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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.

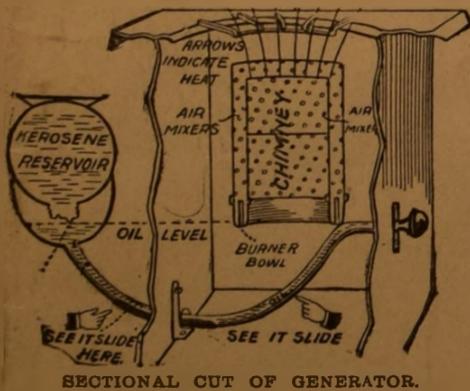
A genius of Cincinnati has invented a new, scientific oil-gas generator that is proving a blessing to women folks, enabling them to cook with gas—relieving them of drudgery. Makes cooking and housework a delight and at the same time often saves $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ in cost of fuel.

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



SECTIONAL CUT OF GENERATOR.

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, carbonize, 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 Me., writes: "Am delighted with Oil-Gas, so are my friends—took 12 orders in 3 days."

A. B. Slimp, 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."

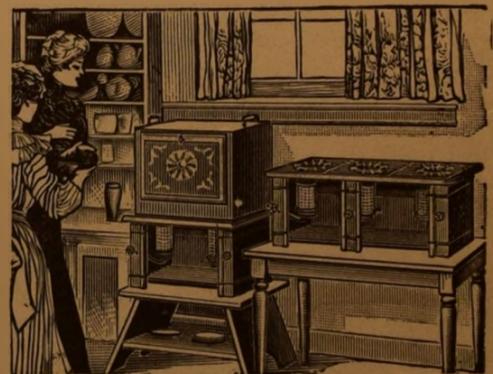
J. H. Halman, of Tenn., writes: "Already have 70 orders."

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 $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ 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., 5823 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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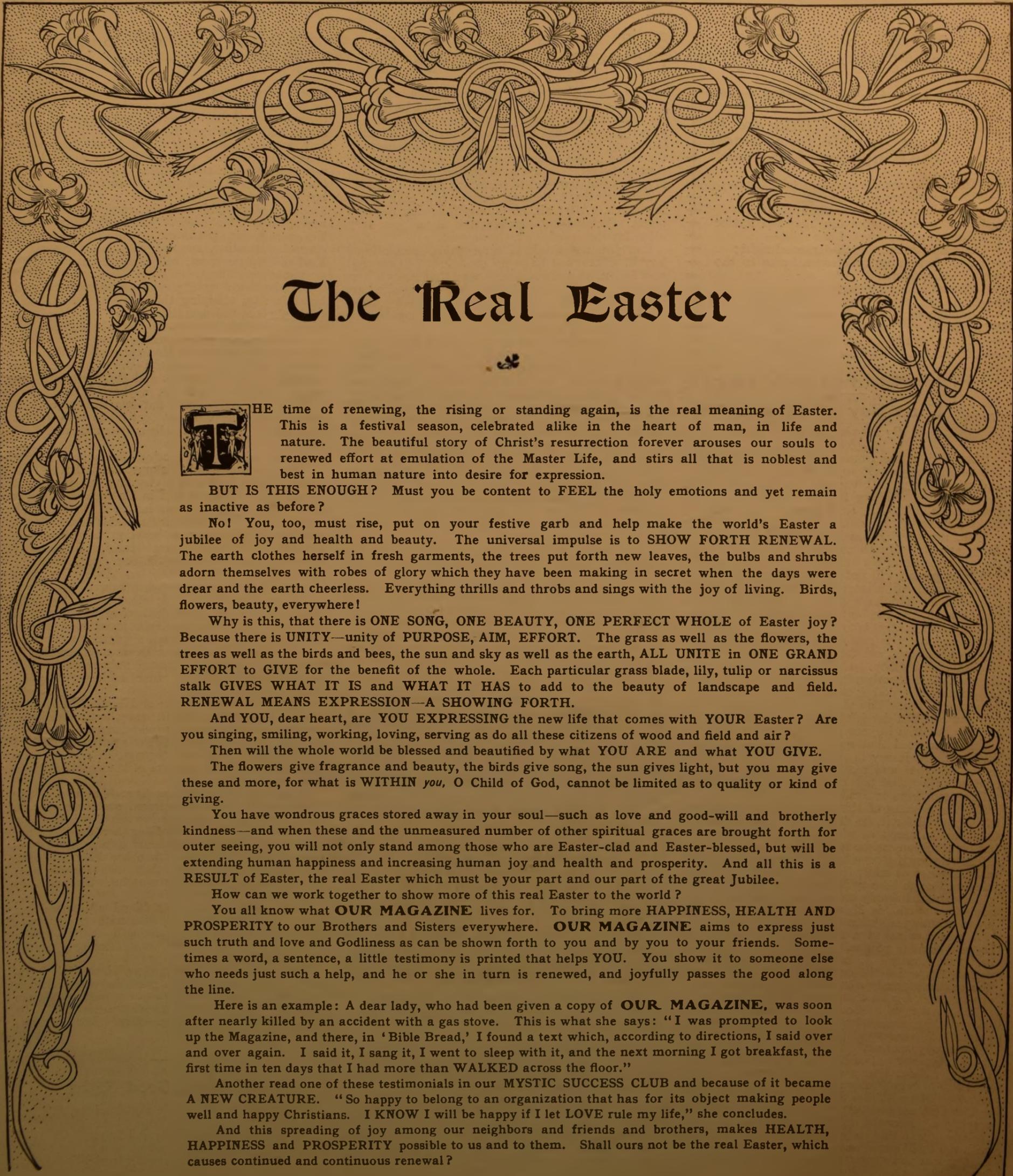
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The Real Easter



THE time of renewing, the rising or standing again, is the real meaning of Easter. This is a festival season, celebrated alike in the heart of man, in life and nature. The beautiful story of Christ's resurrection forever arouses our souls to renewed effort at emulation of the Master Life, and stirs all that is noblest and best in human nature into desire for expression.

BUT IS THIS ENOUGH? Must you be content to **FEEL** the holy emotions and yet remain as inactive as before?

No! You, too, must rise, put on your festive garb and help make the world's Easter a jubilee of joy and health and beauty. The universal impulse is to **SHOW FORTH RENEWAL**. The earth clothes herself in fresh garments, the trees put forth new leaves, the bulbs and shrubs adorn themselves with robes of glory which they have been making in secret when the days were drear and the earth cheerless. Everything thrills and throbs and sings with the joy of living. Birds, flowers, beauty, everywhere!

Why is this, that there is **ONE SONG, ONE BEAUTY, ONE PERFECT WHOLE** of Easter joy? Because there is **UNITY**—unity of **PURPOSE, AIM, EFFORT**. The grass as well as the flowers, the trees as well as the birds and bees, the sun and sky as well as the earth, **ALL UNITE** in **ONE GRAND EFFORT** to **GIVE** for the benefit of the whole. Each particular grass blade, lily, tulip or narcissus stalk **GIVES WHAT IT IS** and **WHAT IT HAS** to add to the beauty of landscape and field. **RENEWAL MEANS EXPRESSION—A SHOWING FORTH.**

And **YOU**, dear heart, are **YOU EXPRESSING** the new life that comes with **YOUR** Easter? Are you singing, smiling, working, loving, serving as do all these citizens of wood and field and air?

Then will the whole world be blessed and beautified by what **YOU ARE** and what **YOU GIVE**.

The flowers give fragrance and beauty, the birds give song, the sun gives light, but you may give these and more, for what is **WITHIN you**, O Child of God, cannot be limited as to quality or kind of giving.

You have wondrous graces stored away in your soul—such as love and good-will and brotherly kindness—and when these and the unmeasured number of other spiritual graces are brought forth for outer seeing, you will not only stand among those who are Easter-clad and Easter-blessed, but will be extending human happiness and increasing human joy and health and prosperity. And all this is a **RESULT** of Easter, the real Easter which must be your part and our part of the great Jubilee.

How can we work together to show more of this real Easter to the world?

You all know what **OUR MAGAZINE** lives for. To bring more **HAPPINESS, HEALTH AND PROSPERITY** to our Brothers and Sisters everywhere. **OUR MAGAZINE** aims to express just such truth and love and Godliness as can be shown forth to you and by you to your friends. Sometimes a word, a sentence, a little testimony is printed that helps **YOU**. You show it to someone else who needs just such a help, and he or she in turn is renewed, and joyfully passes the good along the line.

Here is an example: A dear lady, who had been given a copy of **OUR MAGAZINE**, was soon after nearly killed by an accident with a gas stove. This is what she says: "I was prompted to look up the Magazine, and there, in 'Bible Bread,' I found a text which, according to directions, I said over and over again. I said it, I sang it, I went to sleep with it, and the next morning I got breakfast, the first time in ten days that I had more than **WALKED** across the floor."

Another read one of these testimonials in our **MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB** and because of it became a **NEW CREATURE**. "So happy to belong to an organization that has for its object making people well and happy Christians. I **KNOW** I will be happy if I let **LOVE** rule my life," she concludes.

And this spreading of joy among our neighbors and friends and brothers, makes **HEALTH, HAPPINESS** and **PROSPERITY** possible to us and to them. Shall ours not be the real Easter, which causes continued and continuous renewal?

OUR IDEAL HOME

PARENTHOOD—"The heart of it is Love—the end of it is peace and consummation sweet—obey."

"Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me, for of Such Is the Kingdom of Heaven"

"THEN out from the mystical splendor,
The swift-changing crystalline light,
The rainbow-hued, scintillant light,
Gleamed faces more touching and tender
Than ever had greeted our sight—
Our sin-blinded, death-darkened sight;
And they sang: 'Welcome home to the Kingdom,
Ye earth-born and serpent-beguiled;
The Lord is the light of His Kingdom,
And His temple, the heart of a child—
Of a trustful and teachable child;
Ye are born to the life of the Kingdom—
Receive, and believe, as a child.'"

That Boy of Fifteen

By Sterling Hope

"OH, deliver me from the companionship of a boy of fifteen years!" says the adult who never understood boys. "I cannot imagine why some people profess a liking for such wild, noisy, unmanageable animals. They seem to live only to make a noise in the world."

Well, my friend, that is a part of his mission. Are you not ready to credit him with energy in the performance of his duty?

A wise person will not try to repress altogether the noise and enthusiasm in a healthy boy. It is better to let him have an everyday opportunity to "blow off," as one boy expressed it.

How much easier it is to manage a boy you understand; and there is reason to believe you are slow if you cannot soon see the bent of a noisy, talking, singing, shouting boy. He has no artful intentions. He shouts his theories; he sings his joys; he feels his importance, and means that the world shall recognize it, too. You may call him tiresome, but can you call him deceitful? Are you sure you are entirely unselfish in your feelings toward him?

I have noticed that some people seem to have little or no hesitancy in using an entirely different set of emotions and manners when they come in contact with "that boy of fifteen." That affable, smiling countenance suddenly disappears. Do not make the mistake of thinking he does not notice it. My word for it, he does. He does not always take time to resent it, which is good luck for you, but his intuition can be relied upon.

The very joy it gives a healthy boy to shout should make a generous adult feel like conferring the permission, though he may be forced to put his fingers in his ears and simply enjoy the expression on the boy's face which his liberality has produced. The joy in shouting is illustrated in little incidents.

A customer asked a little newsboy how much he paid for his papers. "Five cents," answered he. "Do you sell them for five cents and make nothing?" queried the customer. The boy viewed him contemptuously a moment and replied: "Say, mister, don't I get a chance to holler all day long?"

The mother of a shouting boy called from the door: "My son, why are you making such a noise?" He answered joyously: "Oh, I am just being happy, mother."

Did you ever notice how natural it is for a boy to sing or shout after a short confinement in school or house? Surely there is a time for a boy to shout. Let us let him enjoy it.

The best methods of teaching thrift is fast becoming a national problem. Perhaps you have already given that boy valuable lectures in line with the thrift problem.

How can you expect him to become thrifty unless he uses what is given him? Energy is a desirable quality which nature has bountifully be-

stowed upon the average boy. It is his. He has a right to use it. Of course, he should be guided by more mature judgment than he possesses. If some parents would turn the lecture hour into the inventing hour there would be more happiness in the home. One real energetic boy can tax the inventive power of a whole household of adults; yet it pays a big dividend to plan for him.

Parents, don't deplore your boy's enthusiasm too much. After all, he is only following nature's plans. Observation teaches that it is best very often for the emotions to have vent.

Can you not think of some calm, unemotional boy in whom you have no confidence? One that you feel must be watched? One that leads others astray? After studying your boy's opposite, are you not thankful that you know your noisy boy's thoughts and inclinations, that you may be the better prepared to guide him?

It is harder to direct a boy's life at fifteen years of age than it is five years later, with the same environments. At the former age he has such strong feelings. He must find stronger words and replenish his vocabulary. He invoices his infant stock and keeps only the strongest words. He keeps a sharp ear for expressive ones, or ones that, through unfamiliarity, seem so to him.

Here he often makes grave errors; here he inflicts pain upon his parents by his choice of words, for often it seems to him that profane language best expresses his tumultuous feelings; and, although he has been taught otherwise, he tries to justify himself in the use of it. Questionable slang sometimes precedes, sometimes mingles with or follows, profane language.

Oh, what a trying stage this is! Parents, lay in a big supply of patience, wisdom, firmness, love and

Mothers and sisters have wonderful responsibilities in their influence over the growing lad. They can offer opportunities for the awakening chivalry to express itself; they can teach the beauty and sacredness of true womanhood, and by their charms and their affection protect from the seductions of undesirable associations.—*Mary Wood-Allen.*

sympathy. Yes, you will need the last-mentioned quality also; for, remember, your boy is passing through a trying period of his life, mentally and physically.

The world in general does not recognize this point very clearly or sympathetically. In fact, many parents overlook it altogether.

Oh, the courage that boy often displays is prodigious, heroic! See him pulling all alone through the "unsettled age"! Every step new and uncertain to him; yet he keeps his head up. His motto is "Onward!"

Sometimes parents will say, "What a change in John's moods and actions! Are you not astonished? Did you ever see him exhibit such emotions before? Have you noticed how his taste in reading is changing?"

Put a pin down here, parents. "His taste in reading is changing." Now be alert. He may be moved to carry out the adventures of some of his heroes.

I am reminded of a boy who loved Indian stories. At a very tender age he started out to fight Indians. So strong were the emotions within him that he was carried away by them. He seemed not even to have located the red men who were to fall by his avenging hand. When intercepted and brought home by his father he was astonished that they should grieve over his absence or his conduct. He was as literally carried away by his emotions as he was carried back by his father.

Another boy, who was denied the privilege of handling firearms, and who read and dreamed, per-

haps too much, of guns, was finally carried away by his curiosity concerning naval equipments. Although a good boy generally, he ran away from home, and, being very bright, he easily made his way to a distant station and joined the navy. When his curiosity was satisfied he would have returned to home and mother. But, alas! he must obey the laws of enlistment. Poor mother! Poor boy!

The reading habit may be very helpful in the management of a boy, if judiciously directed by the parent or guardian. A good, wholesome course of reading, coupled with a fad for some kind of athletic sport, will carry the average boy over many pitfalls.

Parents could save precious time and many a heartache by studying this subject with indomitable purpose before their sons reach the dangerous places. As our boy grows older he controls his emotions better. He begins to copy his elders. His first follies cease. He expresses his thoughts forcibly still, but chooses better language. His manners lose brusqueness and incline toward elegance. His mind expands, mayhap his head grows a little, too, requiring a hat one size larger; but never mind, just use that egotism to help further your plans. He may still be a little rude and careless in various ways.

At a certain stage in a boy's life he unconsciously seeks a pattern. And it is quite likely that he feels competent to do his own choosing. It takes tact and patience to guide him in his choice. Perhaps one of the worst patterns he could choose is the man cynic. I have never been able to locate the creature to my entire satisfaction, but this much I have settled: The companionship of the cynic is not at all desirable for the boy who is trying to formulate his ideals and beliefs. The cynic's power for giving an impetus to a boy's thoughts is rarely given a true estimate. His influence is so tenacious that it should be avoided, if possible. Beware of the cynic. One single cynical expression, when your unsettled boy is weighing an important question, may crush your strongest hopes and dearest desires. It is safer to choose unknown company nearer the lad's age, if it must be chosen temporarily.

A boy's love is so sincere and loyal and unselfish. It is not the commodity offered by husband or lover, or even his sister; they expect returns. He loves because he so desires. He loves without price. I pity the adult who goes through life without having experienced the pleasure of having at least one loyal boy friend.

A teacher, who was passing through a trying ordeal, reached her schoolroom one morning with gloom reigning supreme in her mind and upon her countenance. Upon unlocking her door, to her surprise and delight, she found a large, fresh bouquet of beautiful flowers upon her desk. It being the season of the year that such flowers were scarce, she felt especially grateful. The card attached said, "From Walter."

Walter was a dear boy friend who knew her trials. He bought the flowers with money from his scanty income, and, climbing in at the window, placed them upon her desk as an offering of unselfish sympathy.

Could words have expressed such beautiful friendship? A girl would have presented those flowers in person, expected and graciously received thanks from the teacher and admiration from the pupils on account of her offering.—*Home Science Magazine.*

A Child's Good Night

Now all sweet shall be my slumbers,
For your love hath bound me,
Unto pleasant thoughts and holy,
Which shall be around me
Through all the watches of the night,
Sweeter than the sweet moonlight.

Mrs. E. E. Dwell.

For the Children

"I KNOW what the fairies do with their muffs
When the winter's spent,
And the warm South wind with its coaxing puffs
Makes the ice relent.

"They go where the pussy willow stirs
In the wind all bare;
And just as your mother does with her furs,
Hang them up to air."

The Spring of Healing

THERE once lived in Damascus a very rich man. God had given him not only wealth but a loving wife and fine children. He was called Baruch, which means "the blessed," and people said he was well named.

Still he was not happy at heart. He was not satisfied with his wealth or his grand house; and though he bought one beautiful ornament after another, he soon wearied of them all. Even his wife and children tried in vain to cheer him up. He was too selfish to be happy, and, having all things, life had no charm for him. One day Baruch heard of a wise man in the city of Memphis who was able to advise all in trouble. So the rich man made up his mind that he would go and see him.

He called a trusty servant named Malchus, and bade him choose the best camels and load them with gold and jewels and precious perfumes. Then Baruch bade his family farewell, and set forth with Malchus to visit the wise man. But the Lord sent a storm in which the travelers lost their way, and they wandered many weary days in the desert. Their water gave out and thirst tormented them.

At night they stretched their cloaks on the ground, and in the morning they pressed them to their lips, trying to squeeze out a little moisture; but in vain. No dew refreshed them. Thus suffering amid the burning sands, they decided to kill one of the camels, hoping to find water in his stomach; but the poor animal's water-bag was empty. There was its load of gold and jewels. How gladly would they have given all for a draught of water!

Then Baruch said: "Ah, my good Malchus, have I brought you here only to cause your death? Why is it that you address no reproach to me, who thus cruelly reward your fidelity?"

Malchus answered:

"Why should I not follow you, my master, even to death? Have I not eaten your bread and drunk your milk? I have enjoyed your prosperity; ought I not to share your adversity? I only wish that God would deliver you from this peril and take my life alone, for I am a poor slave without friends or relatives; you, my master, have a wife and children."

But there seemed no help for either, and at last Malchus fell swooning to the ground. Then Baruch, full of grief, threw himself on his knees and cried:

"O God of heaven! spare my faithful friend, and let me die. I am not worthy the favors Thou hast granted me. The weight of my sins overwhelms me. I have not deserved to live; let me die!"

He sank down on the ground and wept bitterly. As he grew calm a faint noise reached his ear. He held his breath and listened. Was this a mere fancy? No; he was not mistaken. He clearly heard the trickling of water. He clambered over the rocks, and in a narrow ravine below him he saw a crystal stream dancing merrily in the sunshine. He raised his hands with a cry of gratitude; but before satisfying his own thirst, he cared for his faithful slave, moistened his lips and bathed his temples. Malchus gradually revived.

"O Malchus, no longer my slave, but my friend and companion," cried Baruch, "let us thank God, Who has saved us."

After they and their companions were refreshed by the water, and the provisions they had brought with them, Malchus filled the water-bags and said:

"Now we can again seek the road to Memphis."

"No," answered Baruch; "I no longer need to go there. Let us return to Damascus."

When they reached home his wife and children were delighted to see his face glow with peace and happiness, hitherto unknown.

"Blessed," cried his wife, "be the wise man who has delivered you from your sorrow!"

"Ah, Mirza," said Baruch, embracing her, "it is no man—it is God Himself who has taught me a wholesome lesson. I have learned humility and charity by suffering. No longer will I live as I have lived. I will leave my selfish life. I will think of others, and do good."

From that day his was a different life. He helped the poor; he consoled the afflicted. The contentment and happiness he spread around him brought his own contentment and happiness. People said:

"It is right that he has the name Baruch, for he is blessed alike in his fortune and his generosity."

And in the desert he built a house of refuge for travelers at the spring, which every Arab knows as the Spring of Healing.

Resolve To-day

Boys and girls, don't wait until you're grown up to decide what you will be or what you will do to help on the world's work. Instead of building castles in the air and imagining yourselves the heroes and heroines of impossible situations in an impossible world, be everyday heroes and heroines in a real, everyday world. The boys and girls of to-day will be the men and women of to-morrow. Begin, then, today, to build the foundations of your castle, not in the air, but on solid ground; and when the morrow comes it will find you ready. Resolve early in life what you will be, and your usefulness to the world will be doubled. Don't imagine you are too young. Thomas A. Edison, the great electrician, was making experiments in chemistry at twelve years of age. Frances E. Willard, the great temperance leader, with the help of her brother Oliver, started a paper at fourteen, and the boy and girl talked frequently of what they would be and do when they were grown up. The great MacMahon was told, when a poor boy, that he could be anything he wanted to be, if he only kept working and thinking about it. "Then I'll be a Marshal of France," said the boy, and he became not only a Marshal of France, but President also. Lucy Stone, the great champion of higher education and equality for women, made up her mind, when but a tiny bit of girl, that she would go to college and graduate, and she did. She picked berries and nuts and sold them to buy books, and eventually was graduated at Oberlin, the only college then open to women.

Decide now what you will be, what you will do. Don't dream. Think and work.—*Success.*

I'll Try

Two robin redbreasts, in their nest,
Had little robins three;
The mother bird sat still at home,
Her mate sang merrily.
And all the little robins said
"Wee, wee, wee, wee, wee, wee."

One day the sun was warm and bright,
All shining in the sky;
The mother said, "My little ones,
'Tis time you learn to fly";
And all the little robins said,
"I'll try, I'll try, I'll try."

I know some little children dear
(And oft it makes me sigh),
Who, when they're told, "do this" or "that,"
Will say "what for?" or "why?"
Oh, how much better, if they'd say,
"I'll try, I'll try, I'll try."

Ben

CALL him "Ben," but Benjamin Franklin is his real name. He is my great, lovely black dog. He goes everywhere I go, except when he can't. He knows ever so much, and can do lots of things. Shall I tell you why? Well, just lean down your ear, because you will remember it better if I whisper it. Ben is a *knower because he is a lover*. Yes, he is the very loveliest dog I ever saw, and he loves everybody, and likes to make everybody happy. That is why he knows so much! When you love folks you see right into their hearts, and think of things real sweet to do for them.

Ben knows just where to find papa's slippers, and he brings them every night without being told. Then, too, he goes after the mail, and sometimes he brings his own meat. He is real wise too, and just as kind to little dogs as he is to other folks, though sometimes he teaches them lessons in a funny way.

Poco is a tiny little neighbor dog, and he has not learned yet "to be seen and not heard," so Ben had to teach him. Ben was lying in our yard one day when Poco ran over to play and talk in his noisy fashion. Ben did not enjoy this, I guess, for he was still and did not say very much, but Poco kept right on, and was very naughty, because he kept nipping Ben's ears and prancing about, barking all the time, and trying to make Ben play with him; and what do you suppose Ben did? Growl and bite? No, indeed! He waited a long time, then he got up, shook himself, reached down without saying a word and took Poco's little head right into his mouth, and then marched across the street to Poco's yard and dropped him inside the gate. Then he turned and walked home, leaving Poco looking as if he wondered if he had a head, or whether the world had come to an end. Poco has not been over to see Ben since, but he has learned his lesson.

Do your best, your very best,
And do it every day,
Little boys and little girls;
That's the wisest way.

"Sing a cheery little song;
It will help the world along;
Do not worry, do not fret;
Love and faith will conquer yet."

Awake

In the heart of a seed
Buried deep, so deep,
A dear little plant
Lay fast asleep.

"Awake!" said the sunshine,
"And creep to the light."
"Awake!" said the voice
Of the raindrops bright.

The little plant heard,
And awoke to see
What the beautiful, wonderful
World might be.

—Grace Lewis, in *Wee Wisdom*.

For the Lack of a Little Latch

IN a big book that perhaps you'll read some day when you're grown up—a book on "Political Economy"—(ask your teacher what those long words mean) there is this story:

Once upon a time, on a farm in the country, away over in France (find where that is on your map), there was a large inclosure for the cattle and poultry. The gate to this yard was always swinging open, for want of a proper latch. For people were always passing in and out, and the gate would not fasten easily. So a great many of the poultry wandered out and were lost.

One day a fine young porker made his escape. The whole family, with the gardener, the cook and the milkmaid, turned out to catch the pig. The gardener was the first to catch sight of Master Piggy, and, in leaping a ditch to head him off, got a sprain that kept him in bed for two weeks. The cook, when she got back to the farmhouse, found the linen burned that she had hung up before the fire to dry. And the milkmaid, in her haste, had forgotten to tie up the cattle in the cowhouse, and one of the cattle being loose, had broken the leg of a colt that happened to be kept in the same shed. The gardener's work lost, and the burned linen were worth full twenty-five dollars. The colt was worth double that money. So in a few minutes, here was a large sum lost, just for the want of a little latch which would have cost only a few cents!

For want of a nail the shoe was lost:
For want of a shoe the horse was lost:
For want of a horse the rider was lost:
For want of a rider the battle was lost:
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail!

The Sunbeams

"Now what shall I send to the Earth to-day?"
Said the great, round, golden Sun.
"Oh! let us go down there to work and play,"
Said the Sunbeams, every one.

So down to the Earth in a shining crowd,
Went the merry, busy crew;
They painted with splendor each floating cloud
And the sun while passing through.

"Shine on, little stars, if you like," they cried,
"We will weave a golden screen
That soon all your twinkling and light shall hide,
Though the Moon may peep between."

The Sunbeams then in through the windows crept
To the children in their beds—
They poked at the eyelids of those who slept,
Gilded all the little heads.

"Wake up, little children!" they cried in glee,
"And from Dreamland come away!
We've brought you a present, wake up and see!
We have brought you a sunny day!"

—Poulsson.

Cries little Miss Fret,
In a very great pet;
"I hate this warm weather; it's horrid to tan.
It scorches my nose,
And it blisters my toes,
And wherever I go I must carry a fan."

Chirps little Miss Laugh:
"Why, I couldn't tell half
The fun I am having this bright summer day.
I sing through the hours,
I cull pretty flowers,
And ride like a queen on the sweet-smelling hay."

I will be kind, and try to protect
all the helpless animals I see.
They understand a loving voice as
well as loving words, and it makes
them happy.

A Psalm of Easter

By Owen R. Washburn

Written especially for THE NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES

LORD, I thank thee that the winter has vanished. The snows were upon every hill and the ice was in every valley. The trees were naked unto the winds and the vines unto the frost. The grasses were dead in the borders of the vineyards.

There came a whisper from the South and the winter departed; there came a gentle wind and it hastened away. The drifts hid themselves in the wood under the great fir trees, in the shadows of the cedars, but they melted before the coming of the warmth of His love; they ran unto the rivers and became joined unto the waters of refreshing, in the streams which make green the pastures of the sheep.

The ground repented of its hardness and blossomed with praise. The stony ground was mellowed by the joy of the days and sent forth garlands. The rocks were warmed by the sunshine and the shepherds went forth before it was day and found that which was dead to be alive again and that which was covered was revealed in blossom and in bud.

Then went I through the fields with one I love and we entered into the thought of God and were established in Love forever. We saw the sower scatter the goodly grain as food unto the hungry earth. We felt the life of all Life. We ourselves also ate of the bread that came down from Heaven, of the manna of His giving, and hungered no more.

This is the festival that I will keep, O Living Lord, the Easter of a perfect love, of a brave faith, of a willing mind and a strong soul.

I will no more heed the storms, for they are not from Thee. I will be warmed in thy sunshine; I will turn unto Thee as the waters of the rivers turn unto the great sea, rejoicing as they go. Thou hast not forsaken Thy children, and though storm endure for a season, yet Thou keepeth him that hath entered into Thy Life.

I have seen the robes of the Heavenly Host upon a thousand hilltops; I have heard the songs of the angels of Thy appearing in ten thousand thickets, in the gardens of men and the wilderness that is solitary. The gates of the morning were opened by the white hands that serve Thee forever and the glory of Thy throne is established in the fields where I have toiled. When I go unto the mountains Thou hast been before me and the forests are aflame with Thy presence. When I enter the valleys Thou hast declared Thyself; the lilies and the tulips are proclaiming Thee in the gardens before I am aware.

Praise Him all who are at one with Him; Praise Him all who adore the holiness of Beauty, who listen for the Word of Life in the quiet chambers of His Infinite Dwelling-place! Praise Him all of His chosen sons; Praise Him daughters of men who are awake in the gladness of His coming! Eternity calleth unto Eternity for the fulfilling of the joy He hath ordained! Life calleth unto Life for the manifestation He hath commanded! The Lord cometh unto His people with the might of His Infinite Glory. He has exalted us among the angels of Heaven and hath given us crowns of everlasting light. Lo, the robes of love are upon all the earth, and the gates of His gardens are wreathed with laurels and bright with waving palms. Let us enter in and rejoice in the Lord forever.

Fragments

I saw the motion of the different words, swinging in one grand harmony; sparkling in a yellow light, and with sound.

I saw a temple pure white, built in the form of a square, the top forming a point like the apex of a triangle.

Near the roof were arranged seven windows, each represented by some special design, and arranged in the shape of a circle.

Within was a square slab of stone which seemed to contain precious and rare records or writings.

Only the highest initiates can enter there, and they only at certain and rare intervals.

I caught a glimpse of One standing just inside the door, dressed in pure white; His face radiant with the light of godliness. He smiled upon me lovingly.

The temple was within a wall.

He seemed to be just coming away.

"Enter Thou into the Silence that sings. When the stillness is perfect that soul will find wings,

That will bear thee away thro' the solitude, To the depths and the heights of Infinitude."

When a "perfect" stillness is obtained, the "soul will find wings."

What plainer instruction than that can be given?

There is a certain isolation of the soul necessary before complete control or victory can be gained; when gained—"That will bear thee away thro' the solitude." To what? It is stated—"To the depths and the heights of Infinitude."—*Constance M. Allen.*

Consequences

A TRAVELER on the dusty road
Strewed acorns on the lea;
And one took root and sprouted up,
And grew into a tree.
Love sought its shade, at evening time,
To breathe his early vows.

And age was pleased, in heats of noon,
To bask beneath its boughs,
The dormouse loved its dangling twigs,
The birds sweet music bore;
It stood a glory in its place,
A blessing evermore.

A little spring had lost its way
Amid the grass and fern,
A passing stranger scooped a well
Where weary men might turn;
He walled it in, and hung with care
A ladle at the brink;

He thought not of the deed he did,
But judged that all might drink.
He paused again, and lo! the well,
By summer never dried,
Had cooled ten thousand parching tongues
And saved a life beside.

A dreamer dropped a random thought;
'Twas old, and yet 'twas new;
A simple fancy of the brain,
But strong in being true.
It shone upon a genial mind,
And, lo! its light became

A lamp of life, a beacon ray,
A monitory flame;
The thought was small, its issue great;
A watch-fire on the hill;
It shed its radiance far adown,
And cheers the valley still.

A nameless man, amid a crowd
That thronged the daily mart,
Let fall a word of Hope and Love,
Unstudied from the heart;
A whisper on the tumult thrown,
A transitory breath—

It raised a brother from the dust,
It saved a soul from death.
O germ! O fount! O word of love!
O thought at random cast!
Ye were but little at the first,
But mighty at the last.

ABOUT THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

THIS Club teaches the Mystic life, the inner-spiritual life. It teaches the beauty of holiness and the gentle kindness that emanates from the consecrated soul.

To those who quibble or oppose, the true Mystic ever gives the soft answer that turneth away wrath. The Mystic life is the Godly life.

Brother B. R. Falayson, 828 West Fern street, Detroit, Mich., an earnest, aspiring soul, writes of the progress he has made after having passed through but one Degree. He says: "To All Members of The Mystic Success Club, Greeting—To-day finished the time allotted me to work the First Degree, and I herewith return to you the result, hoping you will find it satisfactory, and enable me to receive the Second Degree. It has been my earnest endeavor to follow you as near as possible the instructions given, and I feel I have personally done so. And the result to me has been most beneficial; more so than I expected. My health is so much improved, and my whole being seems to have been lifted up to a much higher plane. These past thirty days have been by far the best and happiest of my life. I know it has come from my effort to comply with your instructions and the great healing forces sent me by the Club, which have been nearly continuous. I wish to express my gratitude to the Club for their support so continuously given. It has taught me to see things in a new light and as never before. I have learned first to put my own house in order by looking within instead of looking without, or for inspiration. For better conditions individually and collectively I am ever yours for health, wealth and a long and useful career. You are right, Brother. Our universal laws of love as given in the Four Degrees are laid upon a sound and lasting foundation which cannot be swept away. Your life's happiness is assured if you live according to these laws from day to day.

Sister Florence Lewis, 215 Federal street, Burlington, N. J., speaks of the many blessings she has enjoyed since becoming a member, and of the wonderful spiritual upliftment she experiences every day. This is the letter: "The Mystic Success Club. Dear Brothers—I enclose my second blank all filled in for the Third Degree. I am greatly benefited by this Degree, more so than by the first two, although I enjoyed working them out very much. I am more successful now than I ever hoped to be, and I must tell you how I love the Club and all of its members. I can hardly wait for my Fourth Degree. I am so anxious to finish and get on the road to permanent good. We all are helped in many ways through the Club. All praise to our divine All-Father-Mother. I can truthfully say: 'He is my refuge and strength. A very present help in trouble.' I am lifted up above my surroundings to-day and every day. I would like everyone to know about the Club and its work. I pray God for the advancement and lasting success of this Mystic Success Club. I never had so few trials and so many blessings as now. I am helped in so many unseen, unheard-of ways, and I have perfect health and great peace of mind, which alone is worth more than all else I could have. Hoping you may ever be successful, I am yours for all good." "When He giveth quietness, who then can condemn?"—JOB xxxiv, 29.

"Quiet from God! how beautiful to keep
This treasure the All-merciful hath given;
To feel, when we awake and when we sleep,
Its incense round us, like a breath from heaven!"

"To sojourn in the world, and yet apart;
To dwell with God and still with man to feel;
To hear about forever in the heart
The gladness which His spirit doth reveal!"

Brother Harry Benson, 15 Summer street, Attleboro, Mass., recognizes the divine and noble purpose the Mystics have in mind, and speaks thus beautifully of it: "Dear Mystic Success Club—I have read and re-read our powerful Magazine for the last two years, and now am happier than ever before. I can pick it up with an anticipation which I have come to know it will fully gratify. Its vibrations go surging through the troubled mind with an influence closely and beautifully akin to the gentle and powerful influence of the Master—that influence instanced so mightily in His command that quelled the tempest ages ago, that lives now, and will continue to silence the tempests of heart and mind in all ages and in all worlds. Reading the pages of our Magazine carefully, and with the truth-seeking spirit, will broaden the mental and spiritual horizon. One cannot fail to feel the truth of it all, the beautiful philosophy it teaches, and last, but not least, the Divine and Noble purpose, the beautiful undercurrent of Peace and love to all, that so richly dominates its pages; breathing a spirit that appeals so strongly, so vigorously and so vitally essential to the raising of our sympathies, for the higher and holier things of the soul—the spirit that will bring the sure response, unparalleled success, because of its heroic efforts to give to mankind—True Happiness. Yours with a Brother's love."

Sister Emily Easton Arnold, Route 45, Ripley, N. Y., has been led into the paths of peace and happiness, for in her letter we read: "Dear Brothers—I send in my last report, and I wish to say I can never be grateful enough for being led to join this Club. I am so happy, calm and peaceful. We are all so happy. As I go about my work I so often am led (in thought) to go and see to something. I always go, and invariably find that the matter needed my attention. I always say 'yes' (mentally), and go. Then I return thanks for being thus led. I make no plans, but act, and I find the plans make themselves. I wish to do all I can to help all, and will go on doing all the good possible, just as I now do, and keep learning. All this help comes from the unseen; whether from within or without, I know not. I have times when I can feel the love thoughts come pouring into my consciousness, and all the time I am kept calm and peaceful. I have just passed through a scene of the intense suffering of a loved one, but I was so held and kept by 'the everlasting arms' that I could be of inestimable value and help. Thanks be to the dear Father. With holy love for all."

"For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."—PSALM xci, 11.

Brother G. T. Ahrens, Davenport, Ia., is a progressive spirit who has entered the Path. He writes as follows: "Dear Brothers of The Mystic Success Club—I have finished the Fourth Degree, and herewith enclose my report. I have worked each Degree with succeeding greater interest. I have conscientiously endeavored to work them in the spirit of love, patience and hope, and feel assured that I am rewarded in having a deeper, more constant and abiding love for our Father and His children. More patience in all the affairs of life and a greater hope to live The Life as advocated by our splendid MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and as taught by our Brotherhood of The Mystic Success Club. My spirit goes to you in love and benediction. I never having seen you, I feel that I know you. Your Father's blessing abide with you. Thank you for Message Number One."

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

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

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

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



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

Men of an extraordinary success, in their best moments, have always sung: "Not unto us, God unto us."—EMERSON.



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

ROUSE thy soul, Beloved, to the grand opportunities God has given thee! You make a Golden Day for yourself, Brother, every day you work in gladsome joy. A merry soul gives Gladness and Cheer. That is why God gave you a soul. Away, then, with toil, worry or sickness! Here and Now, Beloved, you should be joyful and powerful. Make life one glad, sweet song. It can and has been done. And what others have done, You CAN do. Come, then. Let us join hands in Brotherhood and Holy Love—put more joy and gladness into life—MORE FORCE AND POWER.

The Mystic Success Club was formed to lead all great Aspiring Souls to Success—the grandest kind of Success.

Cheer up, Beloved, for Success is now knocking at the very door of your heart. Bid her enter and live there forever.

We will show you the road to continuous Success, and it can be traveled by any soul that wants to gain—

Health, Happiness and Prosperity! More than this. We want to impress upon the minds of all mankind the absolute importance of Lofty Ideals.

And the keeping of these Lofty Ideals constantly in your mind always leads to both Spiritual and Material Success.

Remember, that the Life is the Spirit, and in the spirit there can be nothing but tremendous success.

Surely, Beloved, these are the things all of us most desire. And they are to be had almost for the asking.

Every power or talent that is in You was given to be used for your own personal benefit, and for the benefit of the Whole.

WE SHOW YOU HOW TO LIVE THE SUCCESSFUL LIFE.

The Mystic teachings formulate certain rules or exercises as steps or degrees to be practiced by the student.

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

The Second Step—Leads you to Receptivity. (Second Month.)

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

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

Life is well worth living under the conditions The Mystic Success Club offers you. It becomes an unceasing Inspiration! You are filled with the desire to be Up and Doing—to Achieve!

You become happy, joyous, thankful to feel You are playing an important part on this great earth plane, because—

You, too, are making Someone besides yourself supremely happy.

When this measure of success comes to You—and God has promised this to all—You find successful men and women gathering about You, and the number grows larger, until it forms a mystic circle for Spiritual and Material Success that Can Never Be Broken!

All that is necessary to hold a Life membership in The Mystic Success Club is to have an earnest aspiration for HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY.

All this, and more, Beloved is for You whenever you want to strive for it.

We ask you to read on these pages the wonderful and inspiring testimonies of some of our members. Space permits us to print but few of these letters—but read them for yourself and be convinced.

Remember, too, You are an immortal Child of the Eternal Father. He is ever ready to shower His blessings upon every soul.

Awaken and Pray to have the right Spirit renewed within you; to have—

New Hope!

New Courage!

New Life!

Complete Success!

Great numbers are joining The Mystic Success Club daily, and the greater the number the grander will be the success for each and every member, for—

In Union There Is Strength!

Indeed, the Club is One Grand Union of Souls for Growth, Enthusiasm, Happiness and Optimism.

Each member becomes in time a Power for Good to All.

Think of the happiness this brings!

You, Beloved, can Conquer Every Condition of Life, as the All-Wise Father meant that you should, and then you are enabled to rise to a Successful Life, to the Fulness and Wholeness of Life.

The spark of Divine Success lies deep down within the Spirit of every human being, and The Mystic Success Club kindles that spark into a Divine flame, so that Success is bound up within You.

Come, then, Beloved, join our Mystic Success Club this day. Now is the time. Experience what it means to be a Life-power in the world. Then, as the Bible says of Wisdom, you will find that—

"All her ways are pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

"Love is the fulfilling of the Law."

Let your delight, then, be in the Law of the Lord.

With love and good-will to all beings in this blessed universe, and bespeaking for You as an individual member of this Club, and all who think of becoming members, the grand success we know is in our power to give you,

We are always yours in Spirit and in Truth.

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 NEW YORK 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.

Read this department each month, which we 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* upon becoming a subscriber for one year, at one dollar, to THE NEW YORK 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.

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.

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 NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, 22 North William Street, New York City, U. S. A.

N. B.—We desire members from all parts of the world.

HAVE you one of our beautiful Success Club Pins? For only TWO SUBSCRIPTIONS we will send you one as a Premium. There is a special significance in the wearing of The Mystic Success Club Pin, for by so doing you get into CLOSER TOUCH with the Club and its THOUSANDS of earnest men and women who are aiming for JUST WHAT YOU ARE—the HIGHEST, HOLIEST LIFE, and the greatest Health, Happiness and Prosperity. If you wear the emblem with love and understanding it will help you into untold blessings, for it embodies the grandest of all truths, the truth of man's Divinity and Humanity. The shape of the Pin, a six-pointed star, is symbolic of the Perfected Soul, the Divine and Human as one, and also represents Harmony between the two worlds—the Spiritual and Natural. The color blue signifies Truth; white, Purity. The circle is emblematic of Eternal Life or the life of Eternal Progress. The torch stands for the Inner Light which alone reveals the truths of the Book of Life that ever lies in the white sanctuary of a Pure and Loving Heart. The outlines and letters of gold suggest not only the unity of The Mystic Success Club, but the atmosphere of Brotherly Love which surrounds and pervades it, and in which may be found what you are all seeking. You should not FAIL to wear one of these beautiful pins. Regular price, \$1.50.

NEXT month is our Anniversary. OUR MAGAZINE will be Four Years Old in May. We expect many loving congratulations and many NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS, which will be our Best Birthday Gift.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY NUMBER!

Sister Mary Lawrence, Gallatin, Tenn., writes: "Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Club—I thank God for opening the way for me to be a life member of *The Mystic Success Club*, for I have received many blessings through the good work. I have learned to be calm and quiet, and God has taught me not to fret and worry. What I used to fret and worry about I am now calm over, for I have learned the better way. At the time I joined Our Club I could not see how I could get the money to join it, but God opened the way, and how I rejoice in His love and goodness to all! There was a great deal of disturbance in my family before I joined this Club, but I now realize that I have overcome it by the help I have received through membership. I have not completed my Fourth Degree yet, and I would like all members of our Club to pray for me that I may overcome all of my family disturbances, and that my home here will be brighter and happier than it ever has been. Still, it is not like the same home it was. It is so much more quiet since I joined *The Mystic Success Club*. I realize I am more successful and can get along with my work, and I don't see how it comes about, but I get through with it with less trouble than ever before. I give God praise for what has been done for me, and for what I have accomplished through the help of the Club. My good wishes to all members of our Club." It is one of the aims of *The Mystic Success Club* to comfort the weak-hearted, to sustain and soothe with an unflinching trust all those who suffer in mind or body, and to give good cheer and gladness to every living soul who asks for these things "in His name." That is why you are so thankful for your present blessings. You trusted and believed.

*"Therefore, my soul, be filled with present cheer,
For even now thou knowest all thine own!"*

Brother Peter Taylor, Togus, Me., has this to say after having worked through the Four Degrees: "Dear Brothers and Teachers—It is in gratitude for your many and ennobling messages that you have sent me from time to time I have received so much good from your teachings that my pen cannot write it down. At times my feelings come over me with such force that I cannot contain myself. I cannot thank you and all the brothers too strongly in expressing my feelings for the many blessings I have received since studying your teachings. It is always a pleasure to me when I can speak of our Magazine and our *Mystic Success Club* to someone; but the majority cannot and will not see things as they are. Many have said that I am crazy, but that don't hurt me. I hope some day their eyes may be opened, and they also will see the light. My best wishes for Our Magazine, Our Club and the prosperity of all mankind."

THE SIMPLE DUTY OF MAN—

DO THE NEXT THING

*From an old English parsonage
Down by the sea,
There came in the twilight
A message to me;
Its quaint Saxon legend,
Deeply engraven,
Hath, as it seems to me,
Teaching for heaven;
And on through the hours
The quiet words ring
Like a low inspiration—
"DO THE NEXT THING."*

*Many a questioning,
Many a fear,
Many a doubt
Hath its guiding here;
Moment by moment
Let down from heaven
Time, opportunity
Guidance are given;
Fear not to-morrow,
Child of the King,
Trust it with God—
"DO THE NEXT THING."*

*Do it immediately,
Do it with prayer,
Do it reliantly,
Casting all care;
Do it with reverence,
Tracing His hand
Who hath placed it before thee
With earnest command;
Stayed on Omnipotence,
Safe 'neath His wing,
Leave all resultings—
"DO THE NEXT THING."*

*Looking to God—
Ever serene,
Working or suffering,
Be thy demeanor.
In the shade of His presence,
The rest of His calm,
The light of His countenance,
Live out thy psalm;
Strong in His faithfulness,
Praise Him and sing
Then as He beckons thee—
"DO THE NEXT THING."*

Sister P. A. Hanson, 927 West Fourth street, South Salt Lake City, Utah, speaks of the strength and comfort the prayers in the Degrees have been to her. She further says: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*—I herewith inclose my report of the Third Degree. I should have sent it a month ago. I have not worked it out as I would have liked, as we have had sickness in the family; but I have held the prayer on page 11 (I thought it was so good) in connection with one of the other seven prayers. The longer I live and the more I see of the struggles of men to the heights above, the stronger this truth comes home to me. It has made me stronger both spiritually and physically since joining the Club. I have been more peaceful and happy than ever before. 'The Universe rests on the shoulders of love—a love so infinite, deep and broad, that men have renamed it and called it God.' I am not much of a hand at fine writing. I cannot explain as I would like how I love the Magazine and the *Mystic Success Club*. I am yours in Truth and Love." The world is of God. He made it and all that therein is. It is we who must rejoice and be exceeding glad at the perfected state of things as they are on this good earth. Light and wisdom always come when we pray earnestly for them.

Brother Willard N. Morse has not only been made happier and better in working out the Degrees to a successful end, but he is doing some splendid missionary work in gaining as many new members for the Club as his time will allow. Surely, if one man is made happy another may be whenever the spirit moves him. The brother says, among other things: "To *The Blessed Mystic Success Club*—I finished your Fourth Degree some days ago, but have been so very busy I have not written before. I prize my Degrees very much, and they have been a wonderful help to me. My Realization is not equal to some of those reported in THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, but I am striving to have that faith which will bring it in time. I understand the Bible much better than before. My general health is much improved, and I am much happier than formerly. I am working my best to get people to read the Magazine and also to join our wonderful Club. May the love of God, which passeth understanding, be with each and every member. I am yours for Success."

About the Mystic Success Club

To be strong, joyous and free from all bonds, financial and otherwise, is the secret of success, for it is the result of knowing your True Self, which can never fall. If your body is diseased seek the Source of Health—the High and Only One. If you are poor, friendless and weary, go to the Universal Friend, the Heavenly Father from whom cometh every good and perfect gift. The Mystic Success Club bases its teachings on the Bible Law of Life, which is the basic element of success.

Brother J. S. Strickler, Derry Station, Westmoreland County, Pa., rejoices over the fact that help and a good influence come to him daily as a member of Our Club, and he firmly believes there is enough of Good and Truth in every issue of the Magazine to save the whole human family. This is what he writes: "The Mystic Success Club, Dear Ones—I have completed my Second Degree with a heart full of praise and thankfulness to God first and to those who have taught me how to rejoice at all times. I have merely begun to taste the fruits of Love. A help and an influence comes to me daily; it invites, it allures, encourages me to bring into action every faculty of the mind, every affection of the heart, until my eyes are bathed in tears of joy. There is enough of Good and Truth in every issue of the Magazine to save the whole human family. The good I have received through Our Magazine and by working out these Degrees can only be felt and enjoyed, but never told. May God bless the good souls who publish the good news, and bless all who read and are led by the spirit to live them out in their lives. Please send the Third Degree."

Sister Carrie Williams, 3016 Cass avenue, St. Louis, Mo., declares she has gained tremendous confidence in herself, and fully expects to accomplish great things as soon as the Fourth Degree is mastered. She says: "Dear Mystic Success Club—Please find inclosed my Third Degree. I am perfectly delighted with the progress I have made with it. It seems I have only to desire a thing, and when least I expect it it will be accomplished. Do send me my Fourth Degree, as I am expecting by the time it is done to accomplish great things. I cannot say enough for the good and happiness it has brought. I shall always keep on with the good work. I feel as if I were armor clad. There is such a sense of protection around me at all times, in all my business. When things do not go just as I expected I rarely am disappointed. I simply feel I was mistaken, and it was not best for me.

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

"With love and success for the Club, I am your loving and happy sister."

Brother David R. Parmelee, Missouri Pacific Railway Company, Little Rock, Ark., writes in the following uplifting spirit: "My Dear Mystic Success Club—I suppose you think by this time that I have given up the Club. I want to tell you that I have not, nor do I intend ever to do so. The Four Degrees have done me more good than I thought could ever be done for me. They have changed my whole life, and have made me look on the bright and optimistic side of it. I had so far departed from the right way of thinking and believing that to get help of that kind from men and women on this earth seems too good to be true. My health has been greatly benefited thereby, though it still lacks considerable of what it should be. Of course, that is my fault in not yet being able to live up to the full teachings of the Magazine and the Four Degrees. I kept no record on account of our visit to the North. It was almost if not quite impossible for me to get five minutes to myself while the wife and I were gone. My experience with the Fourth Degree was just about the same as with the previous ones. I would not part with them at all. When I get so I can master them I would like to tell the world what they have done for me. I shall with your help and that of the Magazine and Degrees endeavor to become more and more perfect in health and spirit. Wishing all members of The Mystic Success Club the greatest success, health, long life and prosperity, I will close, hoping to hear from you soon again."

THE BREATH OF A DIVINE AIR

So sometimes comes to soul and sense
The feeling which is evidence
That very near about us lies
The realm of spiritual mysteries.

The sphere of the supernal powers
Impinges on this world of ours.
The low and dark horizon lifts,
To light the scenic terror shifts.

The breath of a diviner air
Blows down the answer of a prayer;
That all our sorrow, pain and doubt
A great compassion clasps about.

And Law and Goodness, Love and Force
Are wedded fast beyond divorce.
Then duty leaves to love its task,
The beggar Self forgets to ask.

With smile of trust and folded hands,
The passive soul in waiting stands
To feel, as flowers the sun and dew,
THE ONE TRUE LIFE ITS OWN RENEW.
—Whittier.

Sister Rachel McKenzie, 22 Stephen street, Kingston, Jamaica, Allman Town, British West Indies, says she has realized the Power of Faith that comes in relying implicitly on Divine Providence, and each day she recognizes the blessings that are sure to come to all those who wait and listen. The sister further says: "Dear Brothers of The Mystic Success Club—I received the Fourth Degree and your Confidential Message two days ago safely. I have now realized the goodness and love of our Father more than ever. I am now rejoicing in the oneness of the Divine. Please receive thanks for your loving Confidential Message. I will endeavor to follow earnestly all the good counsel written therein to reach the lofty ideals which is my desire. Bless THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES with all its teachings. Bless The Mystic Success Club and all its teachers and members. With peace, love and happiness to all, I am yours in Brotherly Love. P. S.—Since writing the above I am each day realizing the blessings that come to those who wait and listen, and recognizing the Power of Faith that comes in relying implicitly on Divine Providence. The Fourth Degree and 'Confidential Message' are of unspeakable joy and pleasure to me. May joy be to all."

We receive many letters stating great blessings received, asking us to print same, but not use their names. There is a twofold purpose in printing these testimonials: (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.

Sister Ada L. Stone, 41 Burrill avenue, Orange, Mass., says in part: "The Mystic Success Club, Dear Ones All—I herewith inclose results of my First Degree, of which I have kept a faithful record every night, and made a daily conscientious study. I have been wonderfully blessed in the practical use of the lessons. The mental discipline is truly a godsend to me, in its soothing, quieting effect on my mind and body. With overtaxed mental and physical conditions, my soul quickly responds to the calm, quiet, reposeful thoughts in this First Degree. I have read them over every night and morning, and many times daily, and have derived great comfort from the soothing effect. This mental discipline must result in perfect concentration and self-mastery, which I have tried so hard to gain. I am in receipt of your kind letter suggesting that I place myself in the Healing Circle of Mystic Twelve. I will write him soon. I am also pleased and thankful for the message 'How to Pray.' It is good and instructive, and opens up new views of prayer which I prize highly. I have confidence in your methods. I hope to be made whole in mind and body. I live so 'in tune with the Infinite' that I can realize that oneness—that perfect harmony that I have tried hard to gain. Wishing you success in this good work for humanity, I am your Faithful Sister." Think beloved, what this sister has accomplished through the patient, honest, everyday study of but one Degree. And three times as much is coming to her just as soon as she passes through the remaining Three Degrees. Truly, the path of the just is as the shining Light "that shineth more and more unto the Perfect Day."

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the world abroad
The honors of Thy Name.
—Rev. Charles Wesley.

Brother D. E. Johnson, 18 Flynn street, Chattanooga, Tenn., speaks in the following appreciative and enthusiastic terms of how the Club has helped him. He says, among other things: "Dear Mystic Success Club—Confidential Message Number Three just received. I am now fifty years old. Have read much. Nothing in all my experience has been so helpful to me as my membership in The Mystic Success Club. I was never so contented or so happy. The blessings have extended to my household, and the Magazine is the bright centre of our reading circle. Am doing all I can to spread the blessing. Was initiated (years ago) in the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and the U. O. G. R., but I would not exchange my membership in The Mystic Success Club for all of the others combined and multiplied by twenty. May our Eternal Father bless Our Club, and spread its influence. With Love for All."

Sister Orpha F. Craven, Springfield, Wash., writes: "Dear Brothers and Sisters—May you all be filled with the love and good works of Our Club. Duties have crowded so upon me the past three months that waiting was beyond me, and with overtaxing came a return of my nervous trouble, but I demanded health in accordance with the teaching, and health and help came. It is not possible to tell you how much and how unexpectedly the needed help came, nor how gradually is being unfolded to me the possibilities of what is within. And finances are improving. True, some dark moments come and the old worries return. Then I say, 'I belong to The Mystic Success Club. All things are mine,' and how quickly it all passes. Then ways are opening to me in which I can help others, which is best of all. God bless and prosper each and all until the

whole world recognizes and realizes the Divine within."

Brother H. Van Buren, 13 Kempsey Building, Fox street, Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa, writes he is much more alive to good impressions than he at one time thought possible. He says in the body of his letter: "The Mystic Success Club, Dear Friends—It was a month on the sixth instant that I received the Second Degree, and I have carefully followed out the instructions. I may say that it has been of great advantage to me. I claim to be more receptive to good impressions that come to me as though from unseen forces than ever before. I have thereby been drawn more nigh to God. Accept my best wishes for your continued success." This testimonial is from far-away South Africa. This proves that the good work of The Mystic Success Club is making itself felt throughout the length and breadth of our own and other lands.

Brother J. F. Clark, Point Terrace, Ore., writes: "Dear Mystic Success Club—I send in my report of the First Degree. It may not look very well, but I did all I could. I worked faithfully every evening from five until nine. I committed it all to memory in about fifteen days, but first memorized the Invocation, and kept it in my mind as much as possible. While I did not feel at any particular time any help or strength that seemed to come from unseen forces, still, I will say this: that from the time I received the first copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES I have been a better man. I at that time received a blessed Message or Vibration, or something that I never experienced before, and it has stayed with me; or, in other words, I can realize that I am under a good influence. Now if I am entitled to the Second Degree it will be thankfully received, and I am sure I will get many blessed thoughts out of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES when it comes. Thanking you for your kindness, I am yours in Love and Truth."

Sister Jane M. Brownell, 122 North street, Rochester, N. Y., speaks of her general development in the following words: "To The Mystic Success Club: Dear Brothers—Inclosed please find my Second Degree Record Blank. I want to tell you that I am better in health and happier in mind since taking the Degrees. Have never failed in my daily thought; but did not always have the time to write out the results. It would have been a repetition of the first eight, only I would have made them more emphatic. Hoping that you will soon send me the Third Degree, I am ever yours for Happiness and Prosperity."

Brother Thomas R. Neil, 151 Mayreck street, East Boston, Mass., writes: "Dear Mystic Success Club—It is with much pleasure I report having passed through the Third Degree. I feel that I have made progress, both mentally, morally and physically. One of our members in last month's letters mentions that he is negative. I think I am in that class, as I don't feel sensations or influences easily, although not dead to them. I am happy to be a member of The Mystic Success Club, and I am doing my best to live up to the conditions, and look forward to receiving the Fourth Degree. My love and best wishes to the brother members."

Sister C. M. Hart, Redwood City, Cal., has had her full share of trouble and affliction, but has, through the grace of God and the practical application of the Four Degrees, come entirely out of them. Health and happiness are now her portion. She says: "Dear Mystic Success Club—It has been some time since I finished the work of the Degrees, and I feel that I must tell you what they have done for me. When I took up the work I was heart-sick, discouraged, in poor health, and felt that there was very little in life worth living for. I was almost in despair. I noticed an advertisement of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES in one of the daily papers, and something told me to send for a copy. I did so, and after reading it subscribed for it. After a few months I took up the work of Our Club, and I cannot tell you of the blessing it has been to me. I had been a constant sufferer from headaches and neuralgia, and as a consequence sleepless nights. Now these are things almost unknown, and the work I accomplish is wonderful. I have labored under many disadvantages in doing the work of the Degrees, but feel that, oh, so much has been accomplished. God is more of a Father to me to whom I can take my troubles and receive help, and I feel that it is only a matter of time when my ideals will be realized. I cannot in my busy life do much toward getting subscribers, but I lend my Magazines, and feel that they are doing good in that way. I would not go back to where I was a year ago for many times what the work has cost me. May God bless the work and make THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES more of a power for good than ever before. Whenever I can I will do all for the Club and Our Magazine in my power."

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.

Brother George D. Kugler, Sandy Run, Luzerne County, Pa., sends this short, straightforward letter: "Dear Brothers of The Mystic Success Club—Inclosed please find record of thoughts as held by me during the past thirty days in the Third Degree. I have taken them in rotation. All growth is gradual and imperceptible, but I want to say

that I find one becomes more calm, more hopeful and withal more tolerant and loving toward his fellow-man by practicing these exercises. I am anxious to get at the Fourth and last Degree."

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 led 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 in no way interferes with or antagonizes any other good plan of life. A membership in our Club makes your mind all-comprehensive to the All Good, in the ALL. We open and train the mind for the highest and noblest success. So, beloved 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 spiritual uplift that will lead you on to a full realization of your hopes or ideals.

Sister Emily V. Gilette, Riverside, Cal., says she is always soothed and calmed by reading Our Magazine, as well as by committing to memory the prayers in the Club Book. This is the gist of the letter: "Dear Mystic Success Club—I inclose Record of Third Degree, which I have followed as faithfully as possible while traveling about from place to place. Have not been able to give it the quiet thought I might in my own home, but have done as well as I could, and will continue to study it until I receive the next Degree. Am sure it has helped me, but I desire more. I want to reach my ideal of perfection, and to realize this is the work of time. It cannot be reached in a day, but must be patiently worked out, little by little. Your Magazine has been a great help to me, and I do not fail to recommend it to my friends wherever I go. Have given away every copy, although I should have enjoyed keeping every copy for future reading. With kindest feelings for all members of Our Club, and best wishes for its success at all times, I am your sincere sister."

Christ came to make all things new. Christina Rossetti sings beautifully of the burst of spring in nature and in the soul in the poem entitled:

EASTER DAY

Spring bursts to-day,
For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.

Flash forth the sun,
The rain is over and gone, its work is done.

Winter is past,
Sweet spring is come at last, is come at last.

Bud, fig and vine,
And olive, fat with fruit and oil and wine.

Uplift thy head,
Oh, pure white lily through the winter dead.

All herds and flocks,
Rejoice, all beasts of thickets and of rocks.

Sing, creatures, sing,
Angels and men and birds and everything.

All notes of doves
Fill all our world; this is the tune of loves.

Brother H. Garfinkel, 1511 North Jefferson avenue, St. Louis, Mo., writes: "Dear Mystic Success Club—Inclosed please find my Record of the Third Degree. I am not much of a writer, but I must acknowledge my thanks to you for the good you have done for me. You have certainly opened the way of Light and Love to me. I see the world in a much better way than before. I have more love for everybody. Nothing worries me. Instead, I feel happy. Life looks to me so beautiful and lovely that it is worth while living. The benefit I have received from the study of these Degrees has been so marked that my family and all others with whom I come in contact are noting the change it has made. My best wishes to you and to all Brothers and Sisters of The Success Club."

Sister Clara L. Brooks, Hillsdale, Mich., writes: "Gentlemen—This Report is very unsatisfactory to me, as during the last part of the month I was unable through much sickness to fill out the Report daily; but I held all of the thoughts much of the time, and realize that I have received help spiritually. Some days I seemed to receive help and strength from unseen forces, other days I did not realize the help which was undoubtedly given me. You may perhaps feel that I am not ready for the Second Degree. Whatever you decide will be right with me. I should only continue on with the First De-

gree. I nearly forgot to tell you that I hold Thought Number Three without fail morning and night, and often through the day. Wishing you great success in the cause of Love and Truth, I await your pleasure."

Sister H. M. Travers, Sherwood, Mich., one of our earnest and enthusiastic members, after work in the Fourth Degree, writes us a letter filled with praise and gratitude. In part we read: "Dear MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES—Some time has elapsed since I received the Fourth Degree of *The Mystic Success Club*, and I should have made my report sooner, but was suddenly called from home, and in the intervening time I reviewed, thus keeping steadily at work. Yes, I have finished the last Degree, and I am highly pleased with the result. When I received the Fourth Degree, and it said, 'Put all thought out of your mind,' I wondered if I could do that; felt I could not, for my mind was like a boiling, seething caldron all the time; so much thought. How could I empty it all out and free myself as I should for thirty days? It was then I began to realize what the other Three Degrees had done for me. While I was studying how it came to me like a flash of sunlight from a dark cloud, and my mind was freed. I felt like a new being—no thought, no worry. No slave ever felt his freedom more than I did the release, when the avalanche of thought was removed, and I spent the pleasantest month I have known in many years. Although I had considerable perplexing business to attend to, I experienced no care, no worry, and everything moved so smoothly that I hardly realized I was doing the same business that heretofore had caused me so much anxiety and irritation. Pen cannot portray what these Four Degrees have done for me. I cannot find words to express it; but I do know there has been a great change wrought in me and my everyday life. My whole soul goes out in thanks to God, the Mystic Adepts and the unseen forces for this change for the better ever since I commenced with the First Degree. When I returned to my home I found a letter from the good brother. Its sayings are a perpetual feast, and I feel with such teaching I shall not falter, but continue to climb until the heights are reached. My constant prayer is for the blessings of God to rest upon the Holy Mystic Adepts and all the members of *The Mystic Success Club*. Long live THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. Realization is slow, but I feel when I am better fitted for it, and make the right conditions, it will come. I ask your prayers that I may become fitted for Realization in its truest sense." There is every assurance from the reports you have submitted upon your work in the Four Degrees that you will attain your heart's desire. Be of good courage, for you can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth you.

COURAGE

"*Courage, O heart, and be not backward-looking!*
Let dull despair no longer with thee stay.
Brood not over thy yesterday's sad failure;
LIVE IN THE GLAD, ALL-POSSIBLE TODAY!

"*And we may profit by each sad experience,
May let each failure be a stepping-stone
To something that is higher, purer, nobler,
And thus we may be able to atone.*

"*Life is so full of deep and tender meaning,
Such glorious possibilities abound,
That every hopeful, every true endeavor
With good and grand results may yet be crowned.*

"*Now God be thanked that unto us is given
A new, fresh field of action every day.
Then courage, heart, and be not backward-looking,
But for new strength of purpose humbly pray."*

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

Elizabeth Lee Watson sings a sweet song of Easter, with the testimony of nature bearing witness to the soul, and suggesting the more splendid blossoming of the heavenly springtime:

SONG OF IMMORTALITY

"*Arisel arisel O Soul and sing!
The Lord of Life hath come in might;
And all the world in blossoming
Beneath His kiss of Love and Light!*

"*The hills doff robes of rusty brown,
And, draped in living tapestries,
With sunshine for a golden crown,
Return the smiles of cloudless skies.*

"*The air is full of winged delight,
A-thrill with joy the dullest clod;
The trees, all hung with garlands white,
Breathe the smokeless incense unto God.*

"*And thou, O Soul, with eyes to see,
And ears that like fine harps are strung,
With heart that throbes Divinity
And knows Love's Universal Tongue,*

"*Shouldst voice a rapture all divine,
And fair as any flower be
The garments that about thee shine,
Thou heir of Immortality!"*

Sister E. J. Meyer, 261 Broadway, New York City, writes as follows: "THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, To my dear fellow-members—Some time ago I completed my Fourth Degree, and now that I am realizing some of the benefits, I wish to bear witness regarding them. I have observed that many things I had desired for a number of years are now coming to me without my asking, since I became a member of this blessed society, and I believe a greater success and prosperity will be mine. I am endeavoring to live up to the teachings of the Four Degrees, and also the Confidential Messages, which are a great help, as well as the daily Noon and Evening Thought. I am very thankful that I joined the Club but want the help of all members to lead me to a purer and higher plane of thought so that I in turn may help and love all. I am very busy at all times, and have not been able to devote the thought to the teachings I would like, but hope to be able to go into the Silence, for I know it will be a benefit. I wish you all happiness."

Brother William Barnwell, Masa County, Col., gives thanks that he has been brought closer to God, and further says: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*—I have just finished my First Degree, and send my Report. I have worked the same to the best of my understanding. I feel that the working of this Degree has done more for me in the way of Health, Happiness and Prosperity than doctors ever could have done. I feel that the Lord is my Shepherd, that I shall not want. When I first began the study of this First Degree it was hard for me to concentrate my mind on any one thing, but by saying to my mind, 'Be quiet; fear not,' I have gained control over it so that I am more calm and peaceful, and full of Life, Health and Harmony. May the Love, Peace and Calm reach each one of this blessed Club, as it has me. I am yours in Brotherly Love." This is surely splendid evidence of what one, any one of us may accomplish through earnest study in but one Degree. It is well worth the effort.

Sister Anna Miller, 18 West Ninth street, Newport, Ky., writes: "*Mystic Success Club*, Dear Brothers—I inclose my report for the Fourth Degree. I am sorry it is the last one, as they were all so good, and helped and enlightened me so much. I never enjoyed life so much as I have since I joined *Our Success Club*. I feel so free and joyous and at one with all, and I have such a deep love for God and man and everything that I long to impart it to everyone I meet, for to live at one with all is a grand life. I now say that I feel deeply grateful to the Father for my life, and to the *Mystic Success Club* for the enlightenment I have received from its teachings. Ever since joining the Club I have felt that I have been surrounded and protected by unseen forces, and more so since having passed through the Fourth Degree. Often during the day, whether in silence or at work, there will come to me the grandest feeling. I don't know just how to express it, but I feel lifted up—out of myself. And with it come those beautiful words of Scripture: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth good will toward men.' And when I opened our Magazine for December I found the same words for our noonday prayer. I wish everybody could experience such joyous feelings. I feel more thankful and grateful every day to our Father for leading me to this Club and for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. May you continue to be blessed and prospered in your grand and glorious work."

Sister S. Annette Seabrook, Woodstock, Ontario, Canada, says: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*—Please find inclosed my Fourth Degree which has been finished for some time, but up to date it has been impossible for me to write. The work of the Degrees gave me great happiness, and I feel a courage, peace and strength which is extremely difficult for me to put into words to express the inner feelings of my mind. Troubles are mountains no more, rough roads of care smooth, crooked paths straight. Oh, happy day the dear MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES came to me! It was like unto my Heavenly Father giving me His loving hand and saying: 'Arise, my child, Love calls you.' Now I am free from worry, thanks to the blessed Club, and I have a confidence and faith to believe under all circumstances I am in the hands of love (God). I had always been looking for peace and rest, but found it not, until a kind hand gave me THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, which led me to become a member of *The Mystic Success Club*. For the help and the Love they have given me, may the Magazine and the Club reach every hungry soul starving for want of spiritual food, as in my own case, is the daily prayer of your sister in Love, Faith and Truth."

Sister Alice Dudley, Wallace, W. Va., speaks of the manifold benefits both she and her husband have enjoyed through the working out of Two Degrees. The letter reads: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*—I herein send you my Second Degree Record Blank, which I have finished filling out to-day. And it is

with a feeling of regret that I send it to you, for although it has been of untold benefit to both my husband and myself, yet we feel that we have not yet fathomed its depth. There is much in it that it would, I think, be impossible to get to the bottom in one short month. We will continue working on it until we hear from you again. I have been helped in everything I have undertaken, so much so, that I surely must have received help from unseen forces. If my work meets your approval I shall expect the Third Degree soon. But if you think I should work on in the Second Degree it will be all right with me, as the Light of Truth is what I desire, and I am willing to work for it a long time if needful. Many thanks to you for the privilege of belonging to *The Mystic Success Club*, and my love goes to all its members." It is always encouraging to receive an interesting joint testimony like this from husband and wife. Such cheerful words hearten and encourage others to go and do likewise.

Brother Samuel J. White, Lake Butler, Fla., is now beginning to realize the fulness and richness of life, and he believes he has found through the Club the secret of happiness. We quote but a part of the letter: "MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, Dear Mystics—I have done as requested with regard to the First Degree (Health) of *The Mystic Success Club*. I feel greatly benefited by this Degree, and feel ready for the Second Degree (Receptivity). With but few exceptions I have gradually improved in health; my voice is stronger, and the temptations which so easily beset me have been overcome, and I am stronger in other ways, and feel a Christ-life within me. My whole heart goes out in love to *The Mystic Success Club*. May the blessings of an All-wise Father be upon us, and may others receive the same blessings. It has opened the *Secret of Life* to me. I feel that I live for something, and I hope to receive the Second Degree immediately. With greetings and love to the Club, I am your faithful brother." This testimony is particularly interesting, coming as it does from a brother who is an Evangelist. So you can see, beloved, as God has helped him so He helps us as we put full faith in Him. "Behold God is my helper."—PSALM liv, 4.

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.

Forget 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.

Brother Adolph Peterson, Stockbridge, Wis., writes: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*—In filling and making out my Report I see that I have not done as well as I should have liked. My great desire is to be Better, and to do Better in all things. I have held to Thought Number Two more than to any of the others, as to me it holds almost all things to be desired. I hope that my Report will be accepted, and that I may look forward to receiving Degree Number Two. May the blessings of the Lord be with us, All-in-All."

Sister Sara F. Barnhardt, 152 West Twenty-fifth street, New York City, has this to say: "To *The Mystic Success Club*—My dear Mystics—I am more than delighted to be able to report to you such a marked improvement in my health since I joined the Club. When I decided to join your Club I was a wreck both physically and mentally. Now I am back to my work, and find it a pleasure, and I am perfectly happy. As there are many demands on my time at all hours I find I cannot set apart a certain hour every day for concentration, so I give whatever time comes to me. I am engaged in caring for the sick, and consequently my days are long. I have received much benefit from *The Mystic Success Club* in more ways than I have time to express. I hope to receive as much in the next Degree, if not more, but I am at present thoroughly pleased with the result. Inclosed please find report, and trust I am now eligible to begin the Second Degree."

Brother John S. Kinsely, 124 Newcom avenue, Dayton, O., writes: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*—I take pleasure in inclosing a record of my work in the Third Degree. I have been helped in seen and unseen ways, and I cannot say enough in praise of *The Mystic Success Club*. I have thought that I could not work out and get the results, but thank God the way has been opened up, and I am in every way a better man than I was. May God bless and prosper *Our Club* in my prayer."

Brother W. A. Music, Woodbine, W. Va., feels certain that if everybody took the course of the Club every living soul would be made happy. He writes this: "Dear Brothers and Sisters—I have finished my Second Degree, and am well pleased with the work. I am sure that I feel much improved in health, and take the world more calmly than formerly. Am not nervous. I am more successful in my undertakings. I feel kindly to everybody, and would not part with what I have learned for forty times the trouble of

getting the three subscribers. I am willing to do anything I can for *Our Magazine* in the way of getting subscribers. I think more of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES than any paper I ever saw. I want to help every person who needs help. Please send me the Third Degree."

TO MANY INQUIRERS: The *Mystic Success Club* is in no way connected with any so-called religion or with 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 Peter Farren, 407 West Seventeenth street, Anderson, Ind., gives this account of his hard manual labor which has been made easy for him since joining our grand organization. Here is part of the communication: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*—Inclosed you will find my Report of the Second Degree. I must say that I am much pleased with both Degrees, although I have not been able to give as good a Report as some of my Brothers, or as I would like to have done. This made me feel a little discouraged. Still I say they have been a great benefit to me, as I feel very hopeful and confident that what has been done for others through the blessed *Success Club* can be done for me. Since receiving the First Degree my health has improved wonderfully. My family all notice the change. I work hard at manual labor twelve hours a day, but it does not worry me now as it used to; this because I sleep well and enjoy my meals. Words cannot express my gratitude to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and *The Mystic Success Club* for the many benefits already received, not only Physically, but Mentally and Spiritually. I will continue to study my Second Degree until I hear from you again. I feel I cannot say too much in behalf of the Magazine, and will gladly use what little influence and time I have to introduce it among my friends. Wishing success to all Members of *Our Club* and the Magazine, I hope ever to remain a faithful worker in behalf of both." We rejoice with you that you are so far along on the road to Success and Happiness, and may *Our Club* be blessed with thousands of just such earnest and faithful workers as this brother has proven himself.

Sister Kate McDougal, 40 Church street, Berlin, Ontario, Canada, writes: "THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, Gentlemen—Please find inclosed my record sheet with my Fourth Degree worked out. This is a grand Degree, and I intend to help along the work by trying to get subscribers to *Our Magazine*. I should have sent in this report sooner, but I was obliged to be away from home, and so could not send it. I received a printed circular containing some Thoughts. They are simply beautiful. I have enjoyed working my Degree so much, and I hope that my report will be satisfactory to you. I can never thank you enough for all the help you have given me since joining *Our Club*. I would have been in despair many a time had it not been for your help and cheer. I will try and live the Degrees." Nobly spoken, Sister. You are certain to live the Degrees because you have expressed an earnest desire to do so. Love and help always come to such an aspiring soul.

Brother W. A. Magee, Varner, Mich., writes in the following happy vein: "Dear *Mystic Success Club*—I have sent in my Fourth Degree, and I feel thankful to God who led me to become a member of your Club. Four months ago I was so nervous I could not hold myself. I am a farmer. I am sixty-two years old. I had not had a good night's rest in thirty years until I became a member of your Club. Now I thank God I can sleep well and rest well. I fret and worry about nothing. God bless THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and the Club for what they have done for me. My health is as good now as it ever was in my life. My rheumatism has left me, and I have made up my mind that I am good for eighty years if I continue to improve as I have done in the last four months, and I know I will, with the help of God. May God bless you all."

The wonderful work of the *Mystic Success Club* grows. The hundreds that are being helped into the true and happy life only prove how many more can be helped. Send for our Success booklet.

Every six or eight weeks a special message is mailed to each member who has completed the work of the Four Degrees. We desire not only to keep in touch with our members, but give them fresh courage and inspiration as time goes on.

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

All those 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, that he may immediately give you SPECIAL TREATMENT, surrounding you with 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. IF YOU ARE SICK YOU WANT OUR HELP, AND WE ARE EQUALLY ANXIOUS TO HELP YOU. We wish everyone 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 always send GIVEN NAME FOR SELF AND OTHERS, instead of initials.

Please write your name very plainly.

Jesus taught us how to pray the prayer of faith when He gave us the affirmation, "FATHER, I THANK THEE THAT THOU HAST HEARD ME," even though He had not yet said to Lazarus, "LAZARUS, COME FORTH."

So, also, when you send your given name you are spoken to personally by that name AND RESPOND MORE QUICKLY.

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 and encourage the sick, please send in a few words that we may publish.

In writing, please inclose a two-cent stamp for reply. Address Mystic Adept No. 12, MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, 22 North William Street, N. Y. City.

"LET THERE BE LIGHT"

Be Still

By Mystic No. 12

Be still and know that I am God.—Psalm xxxvi, 10.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God.—Romans viii, 28.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.—II Corin. iv, 17.

The teachings of to-day are all for action—ceaseless activity.

So the words, "Be still" come to us as oil upon the troubled waters, to calm our hearts and minds.

We need daily spiritual food as well as food for our material bodies.

Jesus said, It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Be still. Be calm. *The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice.*—Psalm xcvi, 1.

You all know how the coral insects build little by little the Coral Islands.

Yet how few realize how much of health and happiness is built by the right thought.

When you know how to think right you can begin to change dis-ease to ease of mind; and ease of body must follow as day follows the night.

Always remember that God is your Father. As a child of God you inherit all of God's nature. It is hidden away and only waits for your recognition.

Speak the truth that shall dissolve the false claim of separation from God. When you realize your oneness with God your Father, you realize, you know, that all of God's nature is your nature flowing through you—you never think of God as being sick. No, you always think of God as eternal life. Therefore when your understanding brings you to a realization of your oneness with God your Father, it brings you into a realization of oneness with Eternal Life—also eternal Power, Wisdom, Truth and Love.

Be still and know God.

Ralph Waldo Trine says: "In order for the highest wisdom and insight we must have absolute confidence in the Divine guiding us, but not through the channel of someone else. And why should we go to another for knowledge and wisdom? With God is no respect of persons. Why should we seek these things second hand? Why should we thus stultify our own innate powers? Why should we not go direct to the Infinite Source itself?"

"When we thus go directly to the Infinite Source itself we are no longer slaves to personalities, institutions or books. We should always keep ourselves open to suggestions of truth from these agencies. We should always regard them as agencies, how-

ever, and never as sources. We should never recognize them as masters, but simply as teachers. With Browning, we must recognize the great fact that—

"Truth is within ourselves, it takes no rise
From outward things, whate'er you may believe
There is an inmost centre in us all,
Where truth abides in fulness."

I have had letters of wrath written again and again, telling over and over the story of a wrong done many years ago. Thus the person was doing himself daily and hourly, yea, all his lifetime, a far greater injury than the terrible wrong done him so many years ago.

Again Ralph Waldo Trine says:

"There is a deep scientific fact underlying the great truth, 'He that takes the sword shall perish by the sword.' The moment we come into a realization of the subtle powers of the thought forces, we can quickly see that the moment we entertain any thoughts of hatred toward another, he gets the effects of these diabolical forces that go out from us and has the same thoughts of hatred aroused in him, which in turn return to the sender. Then when we understand the effects of the passion, hatred or anger, even upon the physical body, we can see how detrimental, how expensive this is. The same is true in regard to all kindred thoughts or passions, envy, criticism, jealousy, scorn. In the ultimate we shall find that in entertaining feelings of this nature toward another, we shall suffer far more than the one toward whom we entertain them.

"When we fully realize the great fact of the oneness of all life—that all are partakers from this one Infinite Source, and so that the same life is the life in each individual, then prejudices go and hatreds cease. Love grows and reigns supreme. Then wherever we go, whenever we come in contact with the fellow-man, we are able to recognize the God within. We thus look only for the good and we find it. It always pays."

Dyspepsia

STOP THINKING

"It is by the doing of two things exactly counteractive of each other, eating and thinking, or, thinking and eating, that men sway themselves wrongward, to the breaking down of their powers prematurely, so that their cheeks are full of crow-tracks, and their hair as white as swan's down by the time they reach the summit-level of life. From that splendid altitude which God would have them occupy for years, looking back on their pasts as a glory, and their future as a hope, they make rapid descents till they fade from sight in the shadows of the grave,

and their names and their deeds pass from the memories of men.

"Another advantage is, that it adds greatly to the power of *thinkers* to stop thinking. Most men consider such power as a gift, but it is not so. It is a condition, and the reason why few have it, is because only few are temperate enough to have it. Once wound up to thought they become riotous, thinking vaguely and unprofitably, because they have no power to cease to think. When the body and mind are in true conjunction, thought like muscular action comes and goes by effort of the will, and I confess I scarcely know which of the two to prize most, the power to think or to cease to think at will."

Water

"To elaborate the value of the Hygienic treatment in Dyspepsia, the water used must be soft and pure, else the administrator is likely to fail in cases when with soft water he would succeed. On no single point is there need of enlightenment more than on this, of the superior qualities of soft over hard water as an agent in the treatment of disease. So earnest is our conviction on this point that we cannot overrate it. It is the turning-point of this reformation. As the public estimates it, so will this reform live or die, and ten years hence living and decayed establishments will be marked by this line. Why, who can cure scrofula, or diseased kidneys, or irritation of bladder, or mucous dyspepsia, or many other diseases, by hard water? It destroys the soft velvet texture of the skin, leaving it rough and dry, causing it to put on a dry, scaly appearance, and in many instances making it to crack. Persons in use of it as a daily drink, unmingled with anything, are marked over whole districts of country by habitual constipation, by dry, flaccid skin, by shriveled muscle, and are therefore from a sort of instinct led to avoid its use, unless modified by articles of some kind—milk, sugar, tea, coffee or alcoholic mixtures. We have known persons taking water treatment for constipation, when physicians have utterly failed to relieve it by any hydropathical appliances, and have been compelled to move the bowels by medicine, immediately relieved of it entirely upon the use of pure, soft water as a drink. But this is only half its value. Its power as a solvent, as well as a tonic, its genial and invigorating action on free mucous surfaces, thus indirectly affecting the health of all the senses, whose niceties of action depend on the health of the mucous tissue, are evidences of its value as an agent in the restoration of health.

"Hard water is less a perfect solvent of organic matter than soft water, hence for culinary purposes is greatly inferior, and for the same reason is improper as a drink for Dyspeptics. Moreover, it proves injurious in urinary deposits.

"A satisfactory and unequivocal proof of the injurious action of hard water on the intestinal structures of human beings is furnished in the fact, that those who are habituated to the use of soft water as a drink almost invariably in passing into territories the waters of which are hard, on drinking it have severe *diarrhea*. And this intestinal irritation is not infrequently seen in persons who, not drinking the water, only bathe in it.

"If the inquiry is raised, By what means soft water is to be procured in regions where running water is hard? I reply, Take pains to build cisterns, catch rain water, and filter it. A filter which will cost the price of the tea, tobacco and coffee used in a common family annually, would cleanse all the rain water needful for cooking, drinking and bathing purposes."

Our Experience Circle

Praise

Dear Mystic No. 12—Before I received your letter containing printed matter I knew that you had commenced my treatments, for there was such a marked improvement in my condition, and I had not taken a drop of medicine. And when you wrote that my treatments began on the 9th I counted back and found that it was upon that morning I awoke free from pain in my head, which had not occurred before for weeks. I never felt better in my life, and cannot be thankful enough to my Heavenly Father for curing me through you, His instrument. I inclose one dollar for one month's treatment for my daughter.

Yours sincerely,

O. H.

Thanksgiving

Dear and Beloved Mystic—I want to thank you for the treatment you have given me for the last three months. I feel so strong and well now, and will try to keep so, will try to live according to your teachings. God bless all the Holy Mystics.

Very gratefully,

M. G.

I Am Trying to Help Myself

My Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's Vibrations. I am feeling better and stronger every day, and I am trying to help myself.

Yours in love,

J. P.

Very Much Better

Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed please find one dollar for one month's treatment from Feb. 9. I am very much better.

Very truly,

N. J.

May God's Blessing Be With Us All

Mystic No. 12—Inclosed find one dollar for another month's treatment. I have been greatly benefited by your good work. May the blessing of God be with us all.
Yours respectfully,
Miss C.

I Am Free From Blues

Mystic No. 12, Dear Sir—Inclosed find one dollar for another month's treatment. I am getting along nicely, have broken the habit of chewing tobacco, not having used any this year, and am getting control over the beer drinking habit. I have not felt so contented for years. I am free from blues, to which I have been subject all my life.
Respectfully yours,
A. F.

You Have Certainly Helped Us Both

Dear Mystic No. 12—I desire to notify you that I have moved, so please send the healing Vibrations for myself and wife to my new address. I thank God and the blessed Mystics for the help we have received from you. You have certainly helped us both far beyond anything we ever expected.
Yours in brotherly love,
L. F.

Things Look Brighter

Dear Mystic No. 12—Please to continue the treatments for one more month. I herewith inclose you one dollar for same. I am not so nervous as when I wrote you last, and may say that things look brighter in many ways, and I hope soon to realize that "peace which passeth all understanding." I must have harmony in order to have health. Please to let me know if you receive this, and oblige,
Yours truly,
Mrs. G.

I Am Coming Into the Light

Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's treatment. I am feeling much better, and I am improving all the time. My nervous spells are leaving me, and my deafness has improved also. I am coming into the light, for which I am very thankful to God and the blessed Mystics. I am trusting in the Lord for everything. Thanking you for your kindness, with love and prayers for you and all members,
Ever your loving sister,
Miss S.

I Wish to Continue Until I Am Well

Dear Mystic No. 12—Please find inclosed ten dollars (\$10), as I wish to continue in your Vibrations until I am well. I know health will be manifested sooner or later. Many thanks for your printed messages; they help me very much.
Yours very gratefully,
Mrs. S.

Continuity

Dear Mystic No. 12—I wrote to you last summer, and took one month's treatment, and was greatly benefited, and I inclose two dollars for two months' treatment. I read the Magazine daily, and feel that I am being daily uplifted, but I am not yet spiritually strong enough to help myself. Hoping to hear from you very soon,
Sincerely,
A. S.

Like Anybody Else

Mystic No. 12—It is almost inconceivable the help I am receiving from your treatment, together with the help I now receive from being a member of your Club. Physically, I am greatly improved. My heart is more quiet, and I found myself yesterday going upstairs like anybody else. I am in my seventy-second year, and for fifteen years have been the prey of those mighty universal forces. My greatest defense has been to use the name of "Jesus Christ," and I have passed through many troublesome times in the other realm, but I have never been able to realize before that "I am" that power, and that I must claim it to use it. God bless you all.
E. C.

More Than One Thousand Per Cent. Better

Mystic No. 12, Brother in Love—I wish to say that I am so thankful to God on high for the great improvement of my health since I sent to you for your Vibrations. I feel more than 1,000 per cent. better. It is such a blessing that I can go about my work and affairs and not have that throbbing at my heart that I could not fully describe. When I feel any effect of it now it is in a very light form. My courage has been renewed, and I hope and trust that I will get well of this trouble. I told my wife long ago that I believed there was some chance for me, but did not think the medical doctors would be able to do anything for me. I believed it would be through the prayer of faith or some unseen force. The prayers of a righteous man availeth much. Many thanks to you and THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES; it contains many blessed inspiring words that cheer our souls. Please find inclosed one dollar for another month's Vibrations. Please remember my wife and me in your Vibrations.
A brother and sister in love,
MR. AND MRS. M.

I Am Finding the Way to Help Myself

Mystic Adept No. 12, Dear Brother—I write to you in love. I feel much better in mind and body. I feel your Vibrations daily. I am finding the way to help myself and to be made one with God and this whole universe by Universal Love. Praise be to the Father of all. May God bless you in all your work. I am going to be a God man, God formed within. I love THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES; it is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, shining out to my fellow-man. All praise and glory be to Him.
Your brother in love,
M. B.

It Has Worked Wonders

Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's Vibrations. I have now been under your treatment three months, and it has worked wonders.
Yours in holy love,
J. P.

Best Winter for Eight Years

Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's treatment. I almost feel as if I cannot do without your help and Vibrations, for I am so much better now than I was when I first started to take them. This has been the best winter that I have had for eight years, and you cannot imagine, dear Mystic, how thankful and grateful I feel to God and you for such help, and I thank God every night and also bless the Mystic Adepts for such changes in my health. With love and best wishes to all Mystic workers, I am as ever,
Faithfully yours,
M. C.

My Heart Goes Out In Love to the Great World

Mystic No. 12, Dear Sir—I now take the pleasure of writing you to tell you that I am nearly well. Your messages have been a blessing to me; I have enjoyed them so much. My heart goes out in love to the great world as I receive the light they give. My love goes to God, whose instrument you are. I expect to join the Success Club as soon as I am dismissed from your Circle. Inclosed find one dollar. I will close now. Hoping to hear from you soon. I remain,
Sincerely yours,
Mrs. K.

Shall Soon Dare To Be a Daniel

Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's perfect bliss. I am gaining in every way, and soon shall "dare to be a Daniel," for I have more confidence in myself. With best wishes for success, I am,
Most gratefully yours,
Mrs. L.

Peace of Mind

Dear Mystic No. 12—Please find inclosed one dollar for another month's treatment. We are slowly gaining in health. Oh, I cannot tell you how much we have gained in peace of mind and in being content with our lot since I joined the Mystic Success Club. I am not sorry I took the last dollar I had to join it. It teaches and helps people how to help themselves and how to make a companion of God, the Father and Friend, who knows us better than we know ourselves. THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES I always keep at hand, so that when I have a few moments of leisure I may read it. I turn to it with joy, for it is always new and inspiring. I pray God every day to strengthen all the dear leaders and friends of this great and good work. I try to interest all I can in the Magazine. I hope to get two to take it soon. I cannot express how it helps me to feel there are so many dear ones helping us all the time. One cannot be despondent long with such companions and friends. Will close asking God's blessing on every member.
Lovingly,
F. P.

Another Month's Treatment

Mystic No. 12—I inclose one dollar for another month's treatment. I have slowly improved during this month.
Respectfully,
J. E.

It Seems to Me Miraculous

Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother—Please find inclosed one dollar for another month's Vibrations. I find myself so much better, it seems to me miraculous. The doctor told me about two months ago I had symptoms of Bright's disease. I consulted him again last week, and he told me there was a wonderful change. I feel better both spiritually and physically, and I attribute it all to your wonderful Vibrations. I am doing all I can to help bring about good results. The harmony in my home since consulting you is improving wonderfully.
Yours in love,
E. M.

Helping Others

Dear Mystic No. 12—Please find inclosed two dollars for two months' treatment for my husband and myself. We are both very well. My husband is cured of the heartburn. We both have eye and ear trouble, and would like your Vibrations for two months longer. I also inclose three dollars for three months' treatment for C. Mr. C. has had very poor health for several years. They live on a farm, and have a very hard time to get along, so I wish to help them in this way. I subscribed for THE NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES for them. Yours sincerely,
H. AND J.

Wonderful Improvement

Dear Mystic No. 12—I wrote you last month for health treatment for B. R., and again I write to tell you of her wonderful improvement. There came such a change the third day after I wrote, and there has been a steady improvement ever since. Now she is up, and able to walk about the house. The nurse thinks there will be no need of treatment after the month is up, and if there should be I will write you. I am planning to have treatment for myself, and will write you again very soon.
Yours very gratefully
Mrs. B.

HEALTH FOR THE CHILDREN

WE WANT EVERY PARENT TO REALIZE WHAT WE ARE DOING FOR THE CHILDREN. TO THOSE WHO HAVE A CHILD SUFFERING WITH DISEASE OF ANY KIND, MORAL OR PHYSICAL, we say: DO NOT DELAY, BUT WRITE AT ONCE, GIVING FULL NAME, AGE AND ALL PARTICULARS.

YOUR PROMPT ACTION NOW MAY MEAN A WHOLE LIFETIME OF JOYOUS HEALTH AND USEFULNESS TO YOUR CHILD. LET EVERY CHILD HAVE HEALTH. AN EARNEST, GREAT-HEARTED WOMAN OF LONG EXPERIENCE, WHO IS KNOWN AS MYSTIC MOTHER, IS ASSISTING US IN THIS WORK.

PUT YOUR CHILD IN HER CARE. DO NOT BE AFRAID TO SEND TESTIMONIALS. WE WILL ONLY PRINT YOUR INITIALS. For further directions, write, inclosing \$1.00 for ONE MONTH'S TRIAL TREATMENT, to MYSTIC MOTHER, 22 North William Street, New York City, care of New York Magazine of Mysteries.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MOTHERS

Dear Mothers:

So many letters of loving appreciation and encouragement bring you all very close to me. To hear that Gladys is out of danger when she was so near the other shore brings tears of joy to my eyes. To hear that Louis is able to go out of doors again when he had been too feeble to walk delights my heart. To know that Albert is taking hold in earnest in learning his trade gives me great gratification. I am greatly encouraged about Lawrence, for I know that JUST AS SOON as he understands HOW to pull up these weeds in his disposition and conduct, he will take hold to help HIMSELF. He is going to learn the good words so he can say them every time he feels naughty. And haven't I REASON to feel hopeful when his mother writes, "We all notice how much Lawrence has improved. He is really trying to learn not to kick and bite."

Wouldn't it delight YOUR hearts, as it does mine, to get such a letter as this one that came a few days ago from little Dorothy, aged eight? She says: "DEAR MYSTIC MOTHER—Please tell me just how to be good. I don't mean to grow restless and whisper in school, and I don't mean to make the other children laugh, and I never mean to be really naughty, but I am sometimes. Let me know how to be different.—Dorothy G." Bless her heart! What a pleasure it is to write back to her that ONE way to be different is to say over on her fingers, "I want to be good every minute, and I CAN be good because I am God's good child." By the time she has said it ten times she won't want to whisper.

You will see by all this just how great is my privilege, for I love these children and I shall be so glad to hear from every mother some word of courage and helpfulness. This is a Great Work and it is Our Opportunity. I give below a few of the many testimonials that have come since last month.

MYSTIC MOTHER.

GLADYS GROWS STRONGER DAY BY DAY

DEAR MYSTIC MOTHER:
Your sweet letter received with pleasure. Dear little Gladys is making rapid progress. She grows stronger day by day. There seems to be a weakness of the vocal cords, but I think that will soon be overcome. I have not been out a great deal, but will try to do better in the future. I feel that I can do anything now that "God in His infinite love and mercy" has spared her to me.
A. B.

LOUIS IS IMPROVED

DEAR MYSTIC MOTHER:
I thought I would write and let you know how much my Louis has improved. He began to get better from the time we got word from you, and he is now able to go out of doors. Find inclosed dollar for another month's treatment.
M. H., St. Louis.

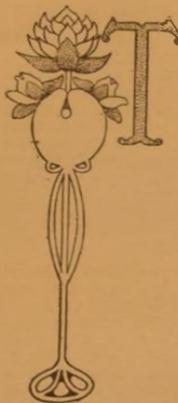
Here is one from a mother whose son almost broke her heart by going with companions whom he was ashamed to recognize when in the company of his people or his schoolmates. She says:

MAY GOD BLESS AND PROSPER YOU

DEAR MYSTIC MOTHER:
May God bless and prosper you in your great work. At last I am able to tell you that we believe Charles is now cured of wanting to go with evil companions. He stays home nights. His clothes no longer smell of the pipe which was always in his pocket. He tries to keep up in his lessons, and he treats us with respect as he used to. Do not think we want you to stop treating him because we tell you of the great change in him. Keep on, Mystic Mother. We want him to begin now to build a strong character.
AMELIA E.

When you wake in the morning count your blessings, see whatever is beautiful around you, and go forth to your duty like an eager child, happy because something is expected of you. See what tonic this is.

EASTER



TWO tall white lilies on an altar fair,
A breath of balmy freshness in the air,
Glad peals of Easter anthems ringing loud,
A dawn of golden glory without cloud;
All emblems of a resurrection morn.
A hope of future skies, undimmed by storm,
And longings for a life all free from sin—
True life, above this earthly care and din.
Not in some future land, beyond the skies,
But here, and now, let's see the Christ arise.
From out the rock-bound tomb of human hearts
He may arise, live, move and have a part,
Through you and me, and all souls, great and small;
In blessing, healing, teaching, one and all,
The path to heaven (harmony within),
And earth an Eden bloom; without its sin.

Harriet S. Bogardus.

SOME WORDS TO THE DISCOURAGED

By Lida Hood Talbot

Written especially for
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THE tools of character development are the things that conspire against it; which head off the fulfilment of the fine plan; which hedge it about with a tangle of undesirable environment and prevent the happy culmination of the strenuous effort.

Everyone has felt the foil and hurt of his highest hope and the defeat of his best laid plan; has seen the future of a noble purpose come to naught and withdrawn himself, wounded and beaten, from the field.

What does it all mean—all these misfitting conditions, this frustration of heroic endeavor?

It means the discipline which is incident to any growth; the training by which nature opens the internal resources and presents the finer aspects of their existence. It means that man does not know himself, for the simple breathing of life and the pursuits common to his animal intelligence. It means that through the machinery of her methods Nature introduces him to himself through his experiences and arouses his best impulses through his defeats.

Experience is the founder of understanding; in no other way under heaven may the intelligence which links a man to the source of power be awakened.

"Every property of matter is a school for the understanding," says Emerson, "in the contact of which the training is received through the waylaid plan and the destruction of many earnest efforts. It is a long, tedious grinding of the wheels of discipline, but through it we come to know that the axis of human intelligence is not yet coincident with the axis of Nature.

"Hard pressed, we declare 'injustice' and flunk in our tracks, but Nature knows no rebellion; she surmounts, grows down and under, goes around and shows herself up on the other side, serene and victorious. She has met with many obstacles on her way, but these have only served to strengthen her growths; and stopping only long enough to beautify the obstructions, hurries on to fulfil her errands of growth with exactness and fidelity to its law."

The augury of victory is an intrepid spirit, a serene courage that meets the fates undauntedly, indifferent to the menaces of the future. A soul that feels equal to the emergency of any necessity never gets out of proportion to the present development of its capacity; it has a native power of measurement which gauges its ability to perform any work that presents itself.

Mental and spiritual force lies in feeling that everything is all right, in feeling good-natured with discouraging events and environments, and living in the faith that that which happens has a natural right to happen. The sooner all mankind finds out that only the good can happen, the finer will be the future civilization.

It is not an easy thing to talk to a discouraged man unless you are going to agree with him. To tell him in the midst of his disaster that it is a good thing for him, and that it will develop his intelligence, is much like the proverbial red rag and the irate bull. For every man believes he has done all that he could do to make his life successful;

that he has acted up to his highest light—and he has, to the light of his development at the time—but in spite of all he could do, he has been switched off into undesirable environments, and so he feels discouraged and resentful.

"In God," says Emerson, "every end is converted into a new means."

So with Nature and the actions of men: each thing and act is linked to something which lies beyond it; something which is absolutely necessary for the general motion of the whole sphere of life.

Were we to keep this fact in mind, I think it would strengthen the spirit and arouse the intelligence to a perception of the law that would give a greater sense of peace than anything else. It would lift the view and induce a feeling of partnership in the workings of God and Nature.

Instead of feeling abused and as though nothing is worth while, and that there is no righteous reward for all our pains and sufferings, we would feel in conjunction with the very forces of Divinity itself!

A man's vitality has run very low when he allows his heart to sink beneath any blow of misfortune; he should know that every time he strikes sail to a fear and capitulates to a doubt he becomes diseased with regret and dissatisfaction; his mental and physical and psychical forces are depleted and his intelligence is blinded.

The day is open, nothing is caged, and there are no favorites in the field of the Universe; and there is an infinity of to-morrows, which hold fast the unguessed and the unsolved, toward which all this unrequited effort is leading and with which it is divinely connected. What do we mortals get out of all this suffering?

Why, more intelligence, broader views, higher aims, less selfish judgments and keener perceptions for handling the affairs of our future!

To get out of temper and to lose heart with one's contrary conditions is to set unknown forces working against us and to hasten the day of our judgment that, while it is good for us, will open the wrath of the Law upon us. It is pretty much as we look at a thing that makes it good or bad.

As for failure, I am sure there is no such thing in the whole divine Universe; everything works together for good.

I knew a man who died the most marvelous death; he seemed to conquer it, so divine was his wonderful mastery of its every appearance, so transcendent his joy. He was not what many would have called religious, yet such was his illumination of what is right, of what is just, of what is kind, of what is loving, that when God's bell rang he, without any sickness or weakness, joyously laid off the mantle of this life, and—as though he were going on a pleasant journey, toward which he was looking with the highest anticipations of happiness—waved his hand and smiled his way out into a glorious haven. We knew it was glorious, for the Light of a great effulgence adorned him as he, with level, smiling, loving eyes, was lifted out of this shadow world. He left nothing but the memory of his glorious manhood; earthly accumulations had all fled and he was very poor—so poor that the family from which he sprang value him and his memory as a failure, because he left no money wherewith to garnish his name. "He had no business judgment," was their verdict.

He did not need it; he had started God-ward and was "booked for Paradise." He stood for the love of his kind; for the judgment, power and love of God; had loaned himself to God, and was paid in full. His splendid character was his wealth, his destiny.

His was a knightly soul! He was not of the kind who idolize money.

Such characters as this furnish the world with new standards of excellence, that increase our respect for the resources of God, "who thus sends a real person to out-go our ideals."

It is a good thing to think that all the events of our lives are natural and incidental to the eternal voyage of an immortal Voyager; and that whatever it is that is discouraging is for some special development, some special deliverance, for some better outlook, some new way; for, above all reasons, some further knowledge that could not be found in any other way.

To face resolutely that which has knocked us down keeps the blood circulating and feeding the brain, keeps the faculties alert, and the soul alive and conscious to meet the exigency. All of which quickens the natural resources and puts the mind to working out the means to keep afloat.

Supposing you "live to do things you never did before"? What of it? You have been pushed into your present environment in spite of your best effort. Do you not know that you could not have reached it without the action of other forces outside of yourself? Accept the situation and find your conditions changing. Nature is the ally of Man. Her elements shape themselves according to his intelligent will.

Seek to do that which you are compelled to do, pleasantly, good-humoredly, perfectly and with great persistence as well as respect for it, and try to do it better than it has ever been done by anybody before, and it will, through the suffering of your effort, prove to you that the very best thing happened to you that could have happened.

Self-pity is the tap-root of sorrow and discontent. It makes it impossible to get keyed up to any effort, mentally or physically; one's strings hang loose; not a vibration can be induced for resuscitation; just guttural growls of discouragement that drive everything and everybody from you.

One of the favorite thoughts which the discouraged carry around with them is, I wonder what I have ever done that I am so afflicted, etc.

Why, you have done it all; you have manufactured your incidents yourself. We put up every mile-post, and the finger thereon points the way to our residence. Our joys and sorrows are closely related to us. We are victors through our own outlooks, and victims to our own misconceptions.

Every soul should be allowed to live its own life, to serve the line of its best information and deepest conviction. Conviction comes from responsibilities, from being early forced to solve one's own problems and form one's own conclusions. The man who usually climbs to the top of the ladder of success is developed from the boy who had to hustle for himself and depend solely upon his own judgment very early in his life. He had no "hacking" at him by any over-solicitude. It is discouragingly hard, and seems almost cruel, the discipline of self-sacrifice, but it develops manliness and self-reliance and unselfishness. The have-to case is the one that performs the miracle of self-deliverance; it doesn't have time to get discouraged when failure slaps it in the face or trips the well-laid plan. Necessity is the angel of salvation, and the prophet of character.

A Whistling Note

I heard on high a bird note in the air,
Piercing the morning gray and silent
heaven:
No tune, nor melody, but just what's
given
To happy birds, that we their joy may share—
A whistling note!

I looked, but spied no bird; but, perched aloft,
Well up on church's deep-pitched roof, a
workman stood,
Calm nerved, well balanced, on the
slippery wood:
His work and courage poised—ran clear and soft
His whistling note!

Thought I, when peril ways our footsteps fright,
If thus our faith would but divinely soar,
Of hope and courage we should find a store;
And all take heart, who hear from up the height,
Our whistling note!

LOUISA A'HMUTY NASH.

A man cannot do good or evil to others without doing good or evil to himself.

Dark is the world to thee; thyself art the reason why,
For is He not all but that which has power to feel
"I am I"?

—Tennyson.

FOR THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD

Thought to be held at 12 M.

"Let the field be joyful and all that is therein; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice."—Ps. xcvi, 12.

Thought to be held at 9 P.M.

"Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces."—Ps. cxxii, 7.

LOOK out! See the tender grass springing forth, the buds unfolding, everything stirring with new life. What rich promise! What inspiring beauty! Shall you also not be as a "fruitful field"? Shall you not yield richly and bring forth a fair harvest of good deeds? Then enter into the spirit of this Easter lesson. Say with all heartiness, **LET MY FIELD, MY HUMAN NATURE, BE JOYFUL, AND ALL THAT IS THEREIN. THEN SHALL THE TREES (the fruitful acts) REJOICE.**

Why not? When you do some thing, be it a duty or a kindly service, will it not bear the fruits of joy if it is performed in a joyful spirit? Be joyful, be filled with the spirit of praise. Let every thought sing with joy, let every word ring with it, let every act show forth its rhythm. If you do or do not know how to cultivate joy, say this text. Sing it, whisper it, live it. Every one of these beautiful noontimes of this Easter Month, be sure to repeat for a few moments, if no more, this text of joy. Let the grass and the flowers, and all the springtime seeds, spring up and rejoice in tune with your joyful heart.

Then with the tender fragrance of these starlit nights in your nostrils, for ten minutes before you lie down upon your bed, say to your heart, **PEACE BE WITHIN THY WALLS AND PROSPERITY WITHIN THY PALACES.**

So will you, like the eager fields, prepare for a goodly harvest.

No. 7.

The Inner Flowing Life

THE state of self-forgetfulness is often the condition of a great blessedness. Absorbed in the work of the hour, both the evil and the good which belong to us must be forgotten. Thus may we let the Infinite Love flow through us and use us as a messenger, for the Overruling Goodness holds the mantle of His Protection about us, it is in the life of the all-embosoming air. Forget self. Taint not the work with self-seeking. Seek not to be glorified. God will bless you in His own time and in His own way.

Breathe freely and contented in the Light, Life, Love and Goodness of the All Merciful One. Woo this habit of mind. If you have it not win it by seeking along the Inner pathway of Light. Let us fancy ourselves on the seashore on a fine summer day, in the right mood; and the "Eternal Beauty shines upon us from every object, steals in through every sense. The whole world seems alive—the sky with stars, the earth with flowers and verdure and fruits, the ocean with waves, the woods with insects, flying and creeping things of every form and hue, the very rocks with lichens and crawling plants. The pulses of nature are audibly throbbing. We can almost hear the flow of this all-pervading life, and see the trailing garments of the perpetual Creator and Re-creator as he passes from atom to atom. We feel rather than think. It is borne in upon us with an overwhelming persuasion that God is present in all things, living and breathing in all, painting the lily, giving fragrance to the rose, sparkling in the dewdrop, breathing in the wind—not an individual, but an energy, a flowing life." The unreflecting mind hastily declares that all is God, and just here is the easy error of unspiritual Pantheism; for God is not the sum of things, but the inner life of all things.

Let your mind go out daily, and watch how kind and loving God is, even to the vilest. Behold how the wicked flourish and how the unbeliever is often blessed. Let the sinners alone, lest they err in ignorance rather than in malice. Hate none, not even the wicked. Allow neither hate nor fear to abide with you. Bear patiently with the evil but do not indulge them. Love without fear. Be stern and unyielding for the Right, for surely God is thy Defender, and when thy course is run thou shalt have peace. *J. P. Cooke.*

The Cup of Water

By William Brunton

THE cup of water given to the poor—
To quench his thirst in common need,
Christ said—shall live for evermore;
Such is the worth of kindly deed!

All the events of life are necessary to a higher development. The common task is a round by which we climb to glorious achievement. The ladder which leads us to perfection is made up of small events and small victories. In the economy of life nothing is useless, and nothing is wasted. Everything in its place is the best thing for that place. Life is a law, not an accident.—*A. J. C. Norris.*

A Prayer

OH, Unmanifested One, to Thee we come, Centre of all consciousness and life and light and wisdom, we come as little children, our Father, to Thee. Grant that the radiance of Thy face may illumine our lives, that the glory of Thy love may humble us into children of righteousness. Oh, most Holy One, manifest Thyself in our every thought and deed. Bathe our souls in the ocean of Thy Unity. Breathe upon us the breath of Thy inspiration that we may rise to higher planes of consciousness. Teach us by our experiences that only Thou art eternal and everlasting. Teach us to find within our own centre a manifestation of Thy divine peace and love and wisdom. Help us to find Thee manifested in each other—help us to know Thy face in sorrow and pain. And when the way is dark and we are weary, may our weariness drive us to Thee. Amen.

Be Joyous

Be joyous while it yet is day,
While morning holds her tints of dawn,
For glow and gladness fade away
And soon the dew of youth is gone;
So sing a merry roundelay
And dance to music light and gay,
Dance on, sing on and on.

Be happy while the day is young
And golden glories tint the skies;
Go wander where on breezes flung
The rose displays her crimson dyes;
Go touch the lyre by fairies stung
And sing the joyful birds among,
Sing on ere morning flies.

Be songful with the lark that springs
And warbles in the blue abyss,
With dew of nightfall on his wings
And song far sweeter than a kiss;
Go dance in bloom-hung fairy rings
And sing with every bird that sings
Dance on, sing on in bliss.

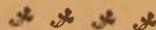
Be joyous while the heart is light
With all the lightness of the dawn,
While spring has snowed the fields with white
Before the blush of youth is gone;
The years are swift to take their flight
And youth is morning, age is night—
Dance on, sing on and on.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

BE CHEERFUL. No matter what comes, be cheerful. The great soul has a great vision and sees beyond obstacles and trifles. You will be great when you see with the great vision.



What of That?



Tired! Well, what of that?
Didst fancy life was spent on beds
of ease,
Fluttering the rose leaves scattered
by the breeze?
Come, rouse thee! work while it is
called to-day!
Coward, arise! go forth upon thy
way!

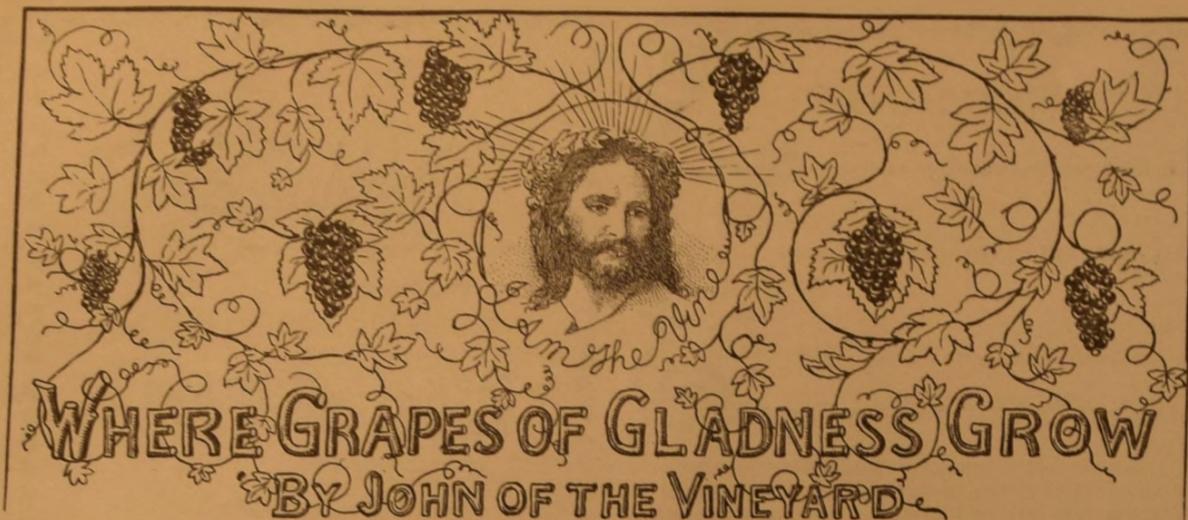
Lonely! And what of that?
Some must be lonely! 'tis not given
to all
To feel a heart responsive rise and
fall,
To blend another life into his own.
Work may be done in loneliness.
Work on!

Dark! Well, and what of that?
Didst fondly dream the sun would
never set?
Dost fear to lose thy way? Take
courage yet!
Learn thou to walk by faith and not
by sight,
Thy steps will guided be, and guided
right.

Hard! Well, and what of that?
Didst fancy life one summer holiday,
With lessons none to learn, and
naught but play?
Go, get thee to thy task! Conquer
or die!
It must be learned! Learn it then
patiently.

No Help! Nay, it's not so!
Though human help be far, thy God
is nigh,
Who feeds the ravens, hears His
children's cry.
He's near thee, wheresoe'er thy foot-
steps roam,
And He will guide thee, light thee,
help thee Home.





DEATH is His word of life God speaks in us.

This is the truth the vineyard tells me by its passage through death into life. As a seed it died that it might live in vines. But for the burial and death of the seed in the soil, it abode alone, not so much in life as in a possibility of life. By death came the resurrection. It knew no death but simply transition. In its death life knew no denial. To the aspiring life God uttered no blighting Nay: He was in the experience of death whispering one of His sweet and powerful yeas. It was a poet's yea which outrhymed in the vine and sang its purple songs in the grape. Through all the changes by which this song of life is sung to the autumn winds, joy glowed in the heart of God the Creator, joy by which He loves to set His beautiful thoughts in the ways of the grape. No death, nor grief, no heart-break, simply love at its joy's willing fullness of life. It is all resurrection and life, the happy lips of the vines say. Through darkness to light. Through death to life. This is the way that God fulfils Himself in vines.

And this is the grace by which God fulfils Himself in many ways. By this way He came forth into the wild rose there sweetening the hillside. Through death into fuller life it came. Through the colorless black it came into this gentle pink which the wild bees love. And the oak there, thewed with a strength defying storms, came the dark way, the death way, into the splendid life it is living now crowning its summer days with the sunshine. And the bird there, the thrush hymning the dawn from the oak's topmost bough, came the dark way, the death way. In the egg, darkness; under the mother's gentle breast, darkness, a shattered egg shaming into dust. O vision of narrowness, thou sayest not true. Life was being glorified into song. The way was a way of life, a way of beauty, a way of joy. Listen to the glory of that way in yonder enchanting song!

And, butterfly among my vines, what truth are you winging for my eyes sometimes wet with tears when death seems the master of life? Once a worm, creeping upon the earth, enshrouded from any more journeyings, leaving a body once full of life to turn into lifeless dust. But now winged, beautifying the winds, enrapturing honey from the flowers, is it the same life that crawled on the earth and died? The same! Through darkness into the light, through death into life, through loss into gain, the butterfly wings the story of resurrection and of life.

And this dragon-fly like a gleaming jewel on my leaves. It also came to its wings by the way of death. Out of the darkness these wings like the mists of sunbeams were woven, the darkness meaning this because light is its master, the death meaning this because life is its master.

And so all the trees murmuring their psalms and swinging their censers of blossom, say unto me, Death is His word of life God speaks in us. Every flower banqueting with bees is a banner of life's victory over death. It paints the summer with the truth. "Death is His word of life God speaks in us." And the butterfly on sinless wings beautifies the air with the truth, Death is His word of life God says in us. And the thrush in the shadowing twilight at its vesper hymn sings the worshiping triumph, death is His word of life God says in us.

Life everywhere is at change and fulfilment. Death simply marks one of its changes. In music the interval is essential to the song. The silence between the notes is not the death of the music. It is part of the song's life, and there is no death at all, simply transition from note to note, that the music which always is may express in the winds of the earth.

Not any bit of matter is lost from the universe. It cannot pass into nothingness, for there is no nothingness into which it may pass. The water which has died out of purity and become the filth of sewers, by the grace of the earth's filtering becomes pure as a mountain spring. Contamination cannot, does not end it. Moisture disappears from the earth. The intense heat of the sun has dissipated it, destroyed it, killed it. That is what appears. But it simply rode away, Elijah-like, in the chariot of a sunbeam, in a glory of fire disappearing. It comes again in the dewdrop jewelizing the grass. It falls in the summer showers, sweetening the breath of clovers.

There are no ashes any more. What we called ashes from our hearths and our mills, contain as much value as ore in the mountains or trees in the woods. Chemistry finds their value, and what to our ignorance was a final waste is an essential part of the world. Whatever fires of our kindling anything passes through, we cannot destroy a single constituent value from the universe.

We cannot subtract a bit of power from the universe and make it an eternal powerlessness. That motion which we call electricity, by our skill intensifies, becoming a glow of light for us, a hand of power. It passes like a hurrying stream through the motor, through the lamp, and is gone, but not out of the universe. It still is, every atom of it, and cannot cease to be. Our use of a thing, our knowledge of it, is not the limit of that thing. It is part of eternity, and beyond our use of it, beyond our knowledge of it, it still is. So when our ignorance throws any shadow about us, we must not say that the realm upon which our shadowing ignorance falls is a realm of nothingness. The whole of modern civilization has been written in the discovery of the unseen. The powers which are greatest in the hands of man today lay a few generations ago, in the shadows of man's ignorance, unknown. What is may pass beyond the realm of what we know. It cannot pass beyond the universe. It cannot cease to be.

So of life. It cannot cease in death, for there is no death into which it may go ceasing to be. It may and does pass through and beyond its body of manifestation. But before it wove that tent of tarrying it was. When it has passed out of the house it builded, it was. It is. Out of the universe it cannot pass. Flight from God to God must be. Life beyond life cannot pass. Did it endeavor so to do, by life it would journey—life its journey and its journey's end. Life cannot die. Life cannot cease to be. It is but by the mists of our ignorance that it seems to pause in an endless death and we say life was, life shall be. The truth is that Life is an eternity without past or future, the sanctity of its graces beyond the illusion of time and sense.

Life is, and when I am centered in life, realizing the eternity of my being, the changing experiences of this earth are simply life's child-heartedness at play. The toys meaning so much this moment were put away, maybe burned. The child is. Life is the eternal child in the universe. Whatever seems to happen to its toys, the child abides, eternally young amidst its worlds. I am. In this is certified the integrity of the universe. In this is the guarantee of the universe that no beingless emptiness can hold me, that there is no lifelessness in which life ceases.

Therefore, at the Easter-time my heart is abloom, mating the lily in beauty of life. My thoughts arisen into newness of life, wing out their transformations with the butterflies that go on sinless wings. My soul is ascending with the Christ, knowing that in the love of God it is eternal. My being is all alive in the deathlessness that glows at the centre of all. In God I am experiencing life, and experiencing it more abundantly. He is life without end. In Him I am life eternal. The Easter sun of the everlasting love is upon my vineyards, and shall never cease from my heavens.

Present Happiness

Oh, the sun shines bright, and the sky is clear,
I'll be happy while I may,
For I saw a face whose shining eyes
Looked into mine to-day,
That countenance bright dispels the gloom
When the day is dark and drear,
And there is always light for me
Whene'er that face is near.
And so my heart is free and light,
I'll be happy while I may,
Because those happy eyes of blue
Looked into mine to-day.

Ella Martin.

Nothing is beyond the power of prayer, and no human mind has ever compassed the power of the spiritual to overcome material troubles.
Pray without ceasing.

A Song of Praise.



Infinite source of life divine!
To Thee I come with praise,
Thy love and beauty ever shine,
My voice to Thee I raise.

Thy Presence fills all heavenly space,
I see Thee ever near,
Thy wisdom lights up every face,
Thy truth to me is dear.

Thy loving care I oft perceive,
Through Faith I come to Thee,
I know that naught can e'er deceive,
They who by Faith do see.

But ah! this mortal frame is weak,
It often bends with pain,
I then would turn to Thee and speak,
Thy strength I would attain!

And tho' my heart goes out to Thee,
My spirit oft lies low,
I then search in my soul to see
The reason for my woe.

But now I pause for fear I tread
On planes too bright for me,
I stand and wait Thy word instead,
And put my trust in Thee.

So oft at dawn or eventide
Thy glory then I see,
My Faith may take me to Thy side
To rest alone in Thee!

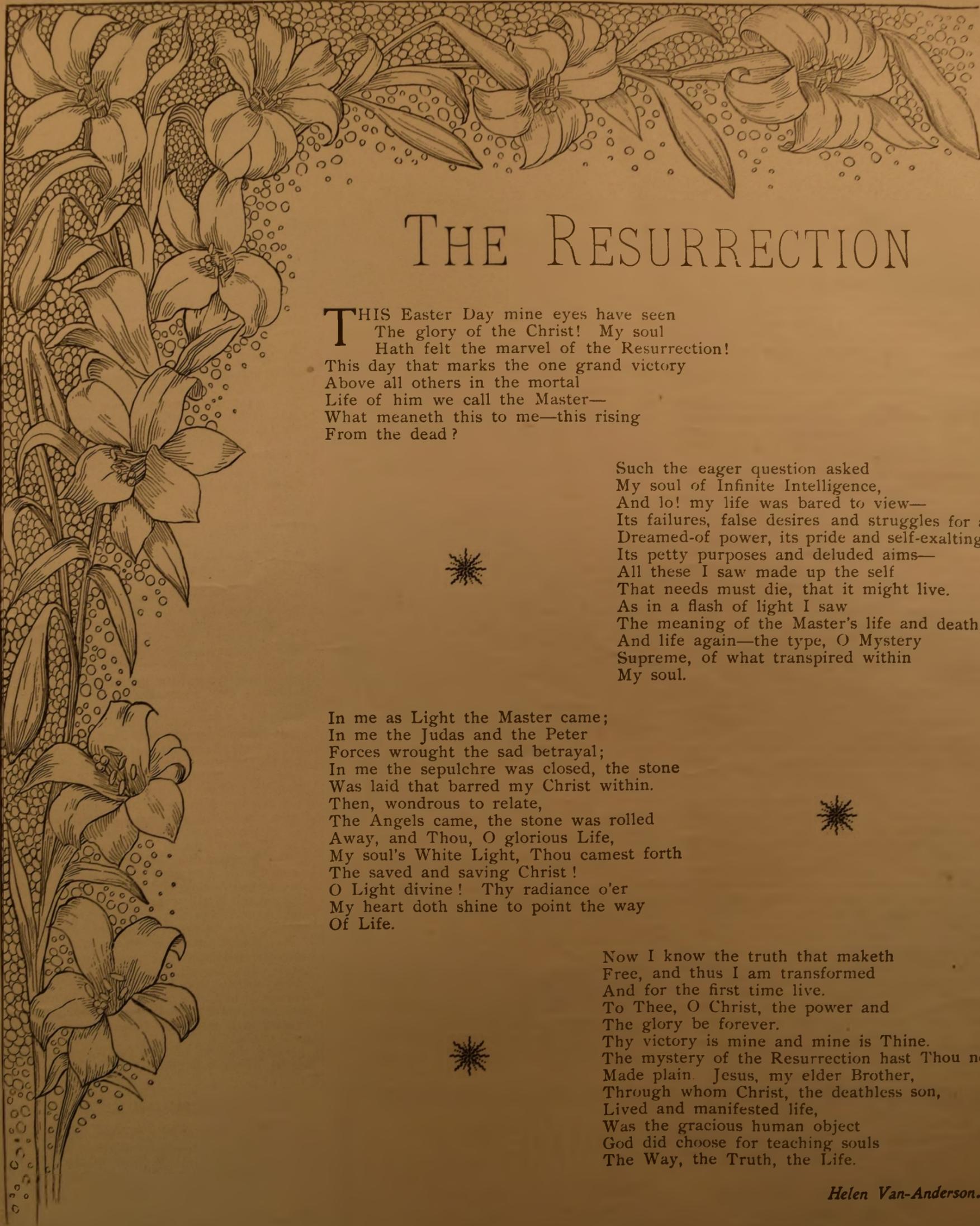
And now once more I lift mine eyes,
My work has just begun,
Take off this veil, that I may rise,
And work till all is done.

I know Thou hast much work to do
For those who love Thy name:
Fill me with courage thro' and thro',
To work for Thee is fame.

Oh! now I live in Thee with joy,
Thy grace hath made me whole,
No earthly pain can now annoy,
Thy peace shines in my soul.

Thy lessons all are fraught with love,
Great Spirit! Life Divine!
Thy mercy cometh from above,
All life thro' Thee doth shine!

Helen B. Young.



THE RESURRECTION

THIS Easter Day mine eyes have seen
 The glory of the Christ! My soul
 Hath felt the marvel of the Resurrection!
 This day that marks the one grand victory
 Above all others in the mortal
 Life of him we call the Master—
 What meaneth this to me—this rising
 From the dead?

Such the eager question asked
 My soul of Infinite Intelligence,
 And lo! my life was bared to view—
 Its failures, false desires and struggles for a
 Dreamed-of power, its pride and self-exaltings,
 Its petty purposes and deluded aims—
 All these I saw made up the self
 That needs must die, that it might live.
 As in a flash of light I saw
 The meaning of the Master's life and death,
 And life again—the type, O Mystery
 Supreme, of what transpired within
 My soul.

In me as Light the Master came;
 In me the Judas and the Peter
 Forces wrought the sad betrayal;
 In me the sepulchre was closed, the stone
 Was laid that barred my Christ within.
 Then, wondrous to relate,
 The Angels came, the stone was rolled
 Away, and Thou, O glorious Life,
 My soul's White Light, Thou camest forth
 The saved and saving Christ!
 O Light divine! Thy radiance o'er
 My heart doth shine to point the way
 Of Life.

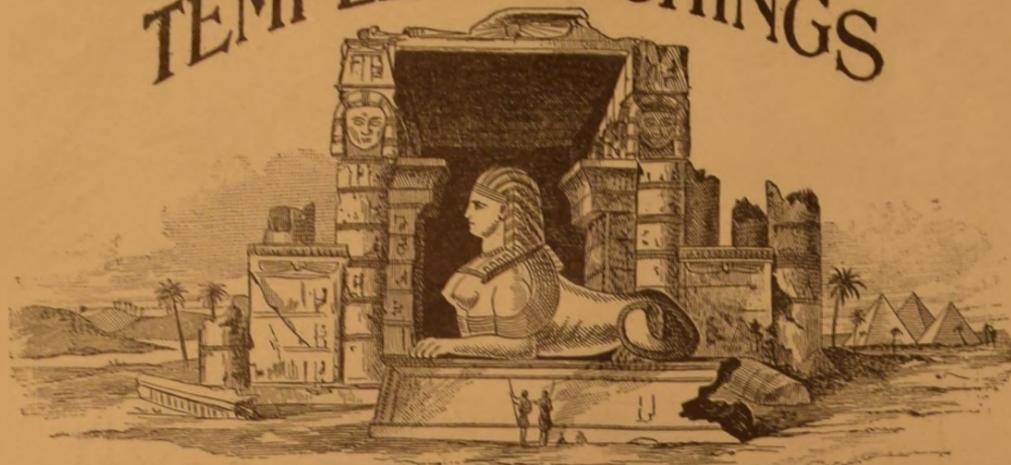
Now I know the truth that maketh
 Free, and thus I am transformed
 And for the first time live.
 To Thee, O Christ, the power and
 The glory be forever.
 Thy victory is mine and mine is Thine.
 The mystery of the Resurrection hast Thou now
 Made plain. Jesus, my elder Brother,
 Through whom Christ, the deathless son,
 Lived and manifested life,
 Was the gracious human object
 God did choose for teaching souls
 The Way, the Truth, the Life.

Helen Van-Anderson.



The Resurrection Lily

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.

A WARM welcome, dear one of My heart! This radiant morning thou art crowned with a new light and touched with a new peace. Though thou hast passed through a grievous night of soul travail, the night is gone, and thou art bathed in light from the East.

Beloved, thou hast done well. Thou art learning fast the glorious truth of life. *To die and live again; to lay off and put on*—this but the process of the weaving of the seamless robe that shall be for My Beloved the robe of glory!

Heed this, dear one of My heart! *Each particular event in Nature, from beginning unto finish, doth picture forth the process of the perfecting of all that doth appear in this fair mirror world.*

Have not the days and nights their equal place and harmonious fulfilment of measured time? Could the day be filled with beauty without the silent, secret rest and labor of the night? Could the night be perfect in its sweet privilege of rest were e'en one phase of day's unceasing action changed?

Could youth with all its beauty and its wondrous possibilities of mind and body be developed into rich maturity were not its hours of play alternate with its tasks? Could the earth bring forth her glorious fruitage and abundant harvests, were not the seasons true to the majestic swing and turn of suns and stars in courses that give both heat and cold, both light and dark?

Then, O child of earth and heaven, thou, too, must have thy days and nights, thy plays and tasks, thy seasons and thy harvests. Nor, when thy nights of sorrow or of grievous striving come, mayest thou repine or say: "*'Tis finished,*" and yield thee to despair or death, for grieve thee as thou wilt, give o'er thy efforts in a blank despair as thou mayest indeed, yet when the anguish passeth, as pass it *must*, thou wilt rise again in strength and hope and life immortal, *new* as this glad *new day, and bright.*

So thou hast come this Easter morn, for though at night thou wert as one lost in despair, yet it hath fallen from thee as a mantle, or as the petals of a rose whose life is given for the new one yet to come. *Why so often must thou walk in gloom, when all of heaven's light seemed thine to have and hold?* sayest thou?

Because, dear little one, in thy growing thou wilt have thy days and nights; thy lights and

darks of consciousness, such as My words have pictured unto thee. Thou wilt climb with sturdy zeal each mountain peak of trial, and then thou'lt walk in valley sheltered and serene, or dark with threatening gloom, yet through *all the varied phases of the mortal, outer life*, thou wilt be My child, alive and growing more at one with Me—thy life and love, thy being's heart and centre, thy very atmosphere and world.

Think thou on this, dear one of My heart. Let these words sink deeply in thy yearning soul, for they do hold the secret of thy death and resurrection, thy laying off and putting on of garments dark or light.

Harken! To give up or cast aside thy love of self is but *another way of dying*. To let service for another crown thy daily deeds is but *to die to love of service for thyself*. To put aside the love of place, of fame, or worldly pleasure, is to die to self's most tempting claim. To let thy loved and loving dear ones go their way of life—*or here or there*—is to surely die, yet live again. Now, dost understand, Beloved, why thou art in the beauteous dawn of this fair Easter day?

Rejoice with deeper, sweeter joy than e'er before! Rejoice! for now a clearer insight, a truer understanding of true life doth warm thy heart. Now dost see the why of thy hard night's perplexity. Now this one so dear, for whom thou wouldst have given all, is free, is happy in her freedom from thine anxious thought. 'Twas thyself, not her, who needed freeing, for when thy selfish love was given up, the bonds that held her snapped, and she as well as thou drew fresh, deep breaths of life. 'Twas hard, indeed, Beloved. Full well knew I thy heart's anguish, yet would I *force* thee to lay down thy life? Nay, nay, no more than I would force the lily's heart to give her gold, or the sweet rose blush of dawn to exchange for noontide's yellow light.

Through love I rule. Through love all truths reveal. My child, 'tis love for thee that causeth Me to make these needful nights and days. Wert thou to have no nights (or deaths) thou couldst not know the sweet succession of fair days that lead to *One Great Day* when thou shalt need no light of sun or moon, but be alive in life that knoweth death no longer.

Take with thee, O dear one of My heart, this light of the true Easter, thy resurrection day. Think thou

Of Life that lives forever,
Of Love that faileth never,
Of Faith that naught can sever,
Of Truth that freeth ever.

HELEN VAN-ANDERSON.

In the Home garden there is growing a very wonderful plant—the Resurrection Lily. In its growth, unfoldment and blossoming it symbolizes man in his transmutation from the earthly to the heavenly state. It is a bulbous plant. It has its periods of rest and activity. Its nature is to send up leaves, and after they have fully matured they gradually die, and when all leaves have so expressed and died, then out of the seemingly dead bulb comes the beautiful lily, the resurrected bloom!

Whether this plant dies once or a dozen times before blooming it matters not; the *bloom follows*. It is the *final expression*. So with man; he, too, sends out various expressions, manifestations on the physical and mental planes of life, which are either partial or mature unfoldments of the "old man" ere there is even evidence of the coming forth of the "new man," the immortal bloom. He dies daily, hourly, only to make manifest that which shall furnish the composite soil, out from which may upspring, in beauty and power, the divine germ. His resurrection lily lies deep within the chamber of his inmost being, awaiting the warm sunshine of love to nurture and quicken it into perfect expression. As each one, through aspiration and earnest prayer, becomes ready to reveal the larger unfoldment of divine life, Love comes, with crown of light, wearing the seamless robe; for the human heart is her throne and humanity is her kingdom. Ever since she gave the first command, "Let there be light," she has been making ready the human heart for the reception of her majesty and divine power. From Mount Olivet her voice was heard, and her tears watered the Garden of Gethsemane.

It is Spirit which calls forth this beautiful chalice of wisdom and love, and ushers into each life peace, power and plenty. Spirit breathes upon the sleeping germ, and lo, it thrills with joy, it pulsates with emotion, it throbs, awakens, unfolds, manifests the living light of the Divine Countenance, and man knows that he lives forever!

It is the Nameless One, the Unpronounceable One. It heareth the feeble cry of the infant and the pleading voice of man, and giveth unto each according to its needs.

"Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

This is Love, the Resurrected Christ, seeking to redeem and reclaim the Resurrection Lily of each individual life. From Mount Olivet—the Mount Olivet of each life—its strains are wafted adown the valley of the self life, bidding each one come up higher in thought and deed. It is the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. It is the Redeemer, the living Christ—God.

As the little plant fails in fulfilling its nature save as the bloom follows the dying leaves, so man fails in the fulfilment of his destiny save as the "new man"—the spiritual man—follows as a result of the surrender of the animal, earthly man. The difference between the lily plant and man lies in the fact that man possesses the power to say which life he shall express—the earthly purely, or the heavenly—while with the lily there is no choice. If given soil it will reveal its complete nature, leaf and bloom. Man may aid or retard it in its expression, but he cannot change its nature.

It is also in the nature of man to bloom, but his immortal self can only come into expression as he bends unto the will, care and guidance of God—Spirit; without this help he remains in the leaf, sear and yellow ofttimes, but with it he becomes as the brightness of the firmament, growing from glory to glory each moment of time, radiantly beautiful; a son of God.

Which shall ye be, the Leaf or the Bloom?—*Mother Virtuzia, in Circle of Light.*

EASTER TIDE

ROUSING from her wintry sleep,
Sun and shower-kissed,
Life stirs in her bosom deep,
Earth feels the Alchemist.
Violets blue and golden-cup
Peep thro' the emerald green,
Wintry branches, bare, throw up
Their fine and lacey screen
Awake! Earth's resurrection morn is
here!
Awake! the vernal Easter of the
year!

Blythe, the birds sweet carols sing,
Myriad voices wake.
Bees sip nectar on the wing,
All for the Spring's sweet sake.
Open the windows of your heart,
Let God's bright sunshine in,
With joyous Nature take your part,
Let songs o'er sorrow win!
"Life for evermore" doth Easter
bring,
Chant gladsome praises to your
Heavenly King!

Louisa A'hmuty Nash.

God bends out from the deep, and says:
"I give thee the great gift of life;
Wast thou not called in many ways?
Are not My earth and heaven at strife?
I gave thee of My seed to sow,
Bringest thou Me My hundredfold?"
Can I look up with face aglow,
And answer: "Father, here is gold?"
James Russell Lowell.

Good thoughts pass all boundaries and defy all limitations. Be sure your friends will strengthen and comfort your heart if you will let them. Be faithful and loving that their faith and love may readily reach you, and that your loving thoughts may reach them.
In this life, as in all lives, to those who have loved much, much is forgiven.

Never believe that the Christ-life is not practical. It is the door to all the good things in this world and the next. Jesus was the most successful Man that ever lived.



The Women of the Resurrection

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome had brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him.—Mark xvi, 1.

And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.—Mark xvi, 2.

CHRISt is risen!" is the salutation with which over the vast empire one Russian greets another, and to which the customary answer is, "He is risen, indeed!"

But on the first Christian Easter morning this was not so. The faithful women had seen Jesus laid in the tomb on Friday evening. The Sabbath which followed must, we think, have been the most miserable on record. Before it began, the spices with which to anoint His body had been made ready. Then came, with dragging steps, the long hours of forced inaction. The past was certain: Jesus was dead. The future was all in doubt. Was this the end of it all? With impatient rather than expectant hearts, "late on the Sabbath day, as it began to dawn, they came unto the tomb bringing the spices, which they had prepared."

This little band is worthy of everlasting remembrance. "On great occasions," a French writer has said, "it is almost always women who have given the strongest proofs of virtue and devotion." Last at the cross and first at the sepulchre, these noble women refused to accept defeat. As with Joan of Arc, later, they would lead the forlorn hope. Mary Magdalene, and "the other Mary," the wife of Cleopas; and Salome, the mother of James and John; and Joanna, wife of the steward of Herod Antipas, who had been healed by Jesus of heavy infirmities—these four brave women came to the grave before day-dawn to anoint the body of their dead Lord.

They were not superior to the tumultuous questions natural to those who had been for many long hours on the rack of trouble. Without any clear faith in the resurrection of their Master, of one thing they were sure. That was that they cherished His name and His memory as their dearest possession. Faith and hope might have vanished away, but love remained, and love was the greatest of the three graces.

And so the love that never faileth carried them to the sepulchre. This was purely a venture of love, and "things out of hope are compassed oft with venturing." The next strain on their loyalty came from an unexpected quarter. As they went along they had been asking one another, "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?" and now, at the entrance of Joseph Arimathea's garden, they looked up and saw that already the stone was rolled away.

The next sentence in Mark's narrative tells us why; "for it was exceeding great." And the angel who had rolled the stone back now sat upon it. The fears which had filled the women's hearts on the way to the garden were natural, but they

were also needless. Yet because this human touch is true to our own experience, we thank God for it.

The next incident brings into prominence the one woman who stands out most clearly in the resurrection group—Mary Magdalene. Without waiting for any further discoveries, "she runneth and cometh to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we know not where they have laid him." Meanwhile the other three women remained in the garden.

They saw the vision of angels. They heard the welcome assurance, "Fear not"—as if by its very words to recall the story of the shepherds and the birth of Jesus—"for I know that ye seek Jesus which hath been crucified. He is not here, for he is risen. Why seek ye the living among the dead?"

At this point the three women hurried from the tomb "with fear and great joy," and ran to tell the disciples. Perhaps on the way they met Peter and John who, after they had gone into the sepulchre and found it, as Mary Magdalene had said, "went away again unto their own home."

It is not with them but with Mary that we are now concerned. Alone she stood outside the tomb weeping, and through her tears she peered into it and beheld the two angels in white sitting at the head and feet where the body of Jesus had lain, guarding a sepulchre whose occupant "has risen and rolled the heavy stone away."

Here and now she heard the voice, "Woman, why weepest thou?" It was human, and although she must have listened to it before, she failed to identify it. Her answer shows how little faith Mary had in the resurrection of her Lord: "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." Then she turned back and saw a man in simple dress, who in this place (so she thought) could be none other than the gardener. "Sir," she pleaded, "if thou hast taken Him hence, tell me where thou hast laid Him, and I will take Him away."

Apparently already, with that swift intuition which comes to us under great excitement, Mary began to suspect that this might not be the gardener. Here was someone who was more closely connected than he with the disappearance of her Lord.

Then Jesus said to her "Mary!" The recognition was immediate. She cast herself at His feet with the cry, in her native Aramaï, "Rabboni!" "Oh, my Master!" It was not a divine appellation, but Galilean in accent and in thought, flooding her heart with sacred memories of the dear days that were past.

But those days were gone and others had taken their place. Jesus drew back. The *Spiritual* had now to be emphasized: "Touch Me not, for I am not yet ascended unto the Father; but go unto My brethren and say to them, I ascend unto My Father and your Father, and My God and your God."

This supreme honor was hers to be the first to herald to the world the gladdest news to which the world could listen.

We have said that our interest as we glance at the women and the Resurrection centres on Mary Magdalene. Who, then, was she? If she had difficulty in recognizing Jesus, it would seem as though the world since her time has persisted in not recognizing her. She mistook her Lord for a gardener, and very early the Church mistook her for a woman with whom she had little, save her womanhood, in common.

And yet for such as she, Jesus, with His high conception of womanhood, was naturally moved with compassion, and to her He restored sweet, sane life. From that hour her mission was found in service. Probably she was one of the wealthy women of Magdala. Certainly with such as she had, it was the joy of her existence to minister to Him.

She stood through the terrible hours of His sufferings at the foot of the Cross; and in history her name goes down crowned with this special distinction, "He appeared first to Mary, out of whom He had cast seven demons."

Mary Magdalene was not only the harbinger of the new day for the whole world. She rises also in the dawn, while the shadows of the dark night vanish, as the representative of that recovered womanhood which is one of the distinctive glories of Christianity. It was Jesus who

thrilled a slumbering world, and broke
The chain that fettered woman's life."

From Him came the courage which was brave in the face of defeat, and the hope which hoped against hope.

And a long, unbroken succession of women, who from the hour at which we have been glancing to the present moment, from this Resurrection group of faithful women to Florence Nightingale and Sister Dora and Mrs. Booth, not forgetting the Tombs Angel (Mrs. Foster), have ministered to their Lord often in the person of the weakest and least of His brethren.

He never lost sight of the work for which Mary Magdalene and her sisters made ready their sweet spices.

All came from Him, and to Him they rendered back only His own.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND PSYCHIC FACULTIES

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THE question is very frequently raised whether there is any decided difference between spiritual and psychical endowments as those terms are commonly employed at present. The obvious derivation of spiritual is from the Latin *spiritus*, meaning breath, while psychical comes from the Greek *psyche*, meaning soul. But though originally the terms may have been held synonymous, we can justifiably distinguish between them in their current acceptation, as psychical usually conveys only the thought of unusual sensitiveness or impressibility, while spiritual suggests an attainment of interior illumination or, at least, an unusually high degree of ethical development.

The "psychic," as the title is generally applied, is simply a "sensitive" or medium, one whose faculties are in some respect supernaturally developed, and who, therefore, experiences an enlarged perception of ordinary objects as illustrated by the more external phases of clairvoyance, clairaudience and psychometry. No unusual amount of wisdom or virtue is generally displayed by possessors of extraordinary sensitiveness, because the range of their experiences does not transcend the mundane and "astral" planes. It is not an unusual kind of knowledge which is psychically obtained, only an unusual current of information, for common facts are apprehended in some peculiar manner.

Spiritual discernment is something entirely different, relating to another plane of consciousness. Intuition, enlightenment and many kindred words when used in their higher sense convey the idea of superior intelligence or discernment, lifting its happy possessor to a sphere which altogether transcends the earthly.

Though ordinary psychic experiences may be unmistakably genuine, they are not, as a rule, morally edifying to any greater extent than our average physical experiences; thus it has come to pass that "mediumship" has fallen largely into disrepute or has failed to satisfy the aspirations of noble-minded truthseekers. When Emerson pronounced Swedenborg's "Angels" no higher than respectable country parsons, and Huxley declined the offer to listen to psychic messages which were of no intrinsic value, these eminent philosophers evinced antipathy to what was, in their judgment, a vulgar and unedifying attempt to materialize the spiritual universe, and precisely that repugnance, coupled with some suspicion of trickery, must have led Robert Browning to write "Sludge, the Medium," while his devoted wife was certainly a spiritualist.

It is useless to claim that all that is unprofitable is due to humbug or delusion, but it is reasonable to sift phenomena and discriminate penetratingly between mere psychic excitation and inspiring spiritual revelation. The great bulk of evidence collected by Societies for Psychical Research and by distinguished individual investigators, not excepting the ablest men of science, including Crookes and Wallace, goes far toward establishing telepathy and spirit-communication, but comparatively little light is thrown through its agency upon the most pressing problems with which practical philanthropists are called upon to deal. The so-called New Thought Movement has sprung into existence in response to two very opposite demands—desire to improve bodily and circumstantial conditions and a search for genuine spiritual development. These objects are not antagonistic, but the former is vastly inferior to the latter, and so it has come to pass that some students of the various metaphysical systems now in vogue are contented to reap only worldly advantages, while others are in eager quest of truly immortal treasures.

No permanent satisfaction can be gained by simply cultivating a wonderful faculty for divining occult mysteries, because magicians are not necessarily spiritually-minded in the sense in which that phrase is employed in the New Testament. Abundant life and peace do not inevitably spring from hypersensitiveness. Caution and aspiration are alike needed to render the pathway safe which leads to mystical unfoldment. The spiritualized intellect is so devoted to exceptionally high ideals that it becomes an instrument for unveiling universal principles, but ordinary sensitiveness does no more than increase susceptibility to miscellaneous influences of different grades of purity. The chronic nervousness which afflicts many honest sensitives, who often declare that they suffer greatly as a consequence of extreme sensitiveness, proves conclusively that psychic development is not equivalent to spiritual attainment. The average "psychic" possesses an extremely pliable organism, is extremely open to various suggestions and is frequently liable to contract disorders through unguided sympathy. "Taking on conditions" is a familiar phrase, and it serves to explain the contradictory character displayed by many sensitives. Such delicately organized people can serve a useful purpose if they are sufficiently

protected; environment in their case is a very influential factor. They need bracing, mental atmosphere, moral tonic, and more than average sequestration from the business world and social swim.

Spiritual attainment means literally fullness of breath, which is unusual vigor of constitution displayed in heroic ability to withstand temptation and prove immune from infection of disease. Simply psychic qualifications are displayed in ability to read people's thoughts, to anticipate coming events, to demonstrate mental telegraphy and telephony, and sometimes make valuable use of general clairvoyance (literally, clear knowing), but none of this necessarily implies strength of individual character, moral heroism or supersusceptibility to the inroads of disease. Fortitude, self-reliance and all the stalwart virtues are evidences of spiritual development, and on this doctrine we cannot insist too strenuously. Liability to become influenced without one's knowledge or consent is the chief weakness of "mediums," and causes many righteous lovers of individuality to look askance at psychical development, which can, however, accompany true spiritual expansiveness. Psychic "gifts" and spiritual development can coincide, but one is not the invariable accompaniment or outgrowth of the other.

Many mental therapists whose suggestive treatments confer great benefits upon the weak and suffering give no evidences of clairvoyance, or any other psychic faculty, but other practitioners, equally successful, evince decided psychic susceptibility.

Spiritual attainment can never mean reliance upon outside guidance; it is always distinguished by superiority to dependence upon extraneous help. The fourth gospel tells us that Jesus emphatically informed His disciples that the Holy Spirit had been with them, but should henceforth be in them, a statement which immediately suggests the vital distinction between exterior instruction and interior illumination. Disciples love their teacher and trust to him to solve their problems and direct their actions. During earlier stages of development this must be permitted, but as a scholar matures he becomes his own mathematician, solving his problems without further recourse to the professor.

There is always much to be said on behalf of pupil-teachers who learn from wiser instructors and teach junior students. Our growth in grace and knowledge is always relative and subject to increase, therefore we can always teach and be taught. There are two methods of teaching conspicuously presented to us. Seership means insight; a seer is a Gnostic, one who knows that he knows, and is far surer of his interior vision than of any outward observation, because he realizes that all external phenomena are evanescent, while abiding principles are permanently real. Entering into the secret chamber of inner consciousness differs radically from relying upon extraneous aid, precisely as the distinction is plain between seeing for ourselves and being led by another who sees while we are blind. Passivity alone can suffice to liberate a psychic faculty, but earnest aspiration toward a definite goal is essential to spiritual illumination.

Prophets are always strong; fearlessness is one of their unmistakable attributes, which shows that they have not yielded submissively to outside guidance, but learned to know and willingly obey the order of the universe. Apprehensiveness of coming danger, general timidity and undue readiness to comply with conventional usages, often accompany the psychic temperament and make it highly essential that a human "sensitive plant" be shielded as in a moral conservatory. Intrepid prophets, burning with a message to deliver, are uncompromising and incorruptible, and, like Elijah, Elisha, Samuel, Daniel, and other Old Testament valiants, they can oppose the heads of governments and churches if they discover iniquity enthroned in high places and they can fearlessly endure imprisonment and death.

There may be no instances on record of any seer who was always in an illuminated state, but though an Elijah may have days of weakness and despondency he always rises from his gloom and goes forth refreshed and strengthened to deliver a new prophetic message. It seems impossible to draw so distinct a line between psychical and spiritual development as to oppose these terms to each other, but we may decide that simple sensitiveness to psychic impressions never develops sufficient insight to guide us safely in perilous positions. Many honest sensitives declare they have been fooled many times when they have trusted blindly to unseen counselors. This is no evidence that either they or their preceptors are deliberately deceitful, but it furnishes a needed lesson concerning self-development. Nothing can be more self-evident to the reflective student than that our mission on earth is to express self-conscious individuality. Character is invariably developed through choice and contrast. Deity does not coerce humanity; we are not compelled to live righteously, nor are we furnished with an infallible chart unless we seek it constantly in the sanctuary of our innermost being.

There is no rational ground for supposing that information received psychically is invariably correct, therefore, though psychical development enlarges our field of vision if by no means robs us of the need for vigilance and self-reliance. The truly spiritual man or woman is essentially heroic, manifesting unmistakable signs of passing through

the furnace of trial and conquering through victory over many obstacles. In treatises concerning the path to spiritual dominion held sacred by friends of occultism we find that fourfold initiation is described in detail.

The first set of trials which neophytes encounter relates to physical existence only; during primary lessons they encounter merely the seductions of the general exterior life. Having gained ascendancy over animality and all its immediate concomitants the second series of temptations is confronted; these pertain to the intellectual plane and concern disciplining of thought. Concentration of thought having been attained, the third set of difficulties must be surmounted; these refer to control over imagination, which occupies the psychic realm. After imagination has been harnessed to the chariot of triumphant Will the fourth class of hindrances to the truly spiritual life must be encountered; at this stage every affection must be purified and love be completely withdrawn from fleeting personality to the immortal realm of the Divine.

It is only at the end of this great education that the supreme surrender, the complete sacrifice of entire self-consecration to the Highest can be made. Intimations of this superlatively blessed state may often glint along the upward path, and fervent aspiration toward this celestial goal may occasion many exquisite foretastes of the bliss yet unattained, but only after the three inferior planes have been victoriously dedicated can complete illumination come. The Cross is then fully taken up; complete equilibrium has become established and the conquering hero in the spiritual domain can testify to all who are marching upward. "Be of good courage; I have overcome the world," and he can truly add in consequence of his conscious identification with less enlightened brethren, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Though such a supernal height may seem to all of us bewilderingly remote we should all take courage in the blest assurance that every earnest aspiration toward a pure estate is an evidence that we are traveling in its direction. If psychic endowments display themselves let us make good use of them, neither dreading that they may mislead us nor fanatically regarding them as proofs of unusual sanctity. The psychic region is only the subjective side of our present objective existence, and as such it is composed of heterogeneous elements. Spiritual attainment is gained by confiding in the infinite All-Good and making a sincere act of loving surrender of all personal ambition that we may serve the universal weal.

Take the Sunshine God Has Sent

There are no woes from heaven sent
For us to bear with sighs and tears;
And with imagined fears augment
Our discontent.

Our burdens are what we invent;
For should we find a passing grief—
Then let it pass! Relief is meant
For discontent.

And let some wisdom supplement
Our longings, and our hope and trust,
Then light will break, we must repent
Our discontent.

Then take the sunshine God has sent,
And share that light and life with all;
Just let the burdens fall; consent
To live content.

—Felicity Baker.

Without hurry, without rest, the human spirit goes forth from the beginning to embody every faculty, every thought every emotion which belongs to it, in appropriate events.—Emerson.

To the poet, to the philosopher, to the saint, all things are friendly and sacred, all events profitable, all days holy, all men divine. For the eye is fastened on the life, and slight the circumstance.—Emerson.

Let us do our duty in our shop or our kitchen, the market, the street, the office, the school, the home, just as faithfully as if we stood in the front rank of some great battle, and we knew that victory for mankind depended on our bravery, strength and skill. When we do that, the humblest of us will be serving in that great army which achieves the welfare of the world.—Theresa Parrot.

Brother, look up and out! You CAN conquer! Here is our hand and heart and fellowship. And around about and within us all is God.

GOD IS LOVE.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND PSYCHIC FACULTIES

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THE question is very frequently raised whether there is any decided difference between spiritual and psychical endowments as those terms are commonly employed at present. The obvious derivation of spiritual is from the Latin *spiritus*, meaning breath, while psychical comes from the Greek *psyche*, meaning soul. But though originally the terms may have been held synonymous, we can justifiably distinguish between them in their current acceptance, as psychical usually conveys only the thought of unusual sensitiveness or impressibility, while spiritual suggests an attainment of interior illumination or, at least, an unusually high degree of ethical development.

The "psychic," as the title is generally applied, is simply a "sensitive" or medium, one whose faculties are in some respect supernormally developed, and who, therefore, experiences an enlarged perception of ordinary objects as illustrated by the more external phases of clairvoyance, clairaudience and psychometry. No unusual amount of wisdom or virtue is generally displayed by possessors of extraordinary sensitiveness, because the range of their experiences does not transcend the mundane and "astral" planes. It is not an unusual kind of knowledge which is psychically obtained, only an unusual extent of information, for common facts are apprehended in some peculiar manner.

Spiritual discernment is something entirely different, relating to another plane of consciousness. Intuition, enlightenment and many kindred words when used in their higher sense convey the idea of superior intelligence or discernment, lifting its happy possessor to a sphere which altogether transcends the earthly.

Though ordinary psychic experiences may be unmistakably genuine, they are not, as a rule, morally edifying to any greater extent than our average physical experiences; thus it has come to pass that "mediumship" has fallen largely into disrepute or has failed to satisfy the aspirations of noble-minded truthseekers. When Emerson pronounced Swedenborg's "Angels" no higher than respectable country parsons, and Huxley declined the offer to listen to psychic messages which were of no intrinsic value, these eminent philosophers evinced antipathy to what was, in their judgment, a vulgar and unedifying attempt to materialize the spiritual universe, and precisely that repugnance, coupled with some suspicion of trickery, must have led Robert Browning to write "Sludge, the Medium," while his devoted wife was certainly a spiritualist.

It is useless to claim that all that is unprofitable is due to humbug or delusion, but it is reasonable to sift phenomena and discriminate penetratingly between mere psychic excitation and inspiring spiritual revelation. The great bulk of evidence collected by Societies for Psychic Research and by distinguished individual investigators, not excepting the ablest men of science, including Crookes and Wallace, goes far toward establishing telepathy and spirit-communication, but comparatively little light is thrown through its agency upon the most pressing problems with which practical philanthropists are called upon to deal. The so-called New Thought Movement has sprung into existence in response to two very opposite demands—desire to improve bodily and circumstantial conditions and a search for genuine spiritual development. These objects are not antagonistic, but the former is vastly inferior to the latter, and so it has come to pass that some students of the various metaphysical systems now in vogue are contented to reap only worldly advantages, while others are in eager quest of truly immortal treasures.

No permanent satisfaction can be gained by simply cultivating a wonderful faculty for divining occult mysteries, because magicians are not necessarily spiritually-minded in the sense in which that phrase is employed in the New Testament. Abundant life and peace do not inevitably spring from hypersensitiveness. Caution and aspiration are alike needed to render the pathway safe which leads to mystical unfoldment. The spiritualized intellect is so devoted to exceptionally high ideals that it becomes an instrument for unveiling universal principles, but ordinary sensitiveness does no more than increase susceptibility to miscellaneous influences of different grades of purity. The chronic nervousness which afflicts many honest sensitives, who often declare that they suffer greatly as a consequence of extreme sensitiveness, proves conclusively that psychic development is not equivalent to spiritual attainment. The average "psychic" possesses an extremely pliable organism, is extremely open to various suggestions and is frequently liable to contract disorders through unguided sympathy. "Taking on conditions" is a familiar phrase, and it serves to explain the contradictory character displayed by many sensitives. Such delicately organized people can serve a useful purpose if they are sufficiently

protected; environment in their case is a very influential factor. They need bracing, mental atmosphere, moral tonic, and more than average sequestration from the business world and social swim.

Spiritual attainment means literally fullness of breath, which is unusual vigor of constitution displayed in heroic ability to withstand temptation and prove immune from infection of disease. Simply psychic qualifications are displayed in ability to read people's thoughts, to anticipate coming events, to demonstrate mental telegraphy and telephony, and sometimes make valuable use of general clair-sentience (literally, clear knowing), but none of this necessarily implies strength of individual character, moral heroism or supersusceptibility to the inroads of disease. Fortitude, self-reliance and all the stalwart virtues are evidences of spiritual development, and on this doctrine we cannot insist too strenuously. Liability to become influenced without one's knowledge or consent is the chief weakness of "mediums," and causes many righteous lovers of individuality to look askance at psychical development, which can, however, accompany true spiritual expansiveness. Psychic "gifts" and spiritual development can coincide, but one is not the invariable accompaniment or outgrowth of the other.

Many mental therapeutists whose suggestive treatments confer great benefits upon the weak and suffering give no evidences of clairvoyance, or any other psychic faculty, but other practitioners, equally successful, evince decided psychic susceptibility.

Spiritual attainment can never mean reliance upon outside guidance; it is always distinguished by superiority to dependence upon extraneous help. The fourth gospel tells us that Jesus emphatically informed His disciples that the Holy Spirit had been with them, but should henceforth be in them, a statement which immediately suggests the vital distinction between exterior instruction and interior illumination. Disciples love their teacher and trust to him to solve their problems and direct their actions. During earlier stages of development this must be permitted, but as a scholar matures he becomes his own mathematician, solving his problems without further recourse to the professor.

There is always much to be said on behalf of pupil-teachers who learn from wiser instructors and teach junior students. Our growth in grace and knowledge is always relative and subject to increase, therefore we can always teach and be taught. There are two methods of teaching conspicuously presented to us. Seership means insight; a seer is a Gnostic, one who knows that he knows, and is far surer of his interior vision than of any outward observation, because he realizes that all external phenomena are evanescent, while abiding principles are permanently real. Entering into the secret chamber of inner consciousness differs radically from relying upon extraneous aid, precisely as the distinction is plain between seeing for ourselves and being led by another who sees while we are blind. Passivity alone can suffice to liberate a psychic faculty, but earnest aspiration toward a definite goal is essential to spiritual illumination.

Prophets are always strong; fearlessness is one of their unmistakable attributes, which shows that they have not yielded submissively to outside guidance, but learned to know and willingly obey the order of the universe. Apprehensiveness of coming danger, general timidity and undue readiness to comply with conventional usages, often accompany the psychic temperament and make it highly essential that a human "sensitive plant" be shielded as in a moral conservatory. Intrepid prophets, burning with a message to deliver, are uncompromising and incorruptible, and, like Elijah, Elisha, Samuel, Daniel, and other Old Testament valiants, they can oppose the heads of governments and churches if they discover iniquity enthroned in high places and they can fearlessly endure imprisonment and death.

There may be no instances on record of any seer who was always in an illuminated state, but though an Elijah may have days of weakness and despondency he always rises from his gloom and goes forth refreshed and strengthened to deliver a new prophetic message. It seems impossible to draw so distinct a line between psychical and spiritual development as to oppose these terms to each other, but we may decide that simple sensitiveness to psychic impressions never develops sufficient insight to guide us safely in perilous positions. Many honest sensitives declare they have been fooled many times when they have trusted blindly to unseen counselors. This is no evidence that either they or their preceptors are deliberately deceitful, but it furnishes a needed lesson concerning self-development. Nothing can be more self-evident to the reflective student than that our mission on earth is to express *self-conscious individuality*. Character is invariably developed through choice and contrast. Deity does not coerce humanity; we are not compelled to live righteously, nor are we furnished with an infallible chart unless we seek it constantly in the sanctuary of our inmost being.

There is no rational ground for supposing that information received psychically is invariably correct, therefore, though psychical development enlarges our field of vision it by no means robs us of the need for vigilance and self-reliance. The truly spiritual man or woman is essentially heroic, manifesting unmistakable signs of passing through

the furnace of trial and conquering through victory over many obstacles. In treatises concerning the path to spiritual dominion held sacred by friends of occultism we find that fourfold initiation is described in detail.

The first set of trials which neophytes encounter relates to physical existence only; during primary lessons they encounter merely the seductions of the general exterior life. Having gained ascendancy over animality and all its immediate concomitants the second series of temptations is confronted; these pertain to the intellectual plane and concern disciplining of thought. Concentration of thought having been attained, the third set of difficulties must be surmounted; these refer to control over imagination, which occupies the psychic realm. After imagination has been harnessed to the chariot of triumphant Will the fourth class of hindrances to the truly spiritual life must be encountered; at this stage every affection must be purified and love be completely withdrawn from fleeting personality to the immortal realm of the Divine.

It is only at the end of this great education that the supreme surrender, the complete sacrifice of entire self-consecration to the Highest can be made. Intimations of this superlatively blessed state may often glint along the upward path, and fervent aspiration toward this celestial goal may occasion many exquisite foretastes of the bliss yet unattained, but only after the three inferior planes have been victoriously dedicated can complete illumination come. The Cross is then fully taken up; complete equilibrium has become established and the conquering hero in the spiritual domain can testify to all who are marching upward. "Be of good courage; I have overcome the world," and he can truly add in consequence of his conscious identification with less enlightened brethren, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Though such a supernal height may seem to all of us bewilderingly remote we should all take courage in the blest assurance that every earnest aspiration toward a pure estate is an evidence that we are traveling in its direction. If psychic endowments display themselves let us make good use of them, neither dreading that they may mislead us nor fanatically regarding them as proofs of unusual sanctity. The psychic region is only the subjective side of our present objective existence, and as such it is composed of heterogeneous elements. Spiritual attainment is gained by confiding in the infinite All-Good and making a sincere act of loving surrender of all personal ambition that we may serve the universal weal.

Take the Sunshine God Has Sent

THERE are no woes from heaven sent
For us to bear with sighs and tears;
And with imagined fears augment
Our discontent.

Our burdens are what we invent;
For should we find a passing grief—
Then let it pass! Relief is meant
For discontent.

And let some wisdom supplement
Our longings, and our hope and trust.
Then light will break, we must repent
Our discontent.

Then take the sunshine God has sent,
And share that light and life with all:
Just let the burdens fall; consent
To live content.

—Felicia Blake.

Without hurry, without rest, the human spirit goes forth from the beginning to embody every faculty, every thought every emotion which belongs to it, in appropriate events.—Emerson.

To the poet, to the philosopher, to the saint, all things are friendly and sacred, all events profitable, all days holy, all men divine. For the eye is fastened on the life, and slights the circumstance.—Emerson.

Let us do our duty in our shop or our kitchen, the market, the street, the office, the school, the home, just as faithfully as if we stood in the front rank of some great battle, and we knew that victory for mankind depended on our bravery, strength and skill. When we do that, the humblest of us will be serving in that great army which achieves the welfare of the world.—Theodore Parker.

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HEART TALKS

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HERE we are, looking into the beautiful face of Spring again! What a privilege! Is it any wonder we are all restless and eager to put forth new blossoms, and some new and rare fruitfulness of the soul?

Does not the same life thrill and stir within us as in Mother Earth? So, dear heart, be peaceful even in the midst of your "divine discontent" that you are not growing as you ought, that the spiritual gifts are so long in coming. Be patient. Wait with sublime readiness, but not with chafing impatience, and lo! some sweet day you will display the power of the gift that has suddenly come to your body for expression.

You say you have "waited so long," have "striven so hard." Perhaps you have counted the time in waiting rather than made use of the opportunities. Perhaps you have rudely shattered the delicate processes that lead to manifestation of power, by the fervor of your very striving. Be still in your mind, be happy in your soul, be diligent in your body, in doing what your hands find to do—these are the first steps.

It may be you will have to wait years, but never mind, the victory will be worth all its costs.

I could give you dozens of illustrations from life, but here is one that will inspire you. I have a friend. I have known her many years, and I know just how consecrated, how faithful, how true to herself she has always been. When she was a little girl she had times when she felt music in her soul. She wanted to express it, to sing it, to play it out for the world, but she could not. She was taught music and played more or less all her life, but was not satisfied.

The years went by, bringing duties, joys, sorrows and daily tasks, but no wonderful music such as she longed to express. She often talked about the gifts of the spirit and though she was endowed with many, this one she desired above all.

For years her desire was intense, but finally she realized that yearning, intensity or selfish longing were to the mind what over reaching is to the body, and in a great burst of inspiration she one day declared she would do nothing at all but acknowledge her freedom in God. "I am a child of God, therefore I am free to express every gift He has given me. I am free now to use and enjoy my God-given powers," was the underlying thought of many days and months.

Open to the beauty of the beautiful thoughts and truths she found everywhere, one day she picked up that exquisite poem of John Burroughs, wherein he has voiced the deep feelings of many souls who at last stand at the gate of peace:

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

She read the whole beautiful poem to the last. How wonderful, how true! A magic change came over her soul; she felt as one freed from bonds. A

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The rare words of John Burroughs's "Waiting" were speedily set to the music that came that day, and in printed form are now carrying their double blessing to eager hearts. Now, not only with a soul full of melody, but with a home full of music, does my friend gladden her world, which includes you and me and all who will harken.

You may say, But would the same words bring me to the goal of attainment? Can I develop my gift? Why not? If you are as faithful, as praiseful and as patient, perhaps you will blossom quickly. Learn these words and let them fall into the soil of your heart. They may spring up and bear a hundred-fold.

But remember under all circumstances to be content. This is another way of saying, Be still, and grow as the lilies grow, without toil or effort.

I hope you will each gain as much from this story of a real experience as I have in knowing my friend and her works.

Now I hear someone saying: "Answer the question you left over last month about business and religion."

I wish I could, but I haven't much space. Still, even a word may set you thinking.

In the first place, I believe legitimate business and religion can go together! A good many do not, but thank God I know some very successful business men and women who have proven that the Golden Rule is pure gold in the business as well as the religious world. So I say to my friend who asked this question, Do not doubt for an instant that business and religion can go together—can be proven and practiced in every day's transactions.

I know a grocer who has done wonderfully in business, and has succeeded in a hundred ways because he always insists on making the Golden Rule his rule. Debts that had been accumulating for years, and which his partner regarded as hopeless, were collected almost as soon as he was permitted to supervise their collection. Always cheery, bright, helpful, working often from dawn till midnight, this man goes his holy, happy way "fervent in business," but equally fervent in prayer, and the active works of teaching, helping and healing the sick and unfortunate who come to him, or to whom he goes as God's messenger.

Then another man I know, who is one of the most active and responsible members of a firm in New York City, the business of which occupies an immense building in the heart of the business district. This man is like one glorified, because his face beams with the light within, and his words of wisdom are sought from far and wide. Among the chief counselors as well as chief executives in the business of his firm, he yet has time for being as the sower who goes forth to sow in all fields and beside all waters. Prosperity, health and happiness are his in full measure.

Then I know a little woman who, from nearly utter destitution, lack of resources, and almost total physical blindness, has raised herself (by using her gift of faith and by her habit of continual praise, as well as doing what her hands and mind find to do) to a state of comparative plenty, abundance of opportunity, and friends who seem sent from heaven. I called on her not long since, and in recounting her many blessings, she said: "The Father is so good to me; I try to be good too. I found the other day I had a dollar to put away in my savings purse, and as I looked at the fresh, crisp bill, I thought, 'Why, I know someone who needs this dollar more than I do, for I do not need to hoard it.' And I took it to her. She was so grateful. And do you know, the very next day another dollar came to me from an entirely unexpected source."

God bless her! She gave one of the secrets of her success!

Oh, how much there is to say, but I must let you do some thinking. Perhaps in this you will find your real Easter!

We trust our friends for a sea voyage to the captain of the ship, although we miss them when they go. And is Christ so poor a captain that we cannot trust our friends to go before us on the homeward voyage with Him?—Bolton Jones.



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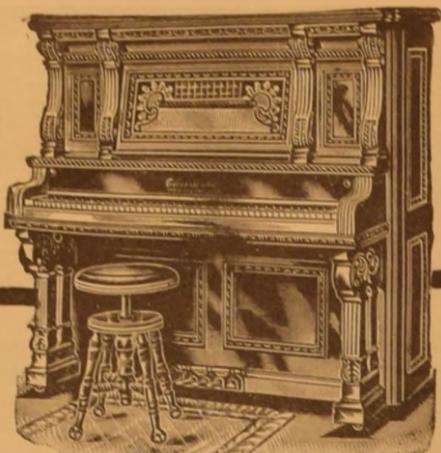
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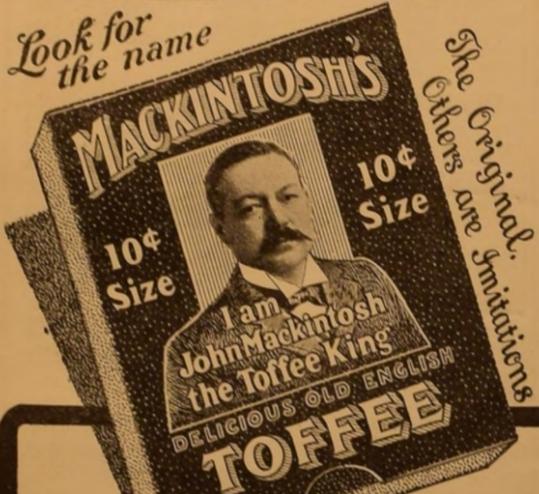
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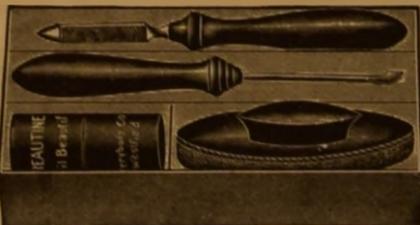
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Elizabeth Porter Gould.

The Help of Friends

LET us be grateful with all our hearts and testify to those who have helped us in our extremity! And not only to these, but to all who look abroad from under their tender eyes and seeing, give of their substance and themselves as well, to the strugglers in the wastes of barrenness.

The story of the Good Samaritan never grows old. The love of David and Jonathan is as tender and sweet to-day to us all as it was to those who first told it long ago.

Père Marquette, born in the hill country of far-away France in 1637, "fed on stories of valor and faith; on Plutarch's lives of heroes, imbued with a high great friendliness, left the quiet of the valleys and crossing the seas, came with 'a crucifix to men who despised mercy,' into a savage wilderness." As has been said of him: "Marquette was called not like David, from keeping sheep, to be a chieftain, prince and King, but to go down among wolves" to live and die among the savages he had redeemed with his tender friendship, the grace of his love.

The good in men comes out in their acts; what they think does not matter much; until a man puts his thoughts to work, his ideals are but the vapor of pleasant dreams.

Self-sacrifice lifts a man higher than the throne or the maker of millions.

One writes to me that he will not be bothered with knowing people, with any social intercourse; will not be under obligation to anyone. This person is not normal, nor even intelligent, in the purest sense of the word. He tries to get out of old books the revelation, the inspiration he could so easily secure from the living "books" of human companionships. *Lida Hood Talbot.*

"If thou art sad, O soul of mine,
Why, then, look up!
There is the sky, the stars still shine,
Life's little cup
Still holds enough to consecrate
To him who comes or soon or late;
And heaven's blue is large and fine—
Quick, with that heart of thine,
Look up! Look up!"
—Anna Maria Sonn.

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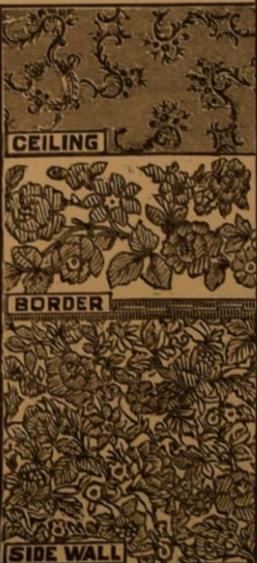
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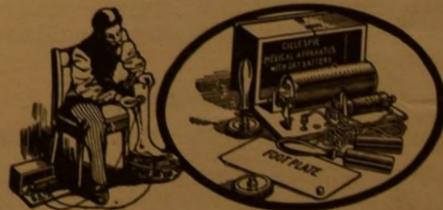
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THE LIFE OF FAITH

By Julia G. Boulton

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HE burden of the message of the law-givers and prophets of Israel is that of all truly spiritual teachers—the announcement that “the just shall live by faith.”

This truth flashing through the mind of Martin Luther raised him from dependence on acts of penance for the attaining of soul-rest, to the perception of deliverance through faith in Christ. He literally “ceased from his own works and entered into rest.”

Thus in the moment of his despair came the illumination which began a new era for Western Europe. From Doing to Being is a mighty advance! But, looking back to the very days of Abraham, Joseph and Moses we can see that they and others discerned the injunction of continuous action by this principle, and lo! we are back at the heart of the Law!

When the people were gathered to Mount Sinai to receive, through Moses, a new revelation, a fiery Law, they cried out in their rashness and ignorance: “All that the Lord hath spoken we will do,” yet, while Moses tarried in the mount, their vows were quickly forgotten, and they called for gods of silver and gold, something external and material, going back to Egypt in their hearts. This, although God had revealed Himself to them under a new name, entering into covenant with them as their Healer, Parent and King!

Legality they would have, but Love was too high for them, so the Law, with all its rigors, was given “by the disposition of angels,” a—Law which, for all their boasting, they were never able to keep, requiring the presence of the Summer-up of all their types, that in Him the Law might righteously end, and make way for another offer of grace and truth.

Our lesson in this incident (and it is one of present need) is to meet new teaching with humility and fairness, lest we close a door of opportunity upon ourselves. Let us ever look through things, to the soul of things!

In all the Great House of the Father there is nothing meaningless, nothing false to the sincere Wisdom-seeker. All things yield to him their secret!

So let us go forth meeting love with love, and we shall find not the chilling void of “an infant crying in the dark,” but a vast power and sweetness brooding o’er us, the El Shaddai of all ages.

In our pitiful grasp of personal ambitions let us be not like the child who thrust his hand into the neck of a costly vase and could not pull it out. All efforts were of no avail, and at last the father said: “Now, we will try for the last time, and I shall have to break your mama’s beautiful vase if we fail, so you must draw your hand together as tightly as possible, and straighten out all your fingers.”

“But, papa,” objected the boy in all innocence, “I cannot do that, for if I straighten out my fingers I shall drop my penny.”

The lesson is not meaningless, for us of larger growth.

So, we say, it is wise to consider the days of old

HEREDITY

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The influence of heredity cannot, of course, be successfully disputed, but it can be minimized or entirely overcome in some cases by correct food and drink. A Connecticut lady says:

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The writer recently met a man of God who was home from his missionary work in China to examine certain recruits who wished to labor with his band of united workers—so united that their prayers rise as from one mighty soul, with corresponding results.

Was he complaining of the hardships of the life abroad? On the contrary, his spirit was so chilled by the lack of perception of the *Living God* in the churches here, that he longed to return to his little company who knew their God, and did exploits.

Like the early Christians they have one mind, and one purse. Was temporary shelter needed, some officer would send word that a part of his barracks had been vacated and the rooms were at their disposal. When stoves were required to warm their northern homes-to-be, one of the number was moved to go out late at night to a certain shop where a dozen American stoves were waiting for him, thrown in with other loot by the Boxers during the late insurrection. Was it a mere happening that the brother was led to the only stoves in the city on the only night he passed there?

On missionary’s return to his friends with the good news he found the little company of some thirty men with their wives and little ones rejoicing over the receipt of a letter from high Chinese officials in the city where they were led to live, offering the “American benefactors,” of whose coming they had heard (how?), a large building rent-free for five years. This building proved to be what they needed, and for the baptistry which they desired was a pool in the court—the swimming tank of the German soldiers who had formerly occupied the place.

When so many “coincidences” occur, it would seem most reasonable to acknowledge the working of a law. These men had left home and friends in response to an inward call, and were giving the world a lesson on the sanity of the life of faith, depending upon no Board for their support. They found it easier and far quicker to get their directions from the Spirit, and the Spirit wrought with them marvelously in taking to troubled souls the Word of Peace.

Why not, when Man is the marvel of the universe for whose salvation the Creator works all other marvels, even to the sending of the “Word made flesh”?

It is the province of Faith in all ages and climes to perceive the guiding light in the chance word of a passer-by, the commonplace event, the unexpected turn of affairs. Only so do we keep alert, ready to act with assurance in emergencies, and detect the true values of apparent trifles.

A tiny bit of paper blowing about the streets of New York bore a word of truth which caught the eye of a homeless drunkard, and showed him that a Father’s house was open to him with bread, and robe, and ring. No one had suspected the hunger in his heart, or would have believed in its genuineness.

An old man now, humble yet powerful, he is saving others as wretched as his old self, knowing that no one is past help. The word of truth, the prayer of faith, the touch of love he knows to be mighty artillery for the destruction of strongholds of despair, impervious to all carnal weapons!

Through the streets of a western city a feeble woman was passing to her work unnoticed of any save the One to whom her heart was crying for help. The day was damp and cold, and the pavement so slippery that her eyes were fastened to it for sweet safety’s sake.

Suddenly she spied a half-fledged sparrow lying miserably in the sleet, and stooped to replace it in its nest in the vines of the church towering above her. This simple deed of kindness touched a spring in her own being and made way for the Holy Breath to come forth to her consciousness in these words of reminder: “Not a sparrow shall fall to the ground without your Father,” not the Creator’s knowledge, but without your Father. “Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows!”

What a song rose in her heart! Herself of recognized value, and to the Lord! Then she must so acknowledge herself to herself, and man’s poor opinion could cast no shadow on the joy of her freed spirit. Since He found her lovely, she became lovely in her own eyes, and with the fuller recognition of the Father there came fuller expression of His power in her life, even to the meeting of physical and financial needs.

For was she not a bird of His care? Was not her home in Him, where song abides and all things lovely bloom?

In the consciousness of Oneness why should we not expect songs in the night, and springs in the desert?

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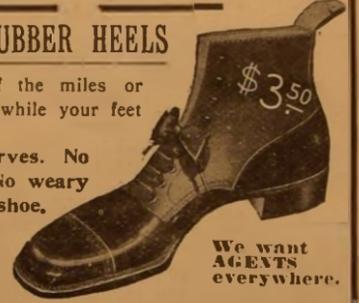
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And shall all join hands from the thousand lands
That are kissed by a common sun;
When the cannon's roar shall be heard no more
And the war-flags shall be furled;
When the lily-white banner of peace shall float
O'er a union of all the world.

There are glimpses of glory in Paradise,
But they all are not so bright
As our own dear earth will be, if we
Can open the reign of right;
If we, as brothers, will love each other,
And work as best we can
In the glorious labor of lifting our neighbor
And helping our fellow-man.

—J. A. Edgert.

If there were no birds man could not live on the earth.

Forget the Past

"Forgetting those things which are behind,"
Phil. iii, 13.

Forget the past! 'Twill ne'er return,
'Tis gone forever now;
Does not its memory bid thee learn
How faithless was its vow?
However rashly it was bought,
How'er 'twas prized or dear,
It is not worth an anxious thought
Or e'en one bitter tear.

Forget the past! 'Tis banished now
And ne'er can be recalled,
Why should thy ransomed spirit bow
To be again enthralled?
Why should the joy-dispelling gloom
Of a departed night
Be taken from its sombre tomb
To dim the present light?

Forget the past! 'Tis thine no more,
Thy pity comes too late,
Then with the wings of faith upsoar
And leave it to its fate.
Into the present broad and fair
Thine altered lot is cast,
For future days thou must prepare,
Oh! then, forget the past!

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Its store of joy and rest;
I give you peace of soul, to live
Serene within your breast.

And when I crown all these with love—
God's sunshine for life's way—
"Good morning!" are the only words
I ever need to say.
—Lydia Avery Coonley Ward.

Birthday Stones

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 - March—Bloodstone; courage.
 - April—Sapphire; repentance.
 - May—Emerald; success in love.
 - June—Agate; health and long life.
 - July—Ruby; forgetfulness of, and exemption from, vexations caused by friendship and love.
 - August—Sardonyx; conjugal fidelity.
 - September—Chrysolite; freedom from evil passions and sadness of mind.
 - October—Opal; hope and faith.
 - November—Topaz; fidelity and friendship.
 - December—Turquoise; prosperity.
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If We Knew

If we knew the cares and crosses
Crowding round our neighbor's way;
If we knew the little losses,
Sorely grievous, day by day;
Would we then so often chide him
For his lack of thrift and gain,
Leaving on his hearth a shadow,
Leaving on his life a stain?

If we knew the clouds above us,
Held by gentle blessings there,
Would we turn away all trembling,
In our blind and weak despair?
Would we shrink from little shadows,
Lying on the dewy grass,
While 'tis only birds in Eden
Just in mercy flying past?

If we knew the silent story
Quivering through the heart of pain,
Would our manhood dare to doom them
Back to haunts of guilt again?
Life hath many a tangled crossing,
Joy hath many a break of woe,
And the cheek tear-stained is whitest—
This the blessed angels know.

Cheer up, little sister; there will come a light soon.
Some friend or some opportunity will surely appear
if you trust the Father who giveth all good gifts.

Whatever things are true whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.—*Philippians iv, 8.*

A Suggestion

I CANNOT tell why there should come to me
A thought of someone miles and years away,
In swift insistence on the memory,
Unless there be a need that I should pray.

He goes his way, I mine; we seldom meet
To talk of plans or changes day by day,
Of pain or pleasure, triumph or defeat,
Or special reason why 'tis time to pray.

We are too busy to spare thought
For days together of some friends away;
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought
To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps, just then, my friend has fiercer fight,
A more appalling weakness, a decay
Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right—
And so, in case he needs my prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me! If I intrude
Unasked upon you, on some crowded day,
Give me a moment's prayer as interlude;
Be very sure I need it, therefore, pray.
—From *Woman's Missionary Advocate.*

Persian Anecdotes

A PERSIAN student, writing in the *St. James Gazette*, tells these stories, which he says he found buried in an old Persian book:

A certain king asked an astrologer, "How many years of life remain to me?" The wise man replied, "Ten." The king became very despondent and betook himself, as one stricken with a sickness, to his bed. His vizier, who possessed great wisdom, sent for the seer, and in the king's presence asked him, "How many years have you to live?" He replied, "Twenty." The vizier ordered that he should that very hour be executed in the king's presence. The king was satisfied and commended the sagacity of his minister, and no longer attached any importance to the astrologer's saying.

One day a certain tyrannical king came alone without the city walls and saw a man sitting under a tree. The king asked, "The ruler of this kingdom—is he a tyrant or a just man?" The stranger replied, "A very great tyrant." The king said to the stranger, "Do you know me?" He said, "No." "I am the sultan of this kingdom," the monarch replied. The man was overcome with fear and asked, "Do you know me?" The king said, "No." He replied, "I am the son of a merchant, and every month I suffer three days' madness. This unfortunately happens to be the day before the three days." The king laughed "and had nothing at all further to say."

One day a certain man said to himself, "Everything in the earth and in the heavens exists for me. For me many great things has God created." In the middle of his soliloquy a gnat settled on his nose and said, "So much pride in thee is not fitting in that thou shouldst imagine that all things in the earth and skies are created for thee. Rather art thou created for me. Dost thou not recognize that thou art only the instrument of my uplifting?"

The Sultan, Alexander the Great (the Two-Horned), upon a certain occasion passed by a madman and said, "Oh, madman, for some mark of my favor express thou a wish." He replied, "The flies trouble me; speak that they do so no more." The monarch said, "Oh, madman, make thy petition something which it is in my power to command." The madman said, "If thou canst not control a fly, what petition shall I make?"



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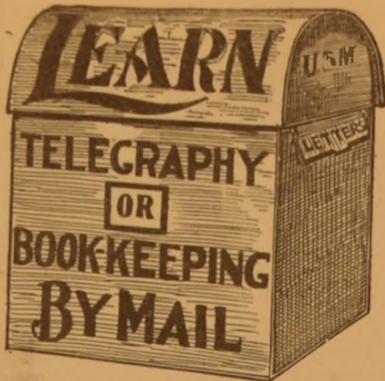
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THE PURPOSE AND AIM OF HUMAN LIFE

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HARLES WAGNER once said if anyone should ask him what was the purpose of human life, he should reply after this fashion:

"The object of life is to realize the perfection of our nature by combining with the power of love the resolute intention to accomplish that purpose through love and kindness." And then he says further:

"Man was designed to become more and more perfect, in order to preserve his life, and, equally so, to assist others in preserving their lives in accordance with the normal growth."

Two vital thoughts are contained in these sentences. The one is that what is contemplated by the evolutionary law is the constantly growing perfection of the human being through his own efforts. This is necessary in order "to preserve his life," that is, in order to win immortality, for that is meant by aiming to become more and more perfect. The further design is that he shall promote his own progress by aiding others to preserve their lives in accordance with normal growth, explaining that this is the development of the entire being, physical, intellectual, moral, in reciprocal harmony.

The pith of the matter lies in the last few words. Very few of us perceive the necessity of working to bring all sides of the nature into equilibrium. We do not realize that this is an absolute necessity if we are ever to draw near to the ideal toward which we are working.

When the sculptor sees a vision of a perfect form which he desires to fix in marble, he does not bend his whole energy to finishing one side without regard to the other, paying no attention to proportion, or to the possibilities of making a beautiful whole out of what he has to work with. Yet this is exactly the fashion in which the majority order their lives day by day.

The desire for physical perfection alone holds the thought and effort to the development of the body. The longing for intellectual advancement only is too apt to fill the hours so full of mental effort that no energy is left for spiritual seeking. And when, through a mistaken idea that the physical life, and the intellectual are of no importance, they are neglected or ignored, the seeker after the higher consciousness finds himself faced by failure, and his last condition is worse than his first.

It must be noted, however, that for the most part, even the effort for spiritual enlightenment has selfishness for its background. It is self-advancement that is the key to all striving that gives force to the thought that vitalizes action. It is here that we are to find the meaning of Mr. Wagner's words regarding the way to realize the perfection of our nature.

Let us consider the matter. We have been accustomed to regard selfishness as wholly evil, and yet it has produced the greater part of the progress of humanity to its present condition. History shows this so plainly that he who runs may read, and then perforce accept the truth that it is one of the evolutionary forces which is employed for a season.

There comes a time, however, in development, when, for individuals or for nations, no further growth can be made in the realization of the purpose of life, without "the resolute intention to accomplish that purpose through love and kindness." In other words, there is an awakening to the fact that the web of life is so closely woven that humanity is One, and human separateness is impossible. Then comes the struggle to realize the responsibility which a recognition of this fact brings. Justice demands that the effort of each individual shall be to make strong rather than to destroy. His effort must be to "live divinely," not for himself alone, but for the sake of the world of beings to whom he is so closely related.

The growth toward this condition when the desire is strong for what may well be termed the real things of life—real because they are eternal—is necessarily slow. Love must become the force that energizes every action. Robert Loveman well describes the paramount feeling in these lines:

What care I for robe or stole?
It is the soul, it is the soul.
What for crown, or what for crest?
It is the heart within the breast,
It is the faith, it is the hope,
It is the struggle up the slope,
It is the brain and eye to see
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Reaching this point in the process "of perfecting our nature" does not mean, as I said before, the complete turning away from the physical and material. Responsibility cannot be severed from them since they are close to us and are necessary to

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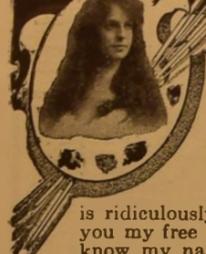
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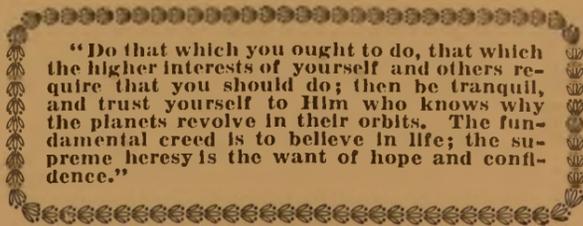
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"Do that which you ought to do, that which the higher interests of yourself and others require that you should do; then be tranquil, and trust yourself to Him who knows why the planets revolve in their orbits. The fundamental creed is to believe in life; the supreme heresy is the want of hope and confidence."

It is possible to live the spiritual life even in the midst of "things" in just the degree that we relate our spiritual nature to the spiritual world, which is the eternal reality. It is this idea which St. Paul intends to convey when he speaks of "being risen with Christ." He means the transformation or regeneration of the nature through obtaining the victory over the lower self. "Man is designed to live in the immortal energies, the energies of hopefulness—of helpfulness; of meeting the needs—of fulfilling the duty of the hour."

It seems to me that in fulfilling the duty of the hour we have the whole secret of growth, or harmonious development. This "fulfilling" means far more than simply doing the necessary outward action. That may be merely the product of the will, while the thought back of it is colored by dislike, even reaching to hatred. No matter how fair the doing may seem to be, it is not in the true sense a fulfillment under such circumstances.

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The conclusion of the whole matter is this: The perfecting of our nature is the slow process of building toward the highest ideal we are capable of holding at any present moment. The meaning of perfection in human life, it must be remembered, is always relative. It is, it must be, the harmonious development of the powers and possibilities of human nature, to a point when the Ego stands ready for greater opportunities to be opened before him in the wonderful world of infinite development. To think otherwise would be to limit the Divine Energy which brought the universe into manifestation.

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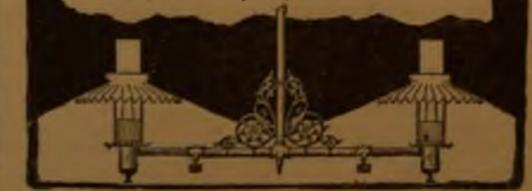
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A Variety of Universes

By Frederic W. Burry

Written especially for THE NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES

It is certainly paradoxical to speak of a variety of Universes; but life altogether is made of seeming paradoxes or apparent contradictions.

This is because just as soon as we are born on this mortal plane we take an inverted view of life, which we continue to have during the rest of our sojourn midst the illusions of mortality. The material appears to be the real, the personal is an isolated existency, the finite is the actual, the subjective is the objective.

But all this is inverted vision. When the clear seeing is evolved (otherwise clairvoyance or illumination of consciousness)—then the point of view is entirely changed.

Mind or spirit is proved to be the reality; the personal or individual a manifestation of the one eternal unity; the infinite is the truth; things without are seen to be only the imagination, the reflection of things within.

This does not destroy the reality of the personal. There is a mystical eternal identity and distinctness of individuality—made possible by the principle of love.

There is an infinite universe, a kingdom of illimitable life and possibility, for each soul.

Consider the panorama of things, which your senses have made tangible to you, as a wondrous kingdom residing in your mind. It is none the less real because of this material character.

What you gaze upon, what your thoughts or senses display to you, is a universe of life all your own—entirely different to everyone else's.

No two points of view are alike because no two personal characters or aggregation of experiences are alike. We each live in a world of our own; and this is really the kingdom of the Imagination.

This is a very real kingdom—a palpable kingdom—realm of delightful possibility. It is not going to last forever in its present form; it is changing all the time; but it is real for all its worth; it is the objectivation of your ideals.

These will change in a measure to-morrow; and your universe will be correspondingly changed—always for the better—always growth and development, whatever occurs.

A theory of life like this makes a man free, independent, and still united with the one and all.

So there can be both collectivism and individualism: they need not clash.

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You enthusiastic reformers! Why don't you take a wider platform, and recognize the eternal fact that all men must see things different?—that truth is relative and dependent on the depth and strength of mental vision—mercifully shielded or displayed in mathematically correct measure and beneficial degree, according to the needs and unfoldment of a person's intellectual capacity.

As it has been said, we can agree to disagree. Even a single person is made up of conflicting convictions—doubts and fears, mingled with feelings of certainty and courage. Who knows his own mind? Who is settled in his own mind? Your view this moment is changed for another view the next.

And yet all is truth; there is no error. Simply a matter of degree.

Enlarge your view. Expand your conception of the infinite universe as applied to yourself. Consider your personality as a centre, and the whole outside as a limitless circumference radiating from this centre.

Then you have room to breathe—scope for thought and action—opportunity for the exercise of your ability.

This world is going to be a plane of action for millions of geniuses, who each recognize a universal nature of their own and a universal kingdom of their own—each in some special line giving birth to excellent creations.

Your limitations are always of an elastic character; they widen out according to your development; they are not bonds—they are merciful shields and inclosures of security.

You can have as much liberty as you prepare yourself for. The law of attraction simply keeps things together or apart for mutual advantage every time.

Always is nature both just and generous. Never any chance or accident or evil or caprice.

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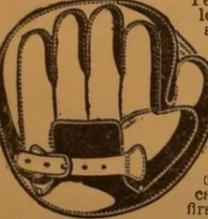
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Evolution is journeying toward conditions of a universal consciousness; this is a stage of intellectual development; it is not chaos; the personal is not annihilated; it is the apotheosis of existence, the complement of life.

In expanding your nature, in raising your intellect on to a spiritual plane of consciousness, recognizing your universality and your infinite nature, you are throwing away nothing of value; whatever you give up in the new life is fully compensated for. Surely ecstasy is in every way more desirable than ordinary sensation—when you are prepared for it.

Every experience is a stage in the preparation of the soul for its universal consciousness.

We are not pigmies, not mere bundles of tubes and nerves, not mere matter. We are life; we are being.

This earth is destined to be a veritable paradise inhabited by gods.

Open your eyes, O Man—wider, wider. Be no longer scrimped and limited by the paltry conceptions of mortal dreams. You have been mistaking the symbols for the things signified.

We have looked at form, and thought it was substance. This is a philosophical mistake.

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Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth You must first know the state of his conscience and health.

Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man.

Not the happy and sad, for the swift-flying years Bring each man his laughter and each man his tears. No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean Are the people who lift, and the people who lean.

Wherever you go, you will find the world's masses Are always divided in just these two classes. And oddly enough, you will find, too, I mean, There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing the load Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road? Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear Your portion of labor and worry and care?

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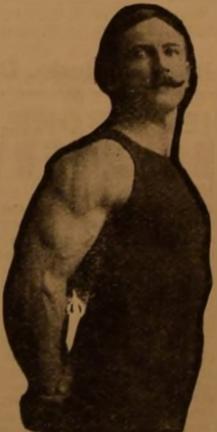
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WHAT is Man that Thou art mindful of him? or the son of Man, that Thou visitest him?"
 Man is a living spark of the divine light and love of the All! That is why God is mindful of him. Man is His highest and noblest creation; why should HE not prize him? HE knows the wondrous possibilities of man's nature. Man is the very flower of perfection of God's handiwork.

"He is, in little, all the sphere."
 As it was with W. E. Channing, the "Dignity of Human Nature" must be our watchword; of human nature, not merely of human character. For human nature denotes the powers, the capacities, the possibilities of man, what he ought to be and should be, not what he is.

If we delve deep into human character we shall find a God-given inheritance of spirit and goodness, pure and imperishable. A moral mine of glorious possibilities. As yet human character expresses only the undeveloped condition of man, and is therefore not to be taken as a final standard.

The growing appreciation of what man may realize is already in the mental air about us. This view exactly reverses the ancient order of thought, and builds up from new, grander and deeper foundations.

The weightiest objections to it proceed from the undeveloped character of man. The common saying is that conscience is crude, confused; it either does not exist at all, or else erects inconsistent standards of right and wrong.

But if a noble criterion of morality is established, as it is, it has and must have an educating and sustaining power.

The life of every saint attests it. All the Bibles of the world voice it. Messages from heaven, yes, Revelations, owe to it their authority. The grand souls of the race only raise the human level on which the common souls tread; as the discovery of the ancient pavements of the Roman Forum opens up to ordinary feet the way that St. Paul and the Patrician statesmen and heroes went.

The slowness of moral advance, and the stubbornness of vice and evil, is flung at us in taunt. But we must give time for growth, improvement and cultivation. Men and women are just struggling up from the estate of animalhood. They have much to learn and much to unlearn; much to bear and much to forbear.

We of to-day are so used to thinking of the globe as round, and of men as living at the Antipodes just as we live here, that we can hardly believe that once it was deemed impossible for human creatures to live with their heads downward, and their feet toward us, and to walk like flies upon a ceiling. That was thought a crazy notion of the unbalanced.

So the time will come when it shall be as natural for men to do right as to breathe; when all kinds of injustice, cruelty and tyranny will be outgrown.

When that time comes men will be slow to believe that the ages ever were when men could make brutes of themselves or treat each other as beasts. The inherent depravity of man, his essential corruption, his absolute inability to receive any portion of the divine life is naturally repudiated. But his febleness, crudeness, imperfection, his dearth and deficiency; his sensuality, coarseness, love of material things, is insisted on and cannot be exaggerated. But his inner life, the root of his being, is a germ of the divine nature in him, a spark, a breath from the Love Light of the Central Being and blessedness of all life, and this spark can be kindled and developed into wondrous beauty.

Longfellow expresses it in his own lovely way:
 "Ye whose hearts are fresh and simple
 Who have faith in God and Nature,
 Who believe that in all ages
 Every human heart is human,
 That in even savage bosoms
 There are longings, yearnings, strivings
 For the good they comprehend not,
 That the feeble hands and helpless,
 Groping blindly in the darkness
 Touch God's right hand in that darkness
 And are lifted up and strengthened;
 Listen to this simple story."

God appeals to His own life in each one; in that life alone abides the power to grow and blossom into the good and the true. He is the Father, the absolute love, and His desire is to lead men upward toward the height of divine perfection. In all ages and all nations and in every way He is trying to do this. All nature, art and literature is full of this blessed affection for the little children.

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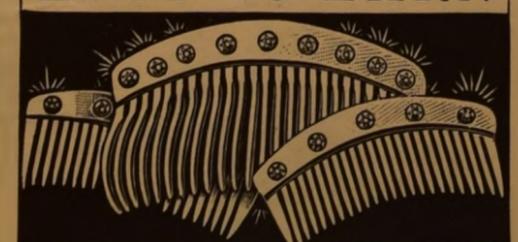
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"Nothing walks with aimless feet.
 That not one life shall be destroyed
 Or cast as rubbish to the void
 When God shall make the pile complete."

Then let us look forward hopefully to that "day of days, the great day of the feast of life, is that in which the inward eye opens to the unity of things, to the omnipresence of the law, and sees that what is, must be, and ought to be, or is, the best."

Three Poems

By Mutsuhito, Emperor of Japan

I

My heart's at peace with all, and fain would I Live, as I love, in lifelong amity;
 And yet the storm clouds lower, the rising wind
 Stirs up the waves; the elemental strife
 Rages around. I do not understand
 Why this should be.

II

'Tis surely not our fault.
 We've sought to be sincere in deed and word;
 We have exhausted every means to press
 A clear and truthful case, but all in vain,
 Now may the God that sees the hearts of men
 Approve of what we do!

III

They're at the front,
 Our brave young men; and now the middle-aged
 Are shouldering their arms; and in the fields
 The old men gather in the abundant rice,
 Low stooping o'er the sheaves; all ages vie
 In cheerful self-devotion to the land.

(The above poems appeared in a Japanese newspaper on Nov. 7, and were translated and published in the New York Independent. The translator, Arthur Lloyd, says that they were evidently written at different times; Number one, before the war, when the Emperor saw himself surrounded by signs of the coming conflict; number two, at the actual commencement of the war, and number three, under present conditions.)

What One Copy Brought

One of our subscribers sent a copy of this Magazine to a friend, not thinking there was any special need but wishing to pass along the good thought received. A few days later he received a letter thanking him for his care, and from that letter we are permitted to quote. The writer is a woman worn with the toil and troubles of years, a devout Christian and faithful worker in one of the most conservative churches. Do not think because your friend is listening to sermons each Sunday there is no need of this Magazine and its opportunities, but send the good tidings along. They are needed everywhere. Blessing others, you will be blessed.

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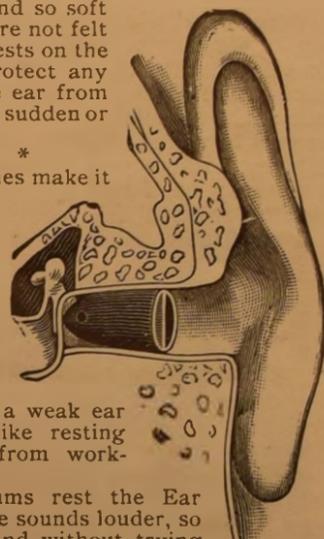
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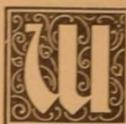
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A Messenger for Freedom

By Winthrop W. Field

Written expressly for
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WHATEVER the land we call our own we can but feel our hearts burn within us when we read of such stories as that of the Greek boy who ran with a thorn in his foot many a weary mile to warn his countrymen of the coming of the hostile armies, or of the maid who rode all night and made her horse swim the rushing Rhine to warn her native city of coming attack; and above all is our spirit stirred by that heroic effort of Paul Revere, who carried the news of the landing of troops and aroused the farmers to gather at Lexington and begin a revolution that should bring forth a new nation, new policies and new ideals of freedom.

Paul Revere had little but a brave spirit and a strong mind; he was one of the millions, yet the service he did has given him undying fame. From the message he gave to the farmers came strife and death, but out of the good impulses of the race and the deep devotion of the men of all nationalities who had gathered on the rock-bound coast of New England, arose a Government that to-day is leading the earth in the paths that make for peace and that higher civilization which tends toward the goal of a universal recognition of Brotherhood. Paul Revere went out into the dark alone. Behind him were the great ships and marching men which symbolized the power of an adversary, before him the great meadows and the eternal hills whereon dwelt true men and women who knew that God is God and that kings could not oppress those who deserved to be free. On that fateful nineteenth of April they turned upon the troops, and Lexington took its place in history with Salamis and Thermopylae, its heroes were enrolled on the golden scroll of fame with those of Runnymede and Cromwell's Ironsides. Paul Revere has passed from earth, but the work he did is part of the world's history. He did not live in vain.

Thank God that day of strife has passed. English blood, German blood, the soul and sinew of Scandinavia and the pride of France and Ireland and Italy are being spiritualized in the great workshops of America. That stage of development is over. Now comes the work of making spiritual, and altogether Godlike, the peoples of the whole earth. Once we had pride only in that which was done by men of our tongue and ancestry; to-day we are learning to rejoice in all that has been done by mankind anywhere, for any nation. That Power which "guides the nations groping on their way" is manifested in our hearts and lives in new ways.

Celebrate the ride of Paul Revere, those who hold him especially dear; rejoice for the messages of liberty from chosen heroes! Plato, Cicero and Caesar, Socrates and Cromwell, Washington, Paine and Wesley, Lincoln, Whittier, Frances Willard and old John Brown, the Abolitionist, all had their words of the Lord to proclaim to a sleeping world, that it might rise and make its Lexingtons sacred by blood and tears and prayers. Under the stars rode Revere; in the broad day have walked a thousand prophets from Moses to Mozart, telling the oppressed to go free, the dreamers to awaken, the dull of understanding to listen to those heavenly harmonies which make angels buoyant with gladness.

Ride again, people of the Living God, ride again along the dark ways of night and arouse the sleepers and tell them Liberty has called to them, that Truth is in need of them, that the hosts from the enemies' camps are upon them, and that they must prove themselves men. Let your hands knock at every door that has a living soul which will arouse and hear your voices. Spiritual freedom is the gift that is offered this day.

"By the rude arch that spanned the flood
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
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And fired the shot heard round the world."

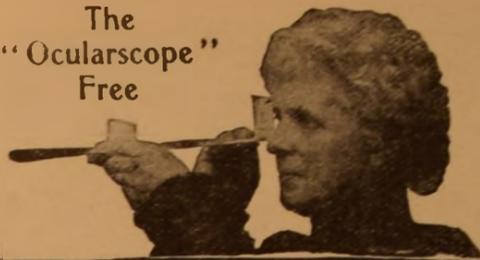
Again to the bridge, all who have heard the Word! Stand fast for that liberty with which God has made you free! It is the morning of resurrection, the Easter time of the ages. Our Captain is with us and the life that maketh all things new is in our souls. In this hour let every man be a messenger, for the new freedom is at hand.

Easter Thoughts

Thomas De Quincey thus describes one of his reveries: "I thought it was a Sunday morning in May, and that it was Easter Sunday, and yet very early in the morning. I said aloud (as I thought), to myself: 'It yet wants much of sunrise, and it is Easter Sunday, and that is the day they celebrate the first fruits of the Resurrection. I will walk abroad, old griefs shall be forgotten, for the air is cool and still, and the hills are high and stretch away to heaven, and the forest glades are as quiet as the churchyard; and with the dew I can wash the fever from my brow, and then I shall be unhappy no longer.'"

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THE NEW MAN

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NEW times demand new measures and new men," and the old man of self for self cannot stand in the new order now upon us. Spiritual vibrations, unthinkably more rapid than the trillions of waves to the second necessary to make light perceptible to our eyes, are sweeping the earth and are the immediate cause of all scientific and material progress. Oriental men believe in invisible God-powers able to continually work marvels, but the Occidental inclines to doubt everything not embodied in gross material, as some still question telepathy, although its law is externalized in wireless telegraphy. Tortured by unrest, material man recognizes not that its cause is that Fire of Love which, co-operated with will refine his dross and transmute what seems base metal into gold.

Through ever-expanding consciousness man developed into that "good, good" man of the first chapter of Genesis—the Adam Cadmon of dominion and power. But he sought knowledge of good and evil; separated himself from Maker and man; and accused his associates of the evil. Thus, by this separateness, the sum of all sins, Eden was lost and man drove himself into the Wilderness of bondage and oppression. But through all his blind materialism his heart has believed in its possible recovery. Therefore he has continually sought happiness, but through competition, destruction instead of co-operation and construction.

Jesus Christ seeing the suffering man had unconsciously chosen for himself, offered to live in the hardest conditions of fallen humanity, pledged to sinlessness—oneness with his Father—in order to refresh man's memory of his former glory and to reveal the Way back to Eden. Being "the likeness of the invisible God," "an effulgence of His glory, and an exact impress of His SUBSTANCE," to know Jesus Christ, "the First-born of all creation," is to know God and man, and their interrelation. Indeed 'tis to know all in its WHOLENESS, for "if anyone be in Christ (consciousness) he is (again) a NEW CREATION; the old things have passed away; behold! they have become new."

Already some have seen the vision and centered their consciousness in The Spirit rather than in her instrument, the mind. They have lifted materiality into spirituality, and the full tide of their being is setting steadily back to the Primal Source. These are the Elect for whose sake the days of trial will be shortened.

What manner of creation is the New Man? He is a Being, trained by the Master of Men to be POOR in the worldly spirit of these times; to be COMFORTED in every circumstance because God is Love and the Universe is order; to be MEEK, self-controlled, reverently humble, because all things are given into his hands; to be HUNGRY and THIRSTY for greater conformity to the Image of His Son; to be MERCIFUL to every living thing (and all things live), because God made and sustains them; to be PURE IN HEART, continually beholding the Creator in the created; to be a PEACEMAKER, following the Universal Pattern; trained to BLESS persecutors; and to PRAY for false accusers who thus reveal his kinship with saints, sages and prophets. This inward righteousness, which is the largest fulfilment of the law, makes the CHOSEN "the salt of the earth," "the light of the world" and the Leaders of the Race.

His new moral code reaches the desires and thoughts, the roots of action. These are known, for like produces like, as Jesus said he who is angry with or hates his brother is a murderer. We have not lifted hand against him, but whose heart is guiltless? What added strength has your thought and mine lent the hand that did strike? And if all words relating to theft were erased from man's memory, and he could not recall their import, think you he could appropriate the belongings of others? The New Man *thinketh* no evil, but loves, blesses and prays for his enemies to change them into friends, and to be perfected even as his heavenly Father is perfect.

He judges no man. "The light of Christ's presence (in me) will reveal the shortcomings of myself and the hitherto unrecognized excellences of others." And "who shall lay anything to the charge of God's Elect?" God justifies and he is unhurt by man's opinions and slights; being free, he inhabits a realm above personalities.

Freely he has received of the divine Bounty and freely but secretly he gives, expecting no worldly praise. Being the King's Son, he need lay up no earthly, perishable treasure. He serves and trusts God for daily needs while conscientiously doing Man's work in the world. He knows his Maker is his Supply and his treasure is within himself. He simply trusts, certain that the All-Father is more glad to give us the best, than the truest earthly

parents are to give good gifts to their children. Thus abiding in Christ, like the branch in the vine, he asks and receives, seeks and finds, knocks and doors are opened unto him.

He is a man of silence and secrecy, casting no pearls of Truth before the swinish nature which devours everything for self-gratification. Like the marriage sacrament, all sacred things are secret to him in their activities, although the fact of their being is known to all men.

The New Man, then, is a BEING, simple as a child, wise as a Master, brave as a general, tender as the new mother, and full statured in Christ. But God's Will is to have *Being* translated into *doing*; therefore, "whosoever desires to be great . . . let him be your servant, and whosoever desires to be first let him be your slave; even as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve." After Gethsemane the Servant's will is the Universal Divine Will; after crucifixion of the personal he is the selfless disciple of the Master of Love; and after the burial of the old man in the rock-hewn sepulchre of forgetfulness of evil, he is the NEW MAN resurrected to Christ-consciousness. He will remember evermore that "ALL things are from God who has reconciled us (*i. e.*, called us back to Unity) to Himself, this Jesus Christ, and has given to Us the SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION."

Having learned to use the Universal Unifying Principle in himself, he knows by an inner conviction, reasonable and logical, yet above reason and logic, that he is a Unit, an individualized centre of Godlike consciousness; that Humanity is a Unit of which he is one cell, an integral part; and that God is UNITY the One ALL-INCLUSIVE, in whom we live, move and have our being as surely as the atoms of our bodies live, move and have their being in us.

From intellectual beliefs he has Unified head and heart knowing into one Belief in the Divine origin and vitality of mankind and of the Universe.

From blind faiths he has entered into God's Faith that his goal is God-consciousness. From theology he has come to realize reunion with God and works no longer of himself but of Himself. Therefore his *purpose* is the restoration of all things, when the Race will have "stripped off the old man with his practices, and having put on the new one, who is renewed by exact knowledge, according to an image of Him who created him, there will exist not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian; slave, freeman; but Christ is ALL and in all." His *knowledge* is authority, for being no longer under tuition by cults, he receives the Truth by intuition—the within teaching. His *power* is the prayer of faith and the love which sees no evil. His *machinery* is pure thinking and obedience to the inner light. And his *method* is the intelligent working balance between individualism and co-operation based on the service of each for all.

Dear Friends, does this ideal seem unattainable? Jesus lived it in the midst of most adverse conditions and the Race attained it in the Golden Age before the Fall. And there is nothing new under the sun. Whatever is "it hath been already of old time which was before us. . . . That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is passed." Then this Ideal Being is not new, but Adam Cadmon come again to his own—to dominion, power and stability. Oh, believe in him, look for him, expect him, BE him! Remember he is restored by renewing the SPIRIT of your mind according to its exact knowledge (memory) of an image of God which is in you. Therefore meditate upon his qualities and *image* to yourself the great works he will perform in his new era. The old battle cry and the new victory salute are one: "Renew your mind, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Think it, speak it, sing it, encircle the earth with its eternal vitality!



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Did you ever stop to think how much energy we waste about the opinions of people for whom we care little or nothing? There is not one of us but is a "show" in the eyes of somebody, because that somebody cannot understand and therefore appreciate us. Why waste energy stewing over it? Make up your mind to enjoy being a show to anybody who wants to take you that way. Snap your fingers at morbid thoughts and get interested in pleasant ones. If you cannot do it in any other way repeat poetry to yourself! That will give you something pleasant to think of. Whenever the unpleasant thoughts obtrude, simply pooh-pooh them. Keep at this until you begin really not to care. Stick to it and it will make a new man of you. The man who laughs at another makes a fool of himself. Rather humor such people as you do a child who will presently grow up and cease inane giggling. Forgive them and let them go from your thought. Send out blessings and let who will do the cursing; for blessing and cursing and ridicule all come home to roost.—*Nautilus.*

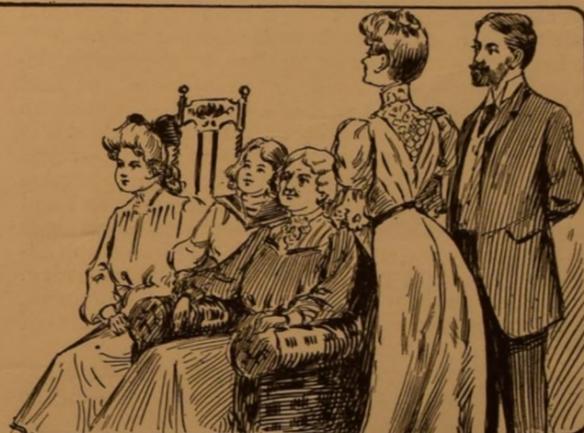
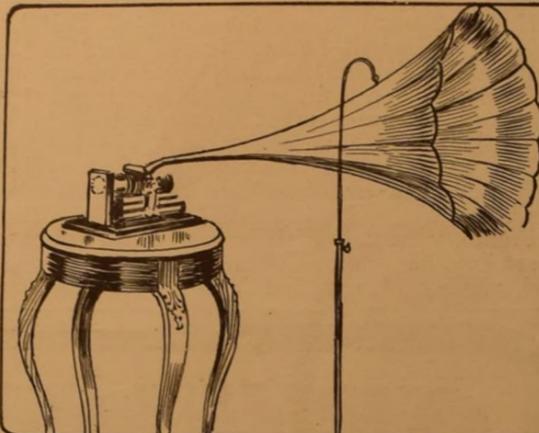
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Can you sow chaff and garner wheat? You have never received a kind word, a blessing, a token but what you have earned it. Neither have you borne the brunt of troublesome burdens but what you drew them to you.

You say, "I did not know. How can I be held responsible for what I have not been taught?" You did know, you do know. You need not be taught. The knowledge was born within you. So also were born within you selfishness and greed. You have witnessed self-interest in your neighbor. You took self-interest as your aim. You have allowed egotism to reign until it has almost annihilated charity. Therefore your disappointments. Now is your time to begin. Realize the Brotherhood of Man and your duty to life. Once upon the Bridge of Brotherhood your brethren will form about you a bodyguard of themselves. They are drawn to you by the irresistible love-force which you have created.

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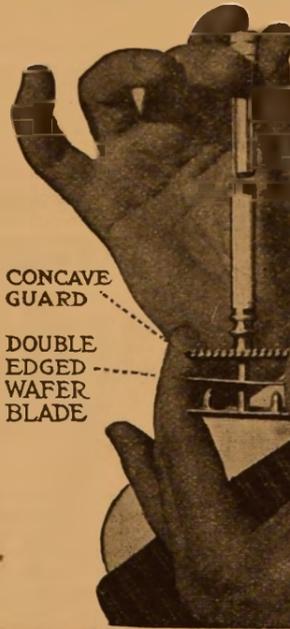
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Psalm cl, 6.

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EASTER was born when the morning stars arranged their courses in the heavens; when seasons began upon earth, when the animal emerged into spiritual light and the eyes that had seen only the earth were raised to search the heavens and dream of immortal life. Love is part of the eternal order as much as is the swinging of this globe into the place from whence it receives the arrows of the sun and binds them into sheaves and blends them into flowers.

Easter is the transformation of the material into the spiritual. Growling and with wicked eyes the beasts come from their mountain dens and seek what they may slay. Spring touches them and they forget their savagery and begin to woo one another and prepare for the coming of downy cubs and the joys of parenthood. The birds come back on steady wings, covering hundreds of miles in a night that they may see again the places where they were born. The tropic South lured them from before the breath of winter, but now they are conscious of new longings. Nest building, song making, the busy sweetness of home life appeal to them. They must fulfil the will of the Spirit of Life and they are overwhelmed with joy.

Before the frost has left the sod the crocus has begun to bloom. The arbutus is pink and white and fragrant upon a thousand slopes before the last breastworks of the snows are destroyed by the conquering winds from the summer seas. The maples are sweet with fresh blood that courses to the waiting buds. The sassafras has put forth its delicate tints of green, and shad-bush and spice-bush are bearing fresh blossoms, the white of the shad and the delicate yellow of the spice making the woodland robes of nature beautiful as the lace of a queen's garments.

Where, then, does man express the will of God?

The rocks are warm with the milder season and the very briars are putting forth leaves as they face the coming days. What shall man change?

We may awaken to physical life and not have Easter. We may arouse ourselves anew to mental tasks and yet miss the "spirit of youth," which, Shakespeare says, is put into everything at this season. Only by the resurrection of the consciousness of God can we make ourselves a part of the mystic life impulse which throbs throughout the world we know. "That light which lighteth every man which cometh into the world" must be kindled to a greater flame if we would enter into the joy of living.

"Not in utter nakedness

But trailing clouds of glory do we come
From God, who is our home,"

and unless we reassert that eternal possession we shall not enter into eternal life here and now.

Look across the ages and see where the mighty men of the days have taken their inheritance and led the slowly moving millions in their march along the seas of time. Did Cadmus learn letters from the ground? Was the fire worship a material fear alone? When the ancient Greeks climbed their hills to sacrifice to far-darting Apollo and the swift-footed Mercury, felt they naught that was divine? Who wreathed the crowns for warriors in times when men fought with clubs save those who saw the glory of the spiritual as it bore men to face death for Love? Where has any man been prophet or seer save as he felt within himself the sacred passion of the Easter life? "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills," sang the herdsmen and from their midst walked David, sure of mind and sufficient unto his savage day.

Who shall number the hosts that have felt the touch of the Infinite and have arisen and followed him. "Where is thy brother Abel?" was the hoarse cry of Cain's awakened soul. "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest," was the strong declaration of a man who had already arisen from the dead though his body was not yet delivered unto the Prince of this World.

In the season when Moses hid the dead Egyptian in the sand and fled from the fear of his own heart, when he stood before Pharaoh, an awakened prophet, crying, "Thus saith the Lord God of Israel: Let My people go," he dominated an empire and defied the wrath of the world.

Paul saw the Easter sunshine in a vision and went blind till he was ready to begin his work. After that he went in bonds from Judea to Rome and feared no harm.

"In the power of the Spirit" men have gone not forty days only, but forty years in the wilderness of this life. Having received the Holy Spirit they were given the signs which follow those who believe. They cast out the devils of ignorance and fear, they healed the sick, they killed the serpents of priestcraft in dark ages and cleansed the church again and again. They raised the spiritually dead and in all things were more than conquerors. "The wilderness and the solitary place were glad for

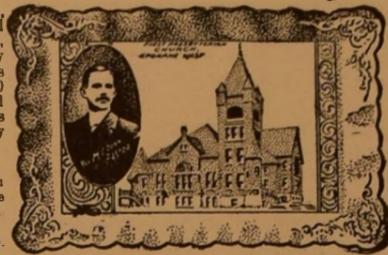
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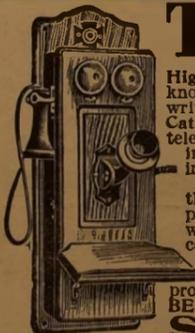
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W. Allingham.

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Joseph wore a "coat of many colors," and it was stripped from him. But the royal robe of a righteous mind was his forever, and with it he entered the courts of a king.

"Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord." If you doubt this ever, even for a moment, go in the name of the Lord and do His work and you shall be blessed.

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"I am the resurrection and
The life." It spoke, calm, low,
Incisive, sweet, so close at hand,
Impressive, thrilling, slow.

"He that believeth on me shall,
Though he be dead, yet live."
At length I asked, "Who speaks so well?
Wilt Thou Thy meaning give?"

"What art Thou, gentle Voice of power?
Dost come from Heaven above,
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Plow deep while sluggards sleep.
Never leave that till to-morrow which you can do
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A little neglect may breed mischief: for want of a
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He that goes a-borrowing goes a-sorrowing.

A man may, if he knows not how to save as he
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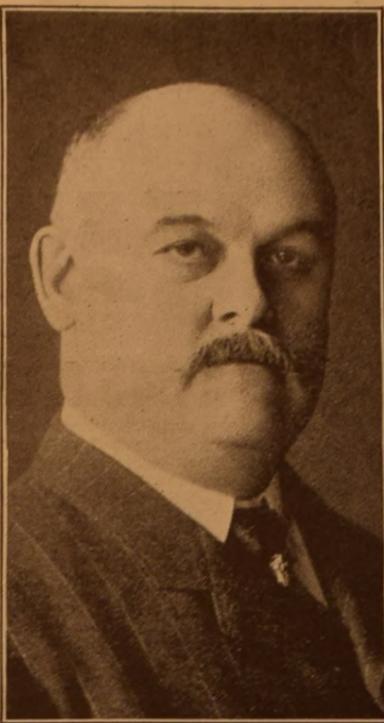
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All readers and subscribers of "OUR MAGAZINE" who purchase shares will receive the co-operative profit dividends which will be paid every May and November of each and every year. This is a splendid opportunity to get a satisfactory income from the money you invest and at the same time you can feel that you are a part owner in a publication which is accomplishing a great work for good in every community where it is read; and we are now circulating over One Hundred and Seventy-five thousand papers every month.

TO DO GOOD

The soul of man 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 that he can. This is the vitalizing principle of simple, holy mysticism of a pure, sweet, powerful and blissful life here, now and forever. What simpler and easier way can any reader or subscriber of OUR MAGAZINE employ in doing good than by subscribing to the shares of OUR ASSOCIATION? Thousands of souls have been lifted out of the slough of despondency by the powerful vibrations of our co-operators, co-partners, co-workers, as shareholders, by putting their shoulder to the wheel and making it possible for such a magnificent publication as Our Magazine to be put before the people each and every month; besides bringing Health, Happiness and Prosperity to all mankind. You can also feel that the money you had invested in shares in OUR ASSOCIATION will bring you big and satisfactory dividends every six months.

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Some of the largest fortunes in this country have been made in the publishing business. *The Youth's Companion, The Christian Herald, The Ladies' Home Journal, Munsey's Magazine and The Century Magazine* are each and every one making a fortune every year. We could go on and name many others. All of these publications are making large profits right in the face of the closest kind of competition, while with us there is no competition whatever. *The New York Magazine of Mysteries* is the only one of its kind in this country. You know; you have read it now for some time.

REMEMBER you can have your money refunded. If you are interested to learn just how you can make an investment just as safe as a savings bank and have your money refunded, drop me a line and I will write you a personal letter, covering every point about the Special Guarantee and Contract I send you with your certificate of shares in the Association. I want your co-operation and I am anxious that you should especially understand every detail about having Your Money Refunded, so please write me, you will never be sorry. I am firmly convinced, however,

**Co-operative Profit
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*All Shareholders in The
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Holding shares dated on or before April 1, 1905, will receive a semi-annual co-operative profit dividend of

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This co-operative profit dividend will be sent May 1st to all such shareholders and is warranted by the earnings of "OUR MAGAZINE" for the past six months. The next semi-annual co-operative profit dividend will be declared October 1, 1905, and paid November 1, 1905, and regularly every six months thereafter.

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MY OFFER TO YOU

I will sell a portion of my valuable co-operative profit dividend-paying shares in *The Magazine of Mysteries Association (Inc.)* at twenty dollars (\$20.00) per share (this is double their par value). I wish to have your co-operation. I do not care how few shares you buy. *No subscription is too small.* Hereafter I prefer not to sell more than five (5) shares to any one person, and the offer of shares may be withdrawn at any time. The reason I am selling these shares for double their par value is because they are getting scarce and also that I consider them worth much more. It is not the money I care about so much as to have your co-operation, your influence in your neighborhood and with your circle of friends. A small number of shares will accomplish this just as well as a hundred. Before you invest in a single share I want you to understand every little detail regarding the Association of which you are to become a valuable and respected member. Now, if you will sit down and write me at once, I will immediately, upon receipt of your letter, send you a long, personal answer, and I will also inclose the circulars headed: "Your Money Refunded," "How You Can Co-operate With Us" and "Our Immediate Profit-Sharing Plan." I am sure you will be pleased, after you have carefully read my long, personal letter and these circulars.

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So I told him I wanted to try the horse for a month. He said, "All right, but pay me first, and I'll give back your money if the horse isn't all right."

Well, I didn't like that. I was afraid the horse wasn't "all right" and that I might have to whistle for my money if I once parted with it. So I didn't buy the horse although I wanted it badly. Now this set me thinking.

You see I make Washing Machines—the "1900 Washer."

And, I said to myself, lots of people may think about my Washing Machines as I thought about the horse, and about the man who owned it.

But I'd never know, because they wouldn't write and tell me. You see I sell all my Washing Machines by mail. (I sold 200,000 that way already—two million dollars' worth.)

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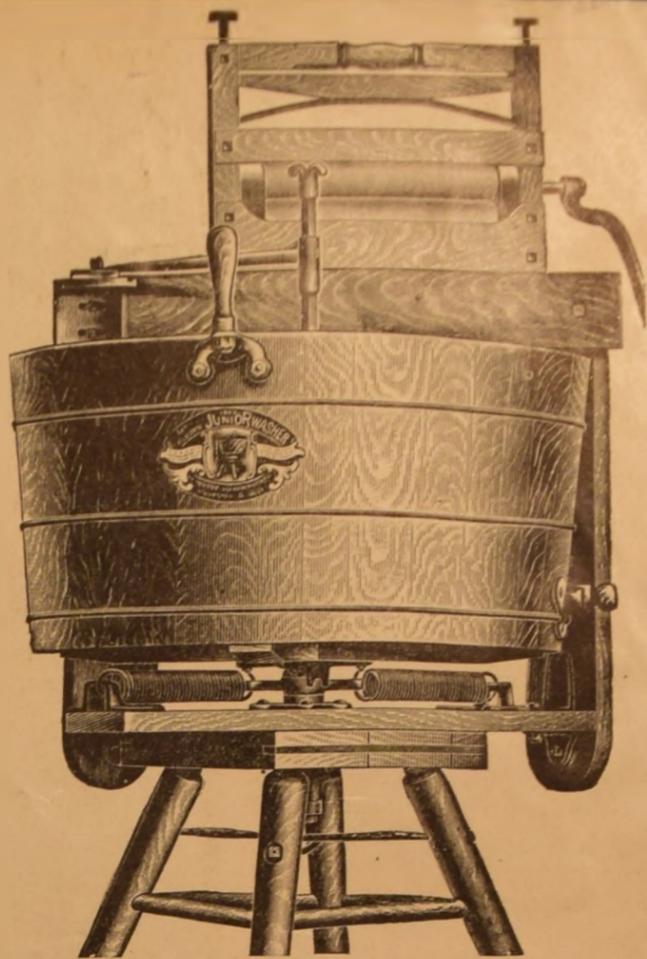
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If people only knew how much hard work the "1900 Washer" saves every week, for 10 years—and how much longer their clothes would wear, they would fall over each other trying to buy it.

So said I, to myself, I'll just do with my "1900 Washer" what I wanted the man to do with the horse. Only I won't wait for people to ask me. I'll offer to do it first, and I'll "make good" the offer every time. That's how I sold 200,000 Washers.

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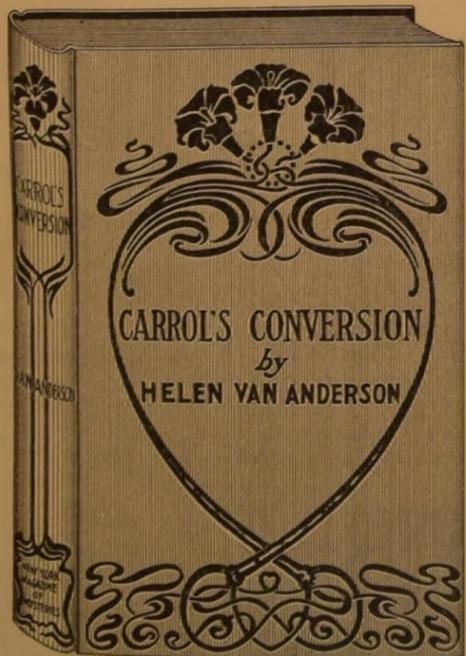
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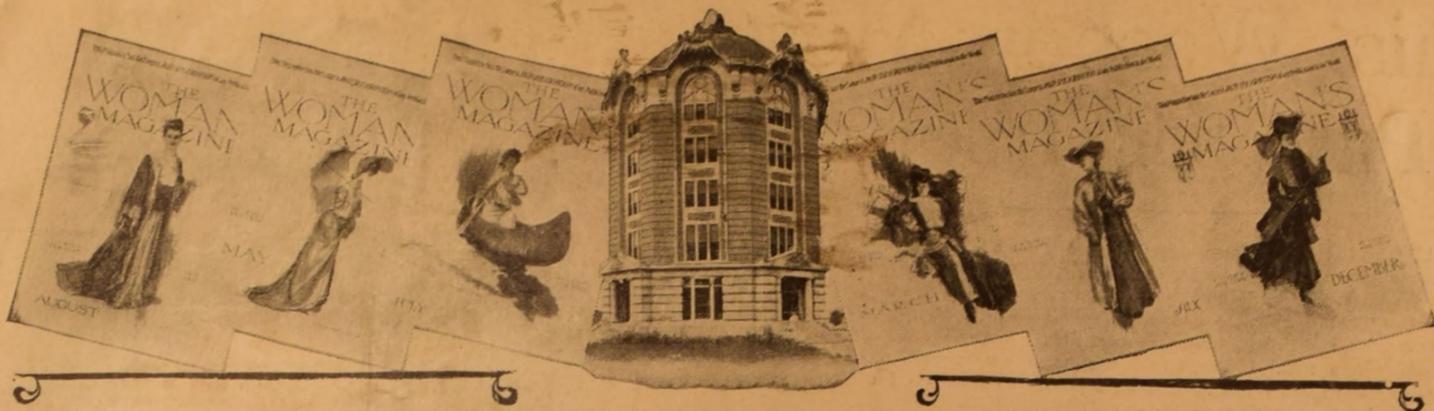
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