  
I have a balm ye ne'er can know—  
A hopeful mind."

It is the testimony of all great souls, in all ages, that when all pleasures lose the power to please hope born of love and trust and faith will bring peace and power to the soul.

All life is made up of hopes. How important, then, that we keep the mind well stored with healthy, wholesome hopes. "Hope is always as much better than fear as courage is superior to cowardice." Without hope there cannot be any steady, pure, white light anywhere.

"Hope until old age, that's my motto; there will be time enough for memory after."

A manly heart resteth in peace and hope, in spite of all storms, all events, all adverse things.

You, beloved, if you would know the Way, meditate on the life of the blessed Jesus and His teachings, which were always freighted with hopeful optimism—and then strive to live them.

"When I do think on thee, sweet Hope, and how  
Thou followest on our steps, a coaxing child,  
Oft chidden hence, yet quickly reconciled,  
Still turning on us a glad, beaming brow,  
And red, ripe lips for kisses: even now  
Thou 'mindest me of him, the Ruler mild,  
Who led God's chosen people through the wild.  
And bore with wayward murmurers, meek as thou  
That bringest waters from the Rock, with bread  
Of angels strewn earth for us! Like him  
Thy force abates not, nor thine eye grows dim;  
But still, with milk and honey-droppings fed,  
Thou leadest to the promised country fair,  
Though thou, like Moses, may'st not enter there."

And now, beloved, hold it dear—  
"Kings it makes gods, and meaner creatures kings."

### Heart to Heart

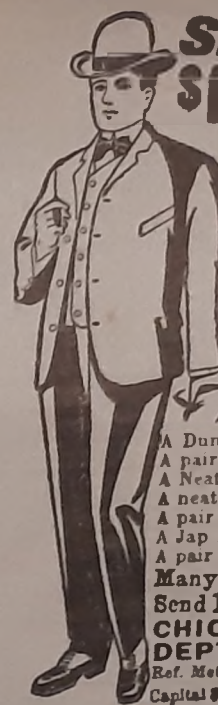
You may preach till you're dumb,  
You may feel till you're numb.  
And give till your dollars are few;  
You may weep till you're blind  
For the woes of mankind,  
And that's all the good it will do.

You may wrestle and pray  
To find out a way  
To pull an erring one through;  
But the string that you use  
Will be hitched to your fuse,  
And that's all the good it will do.

Each one his pasture must keep,  
Each one his harvest must reap.  
For God made him him and you you;  
But a hand-clasp and smile  
Will e'en Satan beguile,  
And here is the good you can do.

—Eleanor Kirk.

A living man is one whose life is in the effort to make society better, to render the world better worth living in, to improve and help its progress; one who strives to make men kinder, juster, sweeter and fairer than they are now—J. P. Cooke.



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"And then there was another day," she went on, "and I thought I should have to skip it sure. There wasn't another thing to look at in the house. The baby was sick, and I couldn't go out, and I was feelin' terrible when"—here she caught me by both hands and the most radiant look came to her face—"I saw the baby's hair!"

"Saw the baby's hair?" I echoed.

"Yes, a little bit of sun came in the window, and I saw his hair, an' I'll never be lonesome any more." And catching up the baby from the sidewalk she said, "See!" and I saw the baby's hair.

"Isn't it beau-ti-ful?" she asked.

"Yes, it is beautiful," I answered.

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"Now shall we go on?" I asked, taking the heavy baby from her.

The room was literally packed this time, ten times as many girls and as many babies as your mind will conceive of. I had not much more than got in the door when a pretty little Jewish girl with flashing black eyes leaped to her feet, and, striking an attitude in the middle of the floor, shouted: "Give me liberty or give me death!" This evidently was the thing she would like to remember if she went blind.

I wish you could have listened with me to the experience of those little ones. Laughter and tears were so commingled that I don't know which had the mastery.—Gertrude Winham Fielder, in *Primary Plans*.

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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.—Psalm xxvii, 4.*

**S**O early, Beloved, this cool, sweet dawn, when scarce hath the morning star given her light to the fresh new day?

Thou art welcome indeed. Sit thee where the rose-pink fingers of the smiling morn shall beckon into an incoming tide of peace. Hearest thou not the songs of the birds and the stir of young nestlings as they wait in eager faith for their food? Nature is in her rarest mood, and thou wilt see and hear much, for this is the secret hour of Beauty's eloquence.

What! Thou art again in darkness, with Hope veiled and Joy lost? Gently, ah, gently, dear one of my heart! Let fall thy tears if thou wilt, but be not broken with grief. That which is dark shall be light again, and that which seemeth lost shall be found.

How I yearn over thee, that thou mayest grow strong to withstand such onslaughts on thy faith and grow wise to see beyond the small conditions of time.

Already, sayest thou, peace stealeth upon thy soul?

Yea, because thou bringest into the Temple a childlike heart. And now, O Child of the earthly realm, hear this from one who loveth thee beyond earthly loving!

Thou canst not judge a soul for any act, for thy mortal eyes and mind see naught of what hath happened in far receding lives that have preceded this period of existence. In the long journey from the centre to circumference of Being, and from circumference back to centre, or, in simpler language, the long journey around the circle of Destiny, there lie many pitfalls of experience, many seed times and harvests, and in each succeeding cycle the soul both scattereth and gathereth and thus must ever be allied to thought and act long since annulled in memory, but not sequential consequence.

This friend o'er whom thy heart yearneth, whose life to thee seemeth such waste of opportunities, such reckless spending of rich gifts, is both sowing seed and reaping that which long ago fell into the yielding soil of his unawakened soul.

This thou calleth sin, this that bringeth torture. 'Tis but a stage, a cruel stage, mayhap, yet its sway will lessen in due time, when, like a noxious fever, 'twill have run its course; and then, not the time of flush and blooming ripeness, but the time of harvest and of blackened, lifeless roots will appear.

But fear thou not, child of my Heart, though all may seem as lost, though naught but desolation reign throughout the field of this Soul's life, 'tis not a dead but living stage that marks time's passing. Out of death cometh life, out of the old the new, out of destruction rebuilding. Hast not heard that weird tale of the Phoenix bird, which sprang forth out of the ashes of its own body each recurring cycle of five hundred years? And how, in the time of Egypt's wise ones, this was given as the symbol of that new and resurrected life which cometh into the soul that hath destroyed its own body, yet cannot destroy its life?

But why should this destruction be allowed if the Law be perfect, sayest thou?

Ah, child of the sorrowing heart, doubt not the Law. Wisdom maketh all things perfect in their own time. Whatsoever thou canst not understand must wait the rending of thy veil of sense. But if, perchance, thy heart canst feel and thy intellect expand, thou mayest see that back of every effect is the cause, and in every process hideth an ultimate.

Process, O Beloved, is the mode of manifestation, the law of development. Is it the Being of Being in the human soul that is involved in process? Nay! 'Tis the stream of consciousness, the sensuous I, seeking through experience to know that which is absolute.

And in the seeking lieth the process. Thus doth the earth ego centred in self, desiring its own happiness for the sake of happiness, become involved in the earthly consciousness which seeketh continuous change yet understandeth naught because it

knoweth naught back of or greater than itself. So cometh desire, repletion, satiation i. e., beginning, ripeness, destruction.

What then?

Ah, child of my Heart, knowledge. This the fruit of desire, strife, pleasure—yea, of all earthly experience. And out of knowledge is born a new consciousness, the consciousness of that Being of Being (the Inmost and Absolute, the pure, unpolluted and unpollutable Spirit) in the soul which is my Own Image.

Seest not the wisdom of the Law that giveth unto every soul freedom to seek, to enjoy, to suffer and finally to know?

The childhood of the soul, Beloved, is shadowed forth in the childhood of the mortal form and mind. 'Tis sweet to watch the faltering footsteps of childish feet, the budding thoughts of childish minds, for in the years of care and watchfulness, fraught though they be with many an anxious hour and grievous tasks of sacrificing labor, there groweth in the heart of the caretaker a wondrous love, tender, abiding and God-like.

Is it not this which maketh human life Divine, which showeth forth a greater measure of the heavenly gifts?

What fairer fruits than these which mellow and make tender heart to heart?

And, as thou wouldst forgive the erring child in thy home, so forgive thou the erring soul.

Beloved, thou art one of the Shepherds I have set to watch over my flocks, if so be thou lovest enough. Wilt thou not go out in the storm and search the bleak mountain if one of my sheep wander away? Wilt thou not feed my lambs that hunger and thirst?

When thy soul was young and thou wert wandering afar seeking new pastures and wert lost in the wilds, thou hadst shepherds set over thee (for never have I left one of my flock unshepherded), and thou wert fed and comforted. So do thou now for this, my little one.

Condemn not, nor judge, for that is my province, not thine. Love and serve, seeking no reward, for the Law is perfect and Love, the glorious executor, fulfilleth the whole law, even in the giving of rewards.

Thou who art looking ever to the Truth that changeth not, nor can be changed, who loveth, knowing Love's redeeming power:

How art thou bound about  
With visions God doth send!  
By opportunities to serve,  
Which, like open doors,  
Thy quick eyes see as prelude  
To thy entering in!  
What wondrous music doth  
Entrance thy heart when as  
An earth-born angel thy  
Rich life is crowned with  
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Child of my Heart, go now unto thine own. Love and judge not. Be comforted and rejoice. The day is before thee. Go, gladdened again with thy lost joy, and with my Peace in thy full heart.

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Thought in the mind hath made us. What we are  
By thought was wrought and built. If a man's  
mind  
Hath evil thoughts, pain comes on him as comes  
The wheel the ox behind.

All that we are is what we have thought and willed;  
Our thoughts shape us and frame. If one endure  
In purity of thought, joy follows him  
As his own shadow—sure.

—Sir Edwin Arnold.

Cheerfulness makes love of life, and love of life is  
half of health. On the contrary, sadness and dis-  
couragement hasten old age.

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"Well," she said, "I never skipped a day, but it was 'awful hard.' It was all right when I could go to the park, but one day it rained and rained, and the baby had a cold, and I just couldn't go out, and I thought sure I was going to skip, and I was standin' at the window, 'most cryin', and I saw"—here her little face brightened up with a radiant smile—"I saw a sparrow takin' a bath in the gutter that goes around the top of the house, and he had on a black necktie, and he was so handsome!"

It was the first time I had heard an English sparrow called handsome, but I tell you it was not laughable a bit—no, not a bit.

"And then there was another day," she went on, "and I thought I should have to skip it sure. There wasn't another thing to look at in the house. The baby was sick, and I couldn't go out, and I was feelin' terrible when"—here she caught me by both hands and the most radiant look came to her face—"I saw the baby's hair!"

"Saw the baby's hair?" I echoed.

"Yes, a little bit of sun came in the window, and I saw his hair, an' I'll never be lonesome any more." And catching up the baby from the sidewalk she said, "See!" and I saw the baby's hair.

"Isn't it beau-ti-ful?" she asked.

"Yes, it is beautiful," I answered.

You have heard of artists raving over Titian hair. Well, as the sun played on this baby's hair there were the browns, the reds, the golds which make up the Titian hair! Yes, it was truly beautiful.

"Now shall we go on?" I asked, taking the heavy baby from her.

The room was literally packed this time, ten times as many girls and as many babies as your mind will conceive of. I had not much more than got in the door when a pretty little Jewish girl with flashing black eyes leaped to her feet, and, striking an attitude in the middle of the floor, shouted: "Give me liberty or give me death!" This evidently was the thing she would like to remember if she went blind.

I wish you could have listened with me to the experience of those little ones. Laughter and tears were so commingled that I don't know which had the mastery.—Gertrude Winham Fielder, in *Primary Plans*.

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# TEMPLE TEACHINGS



*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.—Psalm xxvii, 4.*

**S**O early, Beloved, this cool, sweet dawn, when scarce hath the morning star given her light to the fresh new day?

Thou art welcome indeed. Sit thee where the rose-pink fingers of the smiling morn shall beckon into an incoming tide of peace. Hearest thou not the songs of the birds and the stir of young nestlings as they wait in eager faith for their food? Nature is in her rarest mood, and thou wilt see and hear much, for this is the secret hour of Beauty's eloquence.

What! Thou art again in darkness, with Hope veiled and Joy lost? Gently, ah, gently, dear one of my heart! Let fall thy tears if thou wilt, but be not broken with grief. That which is dark shall be light again, and that which seemeth lost shall be found.

How I yearn over thee, that thou mayest grow strong to withstand such onslaughts on thy faith and grow wise to see beyond the small conditions of time.

Already, sayest thou, peace stealeth upon thy soul?

Yea, *because thou bringest* into the Temple a childlike heart. And now, O Child of the earthly realm, hear this from one who loveth thee beyond earthly loving!

Thou *canst not judge a soul for any act*, for thy mortal eyes and mind see naught of what hath happened in far receding lives that have preceded this period of existence. In the long journey from the centre to circumference of Being, and from circumference back to centre, or, in simpler language, the long journey around the circle of Destiny, there lie many pitfalls of experience, many seed times and harvests, and in each succeeding cycle the soul both scattereth and gathereth and thus must ever be allied to thought and act long since annulled in memory, but not sequential consequence.

This friend o'er whom thy heart yearneth, whose life to thee seemeth such waste of opportunities, such reckless spending of rich gifts, is both sowing seed and reaping that which long ago fell into the yielding soil of his unawakened soul.

This thou callest sin, this that bringeth torture. 'Tis but a stage, a cruel stage, mayhap, yet its sway will lessen in due time, when, like a noxious fever, 'twill have run its course; and then, not the time of flush and blooming ripeness, but the time of harvest and of blackened, lifeless roots will appear.

But fear thou not, child of my Heart, though all may seem as lost, though naught but desolation reign throughout the field of this Soul's life, 'tis not a dead but *living* stage that marks time's passing. Out of death cometh life, out of the old the new, out of destruction rebuilding. Hast not heard that weird tale of the Phoenix bird, which sprang forth out of the ashes of its own body each recurring cycle of five hundred years? And how, in the time of Egypt's wise ones, this was given as the symbol of that new and resurrected life which cometh into the soul that hath destroyed its own body, yet cannot destroy its life?

But *why* should this destruction be allowed if the Law be perfect, sayest thou?

Ah, child of the sorrowing heart, doubt not the Law. Wisdom maketh all things perfect in their own time. Whatsoever thou canst not understand must wait the rending of thy veil of sense. But if, perchance, thy heart canst feel and thy intellect expand, thou mayest see that *back of every effect is the cause*, and in every process hideth an ultimate.

Process, O Beloved, is the *mode of manifestation*, the law of development. Is it the Being of Being in the human soul that is involved in process? Nay! 'Tis the *stream of consciousness*, the sensuous I, seeking through experience to know that which is absolute.

And in the seeking lieth the *process*. Thus doth the earth ego centred in self, desiring its own happiness for the sake of happiness, become involved in the earthly consciousness which seeketh continuous change yet understandeth naught because it

knoweth naught back of or greater than itself. So cometh desire, repletion, satiation i. e., beginning, ripeness, destruction.

What then?

Ah, child of my Heart, *knowledge*. This the fruit of desire, strife, pleasure—yea, of all earthly experience. And out of knowledge is born a new consciousness, the consciousness of that Being of Being (the Inmost and Absolute, the pure, unpolluted and unpolittable Spirit) in the soul which is my Own Image.

Seest not the wisdom of the Law that giveth unto every soul freedom to seek, to enjoy, to suffer and finally to *know*?

The childhood of the soul, Beloved, is shadowed forth in the childhood of the mortal form and mind. 'Tis sweet to watch the faltering footsteps of childish feet, the budding thoughts of childish minds, for in the years of care and watchfulness, fraught though they be with many an anxious hour and grievous tasks of sacrificing labor, there groweth in the heart of the caretaker a wondrous love, tender, abiding and God-like.

Is it not this which maketh human life Divine, which showeth forth a greater measure of the heavenly gifts?

What fairer fruits than these which mellow and make tender heart to heart?

And, as thou wouldst forgive the *erring child* in thy home, so forgive thou the erring soul.

Beloved, thou art *one of the Shepherds* I have set to watch over my flocks, *if so be thou lovest enough*. Wilt thou not go out in the storm and search the bleak mountain if one of my sheep wander away? Wilt thou not *feed my lambs* that hunger and thirst?

When thy soul was young and thou wert wandering afar seeking new pastures and wert lost in the wilds, thou hadst shepherds set over thee (for *never have I left one of my flock unshepherded*), and thou wert fed and comforted. So do thou now for this, my little one.

Condemn not, nor *judge*, for that is my province, not thine. *Love and serve*, seeking no reward, for the Law is perfect and Love, the glorious executor, fulfilleth the whole law, even in the giving of rewards.

Thou who art looking ever to the Truth that changeth not, nor can be changed, who *loveth*, knowing Love's redeeming power:

How art thou bound about  
With visions God doth send!  
By opportunities to serve,  
Which, like open doors,  
Thy quick eyes see as prelude  
To thy entering in!  
What wondrous music doth  
Entrance thy heart when as  
An earth-born angel thy  
Rich life is crowned with  
All-forgiving Love.

Child of my Heart, go now unto thine own.  
Love and judge not. Be comforted and rejoice.  
The day is before thee. Go, gladdened again with  
thy lost joy, and with my Peace in thy full heart.

HELEN VAN-ANDERSON.

Thought in the mind hath made us. What we are  
By thought was wrought and built. If a man's  
mind  
Hath evil thoughts, pain comes on him as comes  
The wheel the ox behind.

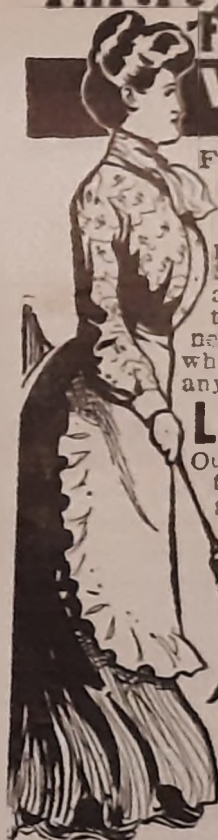
All that we are is what we have thought and willed;  
Our thoughts shape us and frame. If one endure  
In purity of thought, joy follows him  
As his own shadow—sure.

—Sir Edwin Arnold.

Cheerfulness makes love of life, and love of life is  
half of health. On the contrary, sadness and discouragement hasten old age.

For love is life, and they who do not love  
Are not alive. But every soul that loves  
Lives in the heart of God and hears Him speak.

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## IN THE SILENCE

By EUGENE DEL MAR, in Common Sense

**T**HE Universe is in unceasing motion. Life is expressed and manifested through activity, and activity is universal. There is no lack of motion in the Silence. The repose of the Silence is not the pleasure of inaction, but the satisfaction of intense activity. The essential advantage is in the activity it permits rather than in the rest it affords.

The Silence is of positive value. It is affirmative, vital, invigorating. It is creative. In it the negative is converted into the positive, and the unconscious into the conscious. It transforms knowledge into understanding and wisdom.

Development is slow and gradual. Faculties are used and exercised separately and singly. Their increased exercise in particular directions—beyond this gradual increment of power—is offset by decreased exercise in other directions. As energy increases along one channel of activity it decreases along another. And to the degree that wisdom is lacking over-exercise is practiced along some lines and under-exercise along others.

A normal growth is mutually compensatory; an evenly balanced development, an equal progress on all planes. Nature instinctively tends toward this adjustment, and ever impels toward that which is required in order to maintain an equilibrium.

The former unbalanced activity ceases in the Silence, and the forces of Nature prompt the counterbalancing movements that adjust activities. The overworked functions not only have an opportunity for recuperation, but also the unexercised ones are afforded an opportunity for activity. It is not the mere rest of overworked functions that denotes progress, but rather the attendant greater activity of those that have been at rest.

In the Silence is accomplished for thought that which in fasting is accomplished for the body. Starving the body is of no essential advantage. The advantage accruing from inactivity of certain functions is the better nourishment of those atoms or organs that are starved through overstimulation of other atoms or organs. Fasting permits of slowing down of portions of the machinery that have been supplied with too much fuel. But, more important still, it permits greater activity of the machinery's neglected portions.

Growth essentially is affirmative, and the law of life is growth. There is no growth that fundamentally is negative or that consists entirely of elimination or inaction. Fasting, *per se*, on any plane is not growth, so that neither mental nor physical starvation is of the essence of growth. Rest, *per se*, symbolizes stagnation; and, except for the activity that accompanies it, it would be detrimental rather than advantageous.

From the Silence is brought, consciously, what was taken to it unconsciously. Something is not gotten from nothing. Something comes from something only. Into the Silence is taken knowledge of past experiences, and from the Silence is brought the wisdom that is the essence of that knowledge. Experience is a necessary preliminary, if wisdom is to be extracted from the Silence.

Both thought and action are essential to growth and development. They are correlated and are mutually essential. By means of intelligent thought one acts to better advantage; while thought expression is, in turn, induced and stimulated by physical action.

When the physical activities are silenced the grosser harmonies no longer appeal to the consciousness. Withdrawn from their plane, one becomes aware of the finer harmonies that were barred from consciousness by the grosser ones. As the Silence is more deeply penetrated more intense and satisfying chords of harmony are touched and the serener wisdom they represent is extracted.

If a watch, a clock and a drum were in simultaneous activity in all probability one would hear

the drum only. Stop the beating of the drum and the clock striking becomes audible, and when the clock runs down and is silent then the ticking of the watch is heard. One's attention is secured more readily by the grosser harmonies, and he only senses the superior chords of vibration as he withdraws his consciousness from the plane where he takes cognizance of the inferior ones.

The higher consciousness cannot be reached by formula. One who lives on a low physical plane cannot come into conscious harmony with high spiritual truths. In the Silence he may develop psychical powers, but it must be at the expense of spiritual unfoldment. If higher spiritual vibrations are to be reached, a life that is in consonance with them must be taken into the Silence.

There is too much "going into the Silence" and too little *living the life*. The Silence has its place and its purpose, but unless it promotes a greater manifestation of the life of love it is worse than useless, for the time given it is wasted. Less dreaming about service to others and more service is what is required. Less thinking about friendship and more friendship is what is demanded. Less talking of love and more love is what is needed.

Going into the Silence for the purpose of stimulating psychic activity and producing phenomena has no spiritual value. It does not promote spiritual growth, but rather tends to discourage all growth. If one is entirely negative and passive, and quite without control of the Self, he opens the consciousness to whatever influences may seek to obtain possession; and this is more than likely to lead to results that are unpleasant, unfavorable and undesirable. One should retain control of the Self in the Silence always, so that he may be receptive to such influences only as are of a beneficial character.

One does not learn in the Silence. But it is in the Silence that he becomes conscious of the wisdom he has subconsciously extracted from experience. Some people go through long years of painful experience apparently without learning anything, then in a moment of silence or meditation a flood of wisdom comes over them. And, as all their experiences seemingly failed to bring wisdom, they attribute their growth to the momentary silence of meditation.

All the years of preparation, of toil and of endeavor are overlooked. It is not seen that growth has been continuous, and that past experiences are fruiting in conscious wisdom. The truth that all growth is necessarily slow, while consciousness of growth is necessarily quick, is not recognized. No recognition is made of the fact that, while one must toil up the heights step by step, he cannot get a glimpse of the distance beyond until the summit is reached. Others are advised to sit "in the Silence" and to open themselves to the spirit, and, by so doing, to appropriate Universal Wisdom, because experience is not essential!

Work is done in the outer, and thought in the inner, sphere of activity. And the spiritual wisdom accruing from the physical or material is appropriated knowingly only when one is in the mental condition that permits of the translation of unconscious wisdom into the domain of consciousness. Fundamentally, growth is spiritual and unconscious, and is developed through experience. One becomes conscious of the growth he has attained whenever his condition promotes the translation of his growth to the plane of consciousness.

Out of the Silence is taken what is brought to it. In the Silence action fruits into wisdom. Wisdom does not come from nothing. And when physical activities of life are decried and despised a stop is put to spiritual growth. One may thus develop psychically, but not spiritually. Only nothing comes from nothing. *It is one's life that tells, and there is nothing comparable to action to stimulate thought.*

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All Nature vibrates alternately in activity and passivity. There is ebb and flow in the tide of all motion. Active and passive, positive and negative, work and rest, sunshine and storm, life and death—these constitute the rhythm of existence. Each is essential to the other, but the prime factor in existence is not inaction or death—but Life.

The purpose of the Silence is concentration and the activity of poise. The consciousness is taken from the negative by focusing it upon the positive. Inharmonies are replaced by harmonies through silent concentration. In the Silence the planes of conscious development are equalized and adjusted.

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Self is the only prison that can never bind the soul; Love is the only angel who can bid the gates unroll; And when he comes to call thee, arise and follow fast;

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## The Power of Recognition

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**A**LL physical, mental and spiritual conditions are resultant of thought. Thought and emotion are concomitant. The emotions of love and its opposite, anger, in all their forms express themselves in thought. Thought may be defined by many terms. It is a judgment. It is a proposition. It is the acceptance of a suggestion or affirmation. In any way we view it, it is the resultant of a belief of truth or falsehood.

All things are full of divinity and are continually pervaded by divine influences and radiate them as an expression of the love of the Creator, who would administer the best gifts to His creatures. All things are ours to convey blessings to us if we will hold ourselves in an attitude to receive them. Life, health and happiness are within our reach and expressions resultant of our recognition of the manifestation of Love and Wisdom. When we harmonize in perfect accord with universal mind or Spirit we receive impressions which are imaged on the subconscious faculty and may effect physical or metaphysical expressions. Nature answers to mind in physical correspondences by materializing the ideal. The imagination is a creator expressing what we recognize as good and using it in the building of character on the spiritual plane or materializing on the physical plane for health or disease by right-thought activity or by wrong-thought activity.

All things vibrate and radiate in response to universal principle, either positive or negative. We are subject to the vibrations of all on the same plane that we occupy. We may invite angels into our companionship and be assisted by them in the way we are going.

In turn we impress as well as receive impressions, and we not only send thoughts into the world of activity but we cannot handle anything without leaving our impressions there. Persons endowed with the gift of psychometry can inspect a piece of furniture that has passed through the hands of several generations and read the character of everyone who has handled it from the impressions left there. Elisha sent his servant ahead with his staff to be laid upon the child who had succumbed to sunstroke, with the instruction to salute no man by the way lest the healing virtue imparted to the staff should be dissipated. We hear of the influence of people being left behind after they are dead, and surely their thoughts and emotions still vibrate.

All chambers of life are hung with tapestry wrought by dead fingers. We walk in the midst of gone-by generations.

Earth is sweet with their songs and salt with their tears and rich with their soul's libations.

Here we may ask, Do both good and evil exist in the constitution of things? It is very difficult to believe that evil exists as a part of that which was pronounced good, and as we see it present everywhere, we recognize that it is a negation of what is. Life with its attendant blessings in its fullest manifestation is, and death with all its evils is a negation of life. We may view negative conditions as something over which we have control, and while we hold ourselves in a positive attitude they cannot affect us unfavorably.

If, as we are assured by divine authority, all things are ours, we may recognize them as agents to minister to us the blessings of life. All life, all health, all happiness are ours, attainable by recognition and expectancy in harmony with the law of our being. Unity, sympathy, affirmation—these are the magic key that unlocks every door and gives us admission to every coveted gift.

Shall we look at the abode of The Dark Valley of The Shadow of Death, where all is confusion and disorder, where so many choose to make their abode and ask the reason why? Revelation and science bring us the answer that a denial of the truth will lead one downward into a lower sphere where horrid creatures of the imagination sent out by fiends of night spread their dark wings over that abyss of misery and woe. Truly, as a man thinketh in his heart so is he. Let us do as love invites us, think no evil and dwell in a higher sphere, and all the blessings of that glorious realm will be ours. Then—

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HE life of man has two distinctly different aspects. While they are so unlike as to seem at first like contradictions, they each have truth and, in fact, near mutual relation. It is profitable to study both separately and together. Different observers give them varying degrees of emphasis. But it is always helpful to study the great unit of Truth from contrasting angles, even including those aspects which seem like polar opposites.

That phase of life which is the least common and superficial is called the abstract. Only a few idealists, scattered through the ages, ever have given much attention to ultimate truth. It is so far beyond the ordinary ken that many deny it any place and say, "only an abstraction," meaning that it is simply imaginary. Is it possible to define it? Can we think of a still and perfect yet living realm of truth enshrined in the setting of the Eternal Now? Can we be conscious of a calm supersensuous atmosphere inclosed within the raging currents of the restless ocean of life? In the last analysis, as seen by the highly developed soul, its everlasting depth, placidity and perfection are true and scientific. If—as often claimed—time and space are but sensuous limitations and the deeper view will reveal the absolute, it follows that from such a broad standpoint the state and condition of a thousand years hence are already accomplished and existent. Seemingly paradoxical, this is from the universal rather than the local survey. Ideally, it always was and ever will be. But this is an unfathomable depth for the sensuous observer. It is idealism carried to its ultimate conclusion. It affirms the validity of abstract being and living, behind all that is phenomenal.

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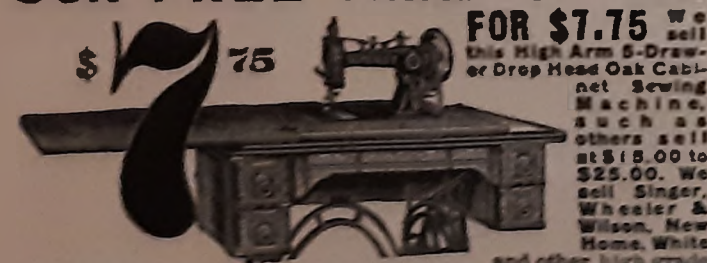
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Turning to the realistic phase of life, intellectualism, including conventional science, deals mainly, in fact almost wholly, with the relative and changeable. But just here is a significant fact. Take the most fixed and permanent things or principles, and our consciousness of them is ever changing. Seen from on board a coaster, the shore, instead of the vessel, seems to be moving. The same environment is different from what it was yesterday to us.

It is then evident that in the prevailing stage of man's development the apprehension of the relative and fleeting must be ruling and educational. This will continue until we have developed more than five senses. Surroundings appear firm, but really they are in a state of flux. We are moving on and on, and there is constantly new light upon the pathway. Whatever reality or the deeper ultimate may be, we are making things appear, not what they are in the abstract, but just what they are—to us.

Let us, from the viewpoint of the phenomenal, cast a glance at the great human drama. See the mighty procession passing! Birth and death are the two outward universal events—the coming on to the stage of action and the passing off. We may picture a great column, eight abreast, moving by our window. We are in its closely formed ranks, but just now we are sitting in review. Approximately, they number one hundred per minute. See what a mixture of races, colors and sizes, but all are human. They join and leave the procession involuntarily. At the front, this vast stream of embodied life melts, seemingly turns to vapor, and passes into the unseen.

We are so accustomed to count life in detached units that it is instructive to consider it collectively and as a solidarity. It is like a vast unrolling panorama. We hear the rhythmical tramp, but it is only one army, only the larger unit. In the long march all its coherent atoms meet similar experiences and evolutionary training. However unlike in appearance, these are really the same. Those of each belong to all. Opportunities appear utterly unequal, but a final adjustment, subtle and searching, deals out justice with an unswerving hand. Bryant, in his notable poem, "The Flood of Years," has given us a thrilling picture of the great parade. We almost can feel the current which bears all upon its bosom as it sweeps by, and behold the living mass of human driftwood as it inexorably moves on without a halt.

"How the rushing waves  
Bear all before them! On their foremost edge,  
And there alone is life. The Present there  
Tosses and foams, and fills the air with roar  
Of mingled noises."

In the room  
Of this grief-shadowed present, there shall be  
A Present in whose reign no grief shall gnaw  
The heart, and never shall a tender tie  
Be broken, in whose reign the eternal Change  
That waits on growth and action shall proceed  
With everlasting Concord hand in hand."

Only to the eye of sense does the vanguard of the great procession come to naught as it passes into the invisible. There is a belt of darkness which seems to end the highway, and as it is approached it appears impenetrable. There is no retreat and it must be met. What is there beyond? Open the inner vision and pierce the thick cloud and behold eternal sunshine. The great column emerges, still lives, and presses forward. The travel-stained garments of the marchers have been purified and are enriched with an unwonted and unearthly sheen. The sweat and fatigue of the long course are replaced by a new vigor and their elastic tread is now along an illumined thoroughfare. They are on the King's highway.

The false, the unreal, the untrue and the unlovely are behind, while truth, love and goodness, being indestructible, have safely passed the threatening cloud. The fetters of the seen have been shaken off and shouts of liberty resound as the column files onward and upward. This realm of the dim and uncertain Beyond has put on eternal reality. Here are arranged in advancing order spheres of attainment—"many mansions." Here the heritage of the potential "sons of God" comes into manifestation. Here the old faculties expand and open upon higher planes of consciousness. Here even the laggards who have fallen out of the ranks make a new start on the road of final attainment. There has been no death, for all are alive. Everything which was lost is found. Children who early fell out of the long march are here in fond embrace. The newly made citizens are welcomed and taken by the hand and introduced to wider ranges of spiritual activity and enter into delightful ministries of loving service. Past the barrier, and now what restoration and compensation! How many mysteries solved and restless longings satisfied! Vistas, far-reaching and delightful in prospect, open in all directions. What lightness! What freedom! What harmony! This must be heaven. Not a moment's rest, but wholesome and delightful activity.

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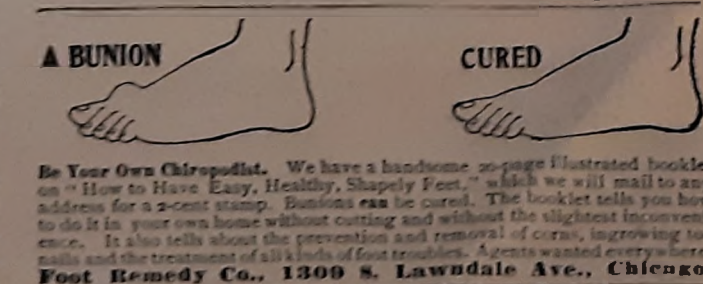
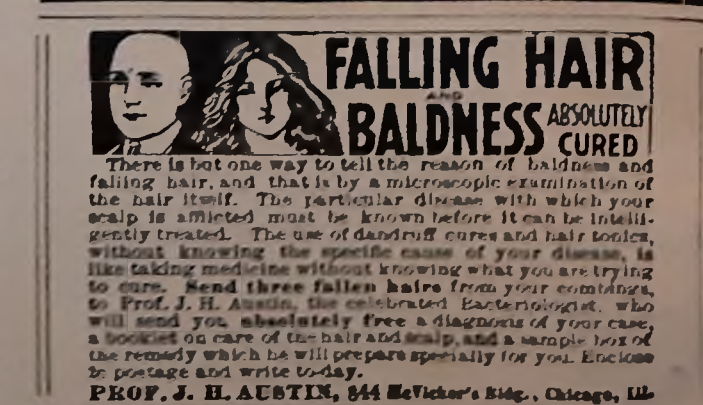
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Life itself is the greatest of all mysteries, and next it stands the mystery of renewing life, the power of recuperation which lies inherent in every organism.

This power is called by scientists the Vis Medicatrix or healing power, but, having given it a name, science stops short, failing to discover what it is or how it works, and merely perceiving evidence of its action in the healing of wounds, inner lesions, etc., and the general restoration of the body to normal conditions.

No system of healing has ever done more than to stimulate this Vis Medicatrix which exists in every organism, and each system has produced its effect in its own way, with greater or less success, as results have shown. The earlier systems were crude and heavy, and were perhaps well enough suited to the organisms then dealt with, which were not so refined as at present, each generation growing more sensitive and more delicately organized than the preceding one.

Who of the present day could survive the enormous dose of calomel given to our fathers and grandfathers? And who among those fathers and grandfathers would have been helped by the homeopathic dose of to-day, especially when it runs up to the five-hundredth potency or higher?

I once heard a noted biologist say that the efficacy of drugs in the healing of diseases lay in their being poisons, and their introduction into the system rousing it to expel the foreign and dangerous intruder. There may be some truth in that, and if so then drugs must be a more or less questionable remedy, for unless administered with almost superhuman knowledge and discrimination, the poison might prove stronger than the power to expel it, and death would result. Doubtless this accounts for the many deaths constantly occurring under the administration of drugs.

Certainly the homeopathic dose is the safer one, but the Allopathic School laughs this dose to scorn, pointing with mirthful finger to the Mississippi River and suggesting that a drop of the original drug be cast into its waters and a spoonful of the river water given to the patient.

The Homeopathic School, in its turn, waves a triumphant hand over its successes, saying, "Beat that record if you can!"

And in proof of its scientific method it states that the crude drug holds imprisoned in raw material the real essence which does the healing, and that it is released when that material is broken up and triturated.

There is no question in my mind as to the superiority of the Homeopathic School over all precedent systems, and I base this opinion upon my own experience and upon an extended observation of its effects upon others, particularly among people of refined and sensitive organization. Today, if I were to resort to medication I should certainly turn to Homeopathy.

But I know of something even better, finer, stronger and more suited to the needs of the present day individual, who, being an advance on his forefathers, demands an advance in his treatment of disease.

The Vis Medicatrix is something which does not appear under the microscope, neither can it be located, like the much heard of "Appendix."

It is not a material substance. It is a *Spiritual Power* and it comes straight from the *Source of All Power*.

And mind—I do not say it came straight—I say it comes, and by that I mean it is coming continually, flowing like a river from an inner, or spiritual life, out into the expression of that life, the body.

The poet Goethe, who was also a philosopher, said something to the effect that man did not come from the Creator as a coin is dropped from the mint but, instead, as a continual outflow from the one, inherent, immanent life.

This I believe to be an immortal and absolute truth, and hence we need not think of the Vis Medicatrix as limited. We have not just so much of it pent up within us, and no more, for on our inner or spiritual side we are "open to the depths of Infinity."

As a result of centuries of wrong thinking done by our ancestors and descending to us by natural heritage we have formed the image of ourselves according to our material appearance. Looking down from the spire of old Trinity Church in New York, you can see men apparently crawling about the streets like small black ants, and most insignificant they seem, though in many instances

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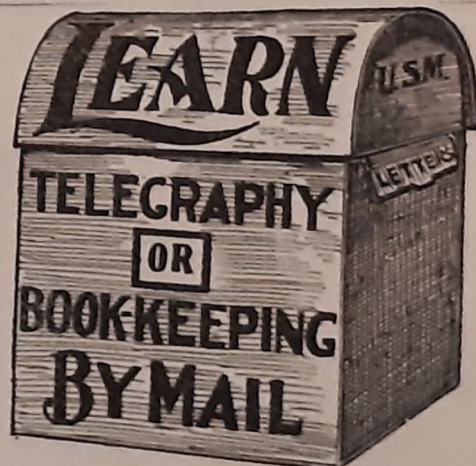


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## The Riches of the Soul

By J. H. Lucas

(Written especially for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES)

**T**HE riches of the soul are eminently spiritual and interior, and therefore do not depend for their existence and increase upon external circumstances or material achievements. The great Teacher, who was able to perceive moral truths, and who had an illumined understanding, said: "The kingdom of heaven is within you." Therefore, peace and righteousness involved herein belong to the ineffable riches and possessions of the soul. But the people in His day were generally so outward in their lives and habits of thinking, so material in their views, that they did not know His character nor understand the interior import of His teachings. Gold and silver, houses and lands, splendid pageants, merchandise and large worldly possessions were the things that appealed to the morbid cravings of the earthly mind intent only upon material things. The honors that come from men; fame, political, social and even military distinction, then as now, though stained with human blood, were prized and sought with avidity. The ephemeral glory of temporal pomp and power were often sought with eagerness and untiring zeal, to the exclusion of that which refines and exalts the inward man.

From all these it was supposed that real and substantial enjoyment would be obtained. Thus the true source of happiness was not understood. It was not discerned that it resulted from the moral state within. The Christ said: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust can corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." It seems to us that even those who have but an approximate conception of the real meaning of these words will understand them in the spiritual sense, because, the kingdom of heaven being within, they must refer to the tranquil and peaceful state of the mind and harmony of the moral powers of the inward man. The treasures mentioned are, therefore, the enduring riches of the soul. The physical body will decay and go back to earth, material wealth will pass away, but the possessions of the soul, its divine inheritance, will abide forever.

It is the imperative duty of everyone to develop and cultivate the soul powers so that the attributes and faculties may attain a condition of harmony with each other, and thereby reach that serene, blissful height where the soul becomes conscious that it is in tune with the Infinite Spirit. Laying up treasures in heaven is a possible achievement, and a delightful vocation to all who are truly and spiritually awakened. Created in the image of God in the germinal state, let it be remembered that the soul through experiences and culture may attain the heavenly state while here in the mortal body. If St. Paul and contemporary Christians enjoyed the "communion of saints" and had their "conversation in heaven," it is surely possible for all souls to come into the possession of imperishable spiritual riches even here. Rising above the discord and turmoil of the world, each one may seek those things which bring abiding satisfaction with the assurance that he will find.

And above all things we should seek to be surrounded and filled with Divine Love and Wisdom, that the understanding may be enlightened to see and appreciate the Supreme Good ever flowing toward all aspiring souls.

### Fresh Light on the World's Antiquity

EGYPT is continually furnishing fresh proofs of the antiquity of civilization. Professor Flinders Petrie expounded at Owens College, Manchester, England, a few days ago the results of recent explorations at Abydos in Upper Egypt, from which it appears that the ruins at that one spot tell a continuous story that carries us back to 5000 B.C. Abydos was the first capital of Egypt, and remained for forty-five centuries the religious centre, the Canterbury of the land; and there the Egyptian Expedition Fund has unearthed the remains of ten successive temples, one over the other. From the age of the first temple a group of about 200 objects has been found, which throw surprising light on the civilization of the first dynasty. A part of a large glazed pottery vase of Menes, the first king of the first dynasty, about 4700 B.C., showed "that even then they were making glass on a considerable scale, and also inlaying it with a second color. The ivory carving was astonishingly fine, a figure of a king showing a subtlety and power of expression as good as any work of later ages."

At about 4000 B.C. an ivory statuette of Cheops, the builder of the Great Pyramid, was found, the only known portrait of him. Making every possible allowance for the marvelous rapidity of art development, must not many thousands of years have rolled over between the primitive dwellers in the Nile Valley and the men who carved ivory statuettes and manufactured glazed work inlaid with second colors? It is a long, long march from that temple to the solemn temple ivory statuettes and human portraits.—*The Light of Truth*.

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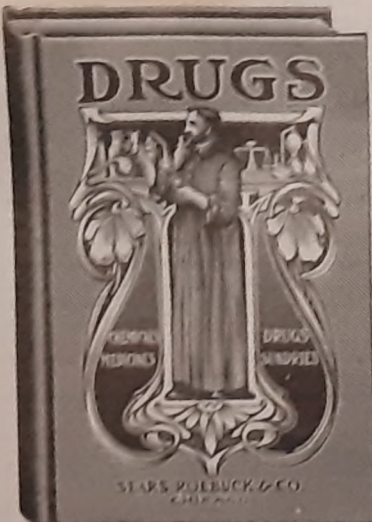
**J**ESUS! Thy saints have waited long  
For rended sky and wrath divine,  
When Thou shalt come with angel throng,  
And in the pomp of glory shine;  
But holier than such cloudy throne  
Thy watch and walk beside the sea,  
When midnight's stars in beauty shone  
On the still waves of Galilee.

The ministers of pride and power  
Have wrought a change in human things,  
And seen, in some propitious hour,  
Thy kingdom patronized by kings;  
But nearer to Thy heart was laid  
The humble learner at Thy knee,  
Drinking the gracious words that made  
The night divine on Galilee.

Grandly the skill of art may show  
In pictured wall and chanted hymn,  
Where high barbaric windows throw  
Strange light into the chancel dim;  
A scene of simpler art was Thine  
The songs of maidens by the sea,  
And fishers' nets in bended line  
Along the shore of Galilee.

The foxes had a safe retreat  
In holes upon the mountain's breast;  
And where the olive branches meet  
The birds have built their sheltered nest;  
The cows and sheep, since night began  
Homeward from wood and wild have sped,  
Leaving them to the Son of Man,  
Who has not where to lay His head.

O Christ! whatever men may say,  
They, not Thyself, in pride have grown,  
And let them not expect the day  
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This is an age of thinking, and those who have succeeded in making others think with them are usually those who had the courage to first think for themselves. Thoughts without labor, however, are but dreams; if they appear practical, then carry them into execution. The great World's Fair was at first but a thought. The achievements of nations and their people were fostered first in their brains. One must go to some trouble to acquire knowledge, and though easily acquired, many people would be content with ignorance rather than go to too much trouble. But ignorance is a calamity—ignorance has its penalties.

He who aspires thinks, and he who thinks understands and acts. Real thinkers of new thoughts are scarce indeed. There are innumerable dreamers who merely sigh and yearn and wish; but they are inculcators of discontent, discouragement and pessimism. Be a practical thinker.

Cultivate practical ideas; endeavor to think in a happy vein, and carry into execution such thoughts as will serve to make the world brighter or better—thoughts that make men and women wiser and happier. It is wise thinking that enables you to see in men's manners and conditions the work of their thoughts.

To know human nature better—to appreciate the world more, it is necessary that you study, observe, think. To know yourself, think. To improve yourself, think. Take a mental inventory each night of your day's thoughts; weed out the idle, empty, valueless thoughts. They do harm. Then develop and materialize those that make for your advancement—whether spiritually, physically or in a worldly way. They do good to all.

Every man's progress and prosperity is an example to be set for others—examples that set us thinking for ourselves. Comparisons are beneficial. Soliloquies are healthful.

There should be a striving for more systematic thinking to insure systematic effort. A man's trying to do or direct a half-dozen things at one time is apt to result in work not in accordance with their value and importance; before you can properly control your actions and your commands it is imperative that you first learn to control your thoughts.

Don't think aimlessly. Think wisely. This can be accomplished by mingling and talking with the wise. You can never begin to do if you never begin to think, and it is this very lack of thinking that leaves so many men undone, incomplete in the workshop of life.

Mature thought is the creation of wise companions and of sensible observations. Good thoughts teach us to see sermons in the very stars overhead and the green grass under foot. "He is

never alone who is in the company of noble thoughts."

The great trouble with most mankind is they are so oblivious of the real object and duties of life that it requires some stern or severe lessons to suddenly set them thinking. They then think back instead of thinking ahead.

They then think of their errors instead of their resolves. You cannot begin too early to train the mind to high and noble thoughts, to plausible, practical ideas. This world needs thinkers of tomorrow, not yesterday, thinkers who uplift and progress—men and women whose work will always remain monuments to the results of thought.

## Minutemen

By Louis F. Mitchell

"Immediately I was in the Spirit."—Rev. iv, 2.

It is a very important and blessed thing to be perfectly sensitive and responsive to the whisper, touch or call of God. John was such, and the very instant the voice said "Come!" he obeyed, and immediately he was in the Spirit, and had illumination and power to do the will of God.

"Immediately!" How much depends on that! A moment of hesitation or delay and the opportunity may pass or someone else, more instant and obedient, step in and take your crown. Experience has taught us this, as we have seen others take the hymn, prayer, testimony or work that God had almost put into our mouths and hands. It takes a very close walk with God to be thus responsive to Him.

Separated and insulated from all that is contrary to Him—things that would dim our vision, dull our hearing or unnecessarily attract us from the "one thing" must the person be that is to be immediately responsive to the Spirit of God. A thousand times better be on Patmos like John, separated and insulated, than to have all this world can give and be out of touch with God and divine things.

This century needs insulated saints who live on Patmos and are responsive to God. Praise God, the busiest life cannot interrupt or break up this separated and responsive life. God has samples in business circles and in the household, as well as in the pulpit, of men and women who are doing the work of two or three people, and yet they are separated and insulated and are responsive to the Spirit of God; the instant He speaks they obey, and immediately they are in the Spirit. Glory! We have no pity for such, for their days are as the days of heaven on earth. Much glory from God comes into their lives, and one ounce of the glory God gives is more than a ton of glory the world gives. Jesus knew this when the devil offered Him all the glory of the world. He preferred to worship God and serve Him only. That is far greater glory. Have we really chosen it, and does everything about us and our lives show that we have?

There is a great call for minutemen, women and children in the army of the Lord, who will be instant in season and out, ready for action, and per-

fectly responsive to the Spirit of the Lord. "Immediately I was in the Spirit." "Or ever I was aware, my soul made me like the chariots of Amminadib." (Marg.—"Set me on the chariots of my willing people.") "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning."

Too many reformers make the mistake of trying to drag the whole of humanity along their own little footpath, thinking it to be the only sure road to the desired goal.

My friend, there are as many roads as there are individuals. In fact, each being must mark out his own course. The ledge that would safely carry me might crumble beneath your weight. There are times when the crowd may join you for a little way, but sooner or later you must part, each to follow his chosen route in the search for truth.

Here is where the weak man shows his weakness and the strong man his strength. To dare to stand alone and follow the light of conscience is to be truly courageous; and to be liberal enough to allow your fellow-traveler to depart from you and to enter upon his diverging way in peace and with a cheerful "God bless you" is the mark of a great soul.—Soundview.

"One's chiefest duty here below  
Is not the seeming great to do,  
That the vain world may pause to see,  
But in steadfast humility  
To walk the common walk and bear  
The thousand things, the trifling care,  
In love with wisdom patiently;  
Thus, each one in his narrow groove,  
The great world nearer God may move."  
—Matthew Hunt.

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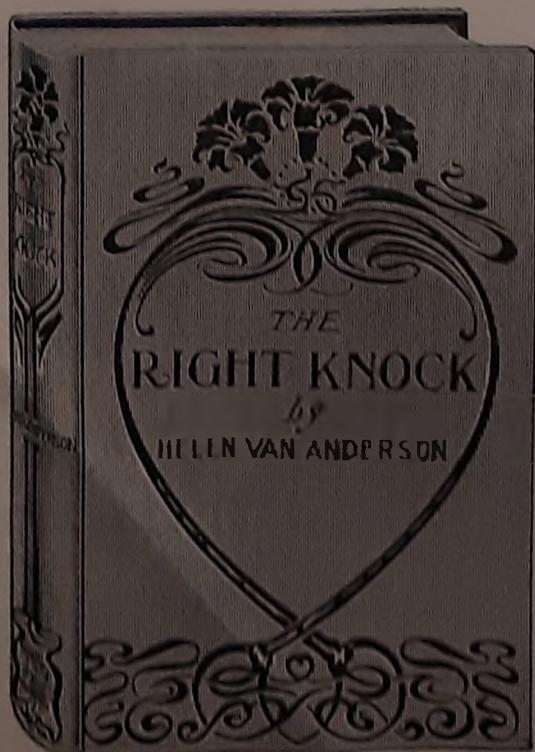
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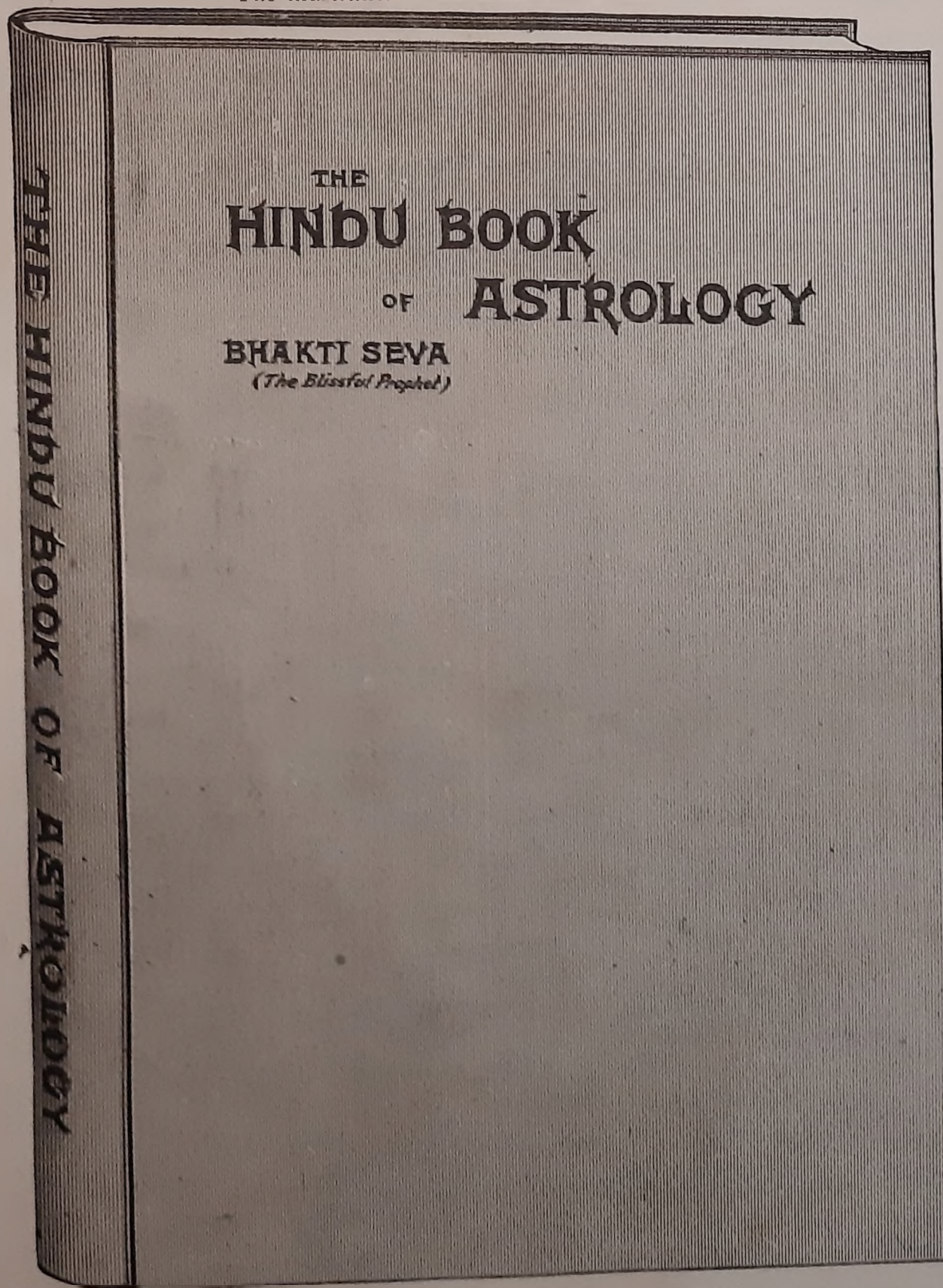
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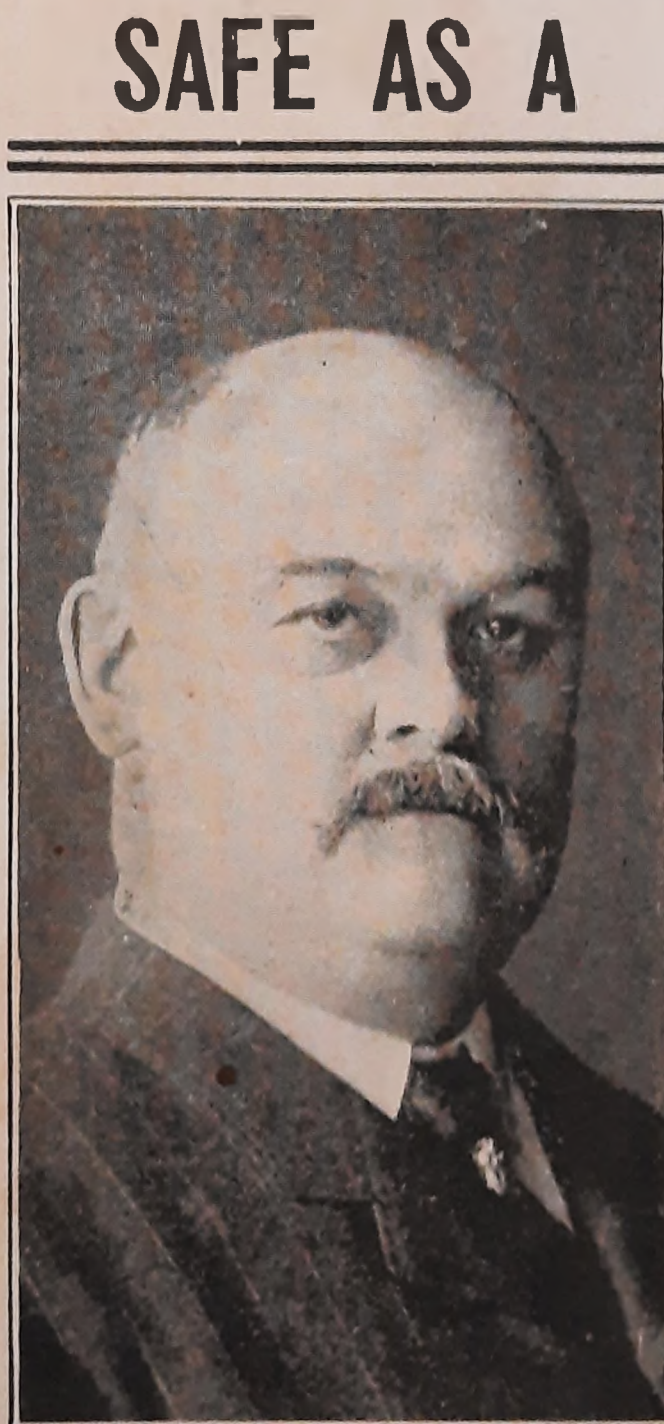
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