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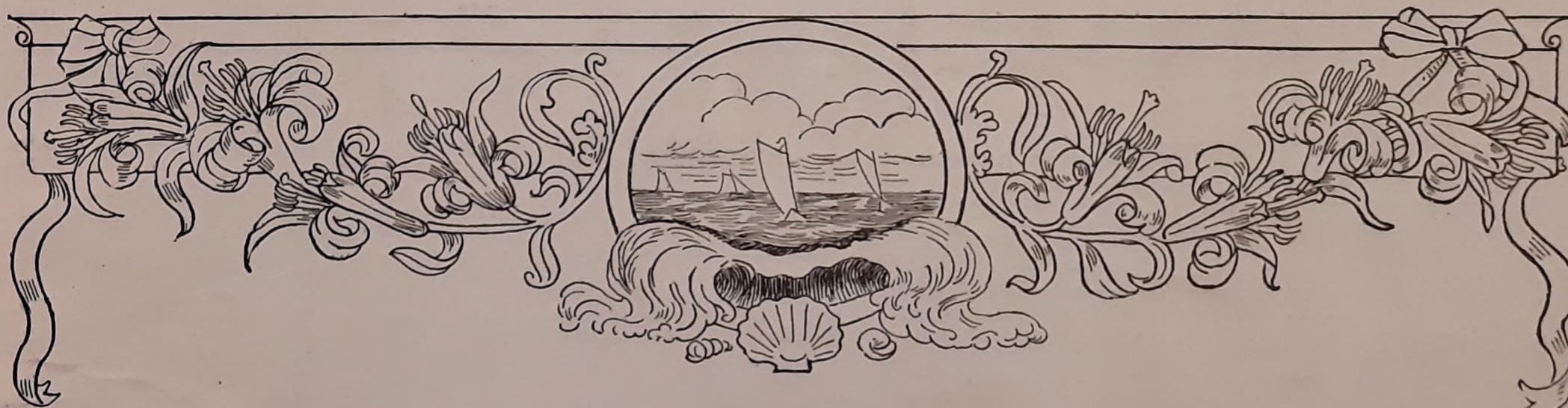
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What You Read

DID you ever think of the importance of choosing wisely what to read and how to read it?

Stop a moment and consider how you feel after reading. Are you not left either depressed, indifferent, excited or uplifted, or alert and stirred with new thought? Have you a narrow, partial view, or one that is generous, broad and universal?

The quality of what you put into your mind is as food to the soul, either good or bad. It weakens or strengthens the spiritual life.

You can no more be a whole-souled, gentle-hearted, well-rounded character without the right kind of spiritual food, than you can have a wholesome, healthy, beautiful body without the right kind of material food, and reading is one of the many ways of feeding the soul.

It is because we know this, and because we know there are hundreds and thousands of souls who are longing and pining for this food, that we discriminate with zealous care what *kind* of food we provide for you who read OUR MAGAZINE.

We know that sometimes you need words of hope, courage, comfort and faith. We know there are times when you are hungry for fellowship and communion; there are times when you grow a bit discouraged over the daily round of work and duties; there are times when you are sick, and times when you yearn for the power to conquer yourself and your conditions. These are times of soul hunger. These are times you need to sit at our table, for OUR MAGAZINE tells you of the kingdom which includes both heaven and earth, the Kingdom of God, which is yours for the asking. It tells you that *you* have equal favor with any other soul in this kingdom; that you may have help in time of need, comfort in time of sorrow; that *you* may develop its gifts and faculties that *you* may not even have dreamed of as belonging to you. It tells you in many ways through these pages that *you* can make a success of life, when you begin to understand that *you* are a soul, and that you must be nourished and loved and cared for by your Higher Self—your Spirit—as well as by God, the Father, and humanity, your brothers and sisters.

And when you read our messages you are eased of burdens and pains and fears, *because* these messages are of the Word of God, the bread of life. OUR MAGAZINE is not the source or origin, but the mouthpiece and interpreter of Truth as we see and believe it. Therefore, we feel that it gives us and *you* a great call to a great work.

Just what this work may be is outlined in this extract from the letter of our Brother from Indian Territory. He writes: "If your Magazine could be put into the hands of the people of the world and its precepts spun into threads, and the threads woven into the warp and woof of their lives, there would be little use for penitentiaries, jails or any written laws for the regulation of society, outside of what is printed in the Word of God. . . . To me your Magazine is a mighty light, melting away the mists, leading on encouragingly, gently, step by step, to the beauties of the Truth of God. Print this if it will be of any benefit to others. I want no higher reward than that, if it serves that purpose. I do my work for mankind in my everyday life. I have been an enthusiastic Sunday-school worker for forty years; it is there I do my organized work and try to teach that *doing*, not *theory*, is what tells."

And because of his understanding and indorsement of the work and its possibilities, our Brother's beautiful letter has courage and joy that we want him to know it. We thank him hereby and all who will help in his spirit. We ask you to repeat such words, such a spirit and such manner of living embody our ideals of what we all, as God's children, may become. Brothers of humanity.

Every good word spoken, every Magazine endeared to heart or home signifies your efficiency as co-workers with us hungry ones to all the greatness of this gospel of *Health, Happiness and Prosperity* for all.

OUR IDEAL HOME

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

Childhood often holds a truth in its feeble fingers, which the grasp of manhood cannot retain, and which it is the pride of utmost age to recover.—*Ruskin.*

Make Moral Gladiators of Your Children

A MOTHER has taken exception to some remarks of mine in these columns relative to a mother's unlimited power to make and mold a child's mind in the early years of childhood.

She tells me her own experience, how closely she kept her little son at her side and how she guided his thoughts into right channels, and then the result of his training when he came in contact with the realities of life. She says:

"My boy and I were comrades. We enjoyed the same books, same outings and same friends. But when the time came for him to go out and work for a living was it just the same? Was his employer always or ever polite? Were his associates always honest and well meaning?

"Of course not, and my boy became at first grieved, and, as he grew older, cynical, until now, at twenty-six, he feels he can trust no one."

There is a vast difference between giving a son right ideals and making a "girl-boy" of him.

This mother evidently believed that innocence was to be found only in ignorance, and that she must keep all the knowledge of the unpleasant side of life and human nature from her little boy as long as possible.

It would have been wiser had she mixed her excellent example and precept with good common sense talks of people and things.

As she taught him tasteful and tactful and refined habits, and polite and courteous manners, she should have said:

"You will not find all men with whom you are thrown in business life, after you leave my side, as well brought up as I am bringing you. Many will be rough and coarse-mannered, and often you will encounter men of influence and position who have low standards and small sense of honor. But do not be swayed by their example. Remember that in the long run politeness, refinement and courtesy will pay you, as well as the fact that they are always agreeable qualities for others to encounter.

"Never forget that honesty is the only course for a man of any good judgment to pursue. Be sorry for the older men you meet who have not found these things to be true, and keep to the course of conduct taught by me.

"If you meet a score of dishonest and disagreeable men when you first go into the world, do not be disheartened. There are other and better types in the world, and look for them until you meet them. Look in each one for the best quality he possesses and think about that. It will be more gratifying than to dwell morbidly on the unwholesome traits of humanity.

"Keep cheerful and do not worry too persistently over the evil in people. If you avoid evil yourself and live according to the law you would like others to observe, you are doing all that God expects you to do, for you are setting an example for others to follow, besides adding to the morality and refinement of the world.

"It may not seem to bring you satisfactory returns at first, but as years pass by you will know you have chosen the only road for a sensible human being to tread who expects happiness."

This sort of conversation listened to periodically during childhood years, and accompanied with the training this mother says she gave her boy, would people the earth with strong, good men.

I do not believe in guarding either girls or boys from all knowledge of wrong or error which exist in the world.

They must encounter it sooner or later, and it is far better that they learn something of it and know how to regard it before they are thrown into the great arena alone with the wild beasts of sin and vulgarity.

Teach them to be young moral gladiators by your home counsels and then have no fear to send them forth, guarded and strengthened by your prayers.

There is nothing a wise, patient, common sense mother cannot accomplish with her children. But she must begin early—before their birth—and the work must be like the dropping of water on the rock—steady and persistent.—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox*, copyrighted in *San Francisco Examiner*.

When My Boy Comes Whistling Home

WHEN the night is dark, and the cold winds blow,
And the starless sky hangs dull and gray,
Then a light gleams out with a ruddy glow,
The shadows pass, and the gloom gives way,
When my boy comes whistling home.

High the sound, and clear as a blackbird's note,
Mellow and round as a robin's trill,
As sweet as the tune from a skylark's throat,
Cleaving its way through the silence chill,
As my boy comes whistling home.

Or "rag-time" or sonnet, ballad or psalm,
It matters not what the theme may be.
Reeking with mischief, or solemn and calm,
It carries its message straight to me,
When my boy comes whistling home.

Tis a sign unfailing. With conscience free
And unstained soul he fares along;
For guilt would smother the rollicking glee,
Deception wither the happy song.
But my boy comes whistling home.

Oh, never was music that could compare
(No sound of chant in cathedral old,
Nor thunder of organ, nor choir rare)
With this, as my boy, with his heart of gold,
To his mother comes whistling home.
—Elizabeth Price, in *Sunday-School Times*.

A Receipt for Keeping Young

SHE was as fresh in color as a girl, her hair without a touch of gray, her face without a wrinkle, and she felt, I am sure, as she certainly looked, far younger than I did. So I asked her finally:

"How do you keep so fresh and young with all your great family?"

She looked at me a moment and then laughed a merry little laugh. "You see," she said, "I have von little naps."

"Your what?" I asked, puzzled to understand her.

"My von little naps," she repeated.

"But tell me; I do not understand," I said.

"Vv so," she said in her pretty, broken English, "about twelve o'clock, or maybe one or maybe two, as you like it better, I takes de baby, whichever is de baby, and I goes to de room and takes my naps."

"But if the baby won't sleep at that time?" I objected.

She shrugged her shoulders. "Oh, he sleeps all right."

"But there are so many things to do while the baby sleeps." I went on.

"I vill hav my naps," was her smiling answer.

"But," I urged, "suppose something happens to the other children while you and the baby are asleep?"

Then she did stare at me. "There could be nothing happen to dose children worse dan I not get my von little naps," she said indignantly.

I gave it up. This closed the argument.—*Christian Outlook*.

Hints on Character Building

By L. H. Talbot

To know or do anything well is to make marketable the power it places in the hands. It raises one in the scale of being and puts him in the place of royalty—the royalty of the workers!

It is surprising how very few persons are really trained, who know how to do anything well. The successful term them "incapables" and declare them to be deficient in power to raise themselves. This is not true of any normal man or woman; each and all are possessed of power for excelling in some one direction. God is immanent in every soul; to belittle it is to belittle Him. Who shall judge another without laying himself liable to judging God?

The greatest necessity of human society is that of making each member of it to be self-supporting and self-reliant. The sentiment, if not the law, should be compulsory in the *training of every boy and girl in some special line of work*. There is no self-defense like it, for in the effort of study the moral as well as the physical strength is developed, and a courage is born therefrom that will never depart, and the character is fortified for all time to come. Besides this, there is developed the habit of industry, which is perhaps the most valuable power of success, and one that prevents the infirmity of doubts, which so weaken the character and efforts of a man. To be industrious is to be willing, to be persistent in the pursuit of an idea. Industry develops a sense of responsibility, and puts into its work the vim and energy that will not cease with any discouragement; to be upset has no devitalizing terrors for an industrious person; he does not count any effort too much for gaining the victory over a defeat. An industrious man or woman is not easily defeated. If either find they have missed the way, neither feel that they are incapable of developing the work set to do, and, having formed an attachment for it, set about overcoming the difficulty with as much energy as when they first started out upon it.

If you are an inheritor of poverty beautify it with pleasant ways; prosperity did not spoil you; do not allow this emphasis of adversity to make you less bountiful in your kindly feeling, less grateful, less courteous, less loving. Meet your misfortune with a high good humor, and do not feel that you are the only one who has to walk the silent ways of sorrow; and above all, do not invade the province of your friend with your woes; if you do, she will flee you soon or late; she likes your quips and quirks, but not your sighs. It is best to culture the nerves to the punishment of reverses and uncomfortable condition. Events are apt to run in company; but strive to receive them with the serene composure that you would the influx of inopportune company. Proper courtesy is due one's self-respect.

As the intelligence refines and ripens we will come into finer and more perfect conditions and relationships; our world will change and the aspects of life will present finer views; when the eyes are clear the vision will be ready for the joy of meeting.

The earth is the Garden-spot of manifestation. The Trees of Life and Knowledge are rooted in Matter, but they lift to the eternal heavens their fruitage.

Jesus Christ said, "If I be lifted up I draw all men unto Me." He hints of the necessity for self-possession, for self-expression before we can hope to help others. He knew that to be serviceable to others we must first be serviceable to ourselves. And only through overcoming these things which beset us may we hope to reach the power that frees us from the inharmony of our ignorance. The preparation is going on all the time; it is the natural destiny of human expression. It is the ultimate good fortune of every soul to gain the sure Knowledge that will lift him into the Father's House.

Even as Nature reaches her goal of growth, so will Humanity, through love, faith and persistent effort and the cheerfully asserted will, reach its ripeness.

For the Children

General Joy

With paper cap and noisy drum,
Along the street I saw him come,
A manly little boy.
I asked him what his name might be.
He smiled, and answered roguishly,
"My name is General Joy."

With head erect, he lightly stepped,
And with his martial music kept
In even, steady time;
And as the General onward strode,
Upon his face the rapture glowed
Of happiness sublime.

I asked him where his army stayed.
The little fellow looked dismayed,
But presently he said:
"I guess my soldiers are my thoughts
They haven't any guns or forts.
I keep them in my head."

"I make them put all fears to rout,
And drive each thought of evil out,
When things are going wrong.
The enemy retreats pell-mell,
To hear us shouting, 'All is Well!'
Our rousing battle-song."

He looked so happy as he spoke,
That in my mind his words awoke
An army like his own,
Of loyal thoughts, all good and true.
I said, "I'll be a General too,
And lead my soldiers on."

We wouldn't mind their playful noise,
If all our little girls and boys
Like General Joy could be,
And make their soldier-thoughts obey,
In study, work, or when at play,
The law of harmony.

Anita Trueman.

The Robber in the Berry Patch

WILD strawberries were at their best when little Philip took the red basket an old Indian woman gave his grandmother long ago, and went to the pasture to get some berries, some real big ones, for his grandfather. Dot, the bob-tailed kitten, went along too. She had always been invited when anything was going on.

As he went through the sheep pasture, the old black ram stamped with his forefoot and shook his head, but Philip got safely through the bars and found a nice patch of strawberries right there. He found some big checkerberries, too, and put them in, and after a long time he had the basket more than half full. "Most 'nuff for a cake," he murmured. Then a great yellow and black butterfly came sailing by, almost as low as his head, and he had to set the berries on a flat stone and watch it till it floated slowly away over the wall.

Just as he began picking berries again, a little rabbit hopped around a blueberry bush and sat up to look at him. Its tail looked like a bit of cotton and its long ears flopped back and forth in a delightful way; but though bunny seemed asking him to come and play, Philip kept bravely at his work. "Have to get a lot for gran'pa," he said as he turned to his task again.

The basket was almost full when he heard a little bird call. "Tweet, tweet, tweet!" it said. "Oh," said Philip, "that means you want me to go away. Gran'pa told me that was what you meant when you said that. You have a nest here and I will find it."

Almost by accident he saw it hidden beside a stone in the long, dry grass. In it were three speckled brown eggs, no larger than the big blue bead on his mother's necklace. All the while the anxious ground-bird called to him: "Tweet, tweet! go away, go away!" Philip heard and understood, but he wanted those eggs as soon as he saw them. He knew they were not his, but belonged to that dear brown bird. He must not steal. What would grandpa say if he should know? But he wanted just one. "Tweet, tweet!" cried the mother bird, coming nearer. How strange the egg looked on top of the berries! He covered it with his handkerchief as he went slowly down the hill toward the bars and the "tweet, tweet" grew fainter.

Then he thought: "That bird has two left. She won't care. Maybe gran'pa would not care

much either." But just as he thought this he heard a voice calling loudly from an apple tree: "Took, took!" How did that robin know? She had not been there. It was not her egg. "What if I did take it?" he said to himself, "I guess I can if I want to."

At that moment the bluejay screamed loudly from the top of a tall maple. Philip felt as if he had been accused openly. He knew what the jay said—he had heard it read from his own story-book "Thief, thief!" called the jay again and flew away. Just at the gate of the orchard Dot came purring out to meet him. She was glad to see him for she had given up following him when he was halfway to the pasture and now was out to welcome him back. "I guess my kitty won't care about just one egg," he said and rubbed her head affectionately. "See, Dot, what I have brought." But Dot did not understand at all, and when he put the egg before her she went off across the lot and never stopped till she was under the barn. "Oh, dear! I wish I had not picked these berries. I wish I had never seen any nest. Everything is wrong," and a very discontented boy sat down under a tree not caring to go home, not knowing what to do with that egg which he, Philip Franklin, had stolen. He wondered if God knew about what he had done, and if God really cared for one bird's egg. Yes, sure enough, his Sunday-school teacher told him once God cared for the sparrows. He was sure this was not a sparrow, but maybe He cared for all the birds.

He almost decided to take the egg back to the nest, but just then there was a rush of feet behind him and he was struck between the shoulders and knocked far to one side. His berries fell all about him. He was not sure what had happened, but it seemed as if an earthquake had killed him because he was such a very wicked boy. Then the hired man was picking him up and trying to help get the breath back into his shaking little body. "That black ram is terrible when he gets loose," the man was saying. "My! he struck you hard. I hope you are not hurt much. I was just changing the sheep over into the other pasture and I did not know you were anywhere near."

Philip choked back his sobs. He was glad it was not because he was wicked that he was hurt, but he felt that things were going wrong for him.

After a while the hired man went away and he picked up the strawberries, for they were not spoiled. To his surprise the egg was not broken though it had fallen with the berries. He knew exactly what he wanted to do then. He hung the little red basket on the tree and carried the egg away back to the nest. A brown body whirred past as he stooped above it, and again he heard the bird calling to him to go away. "She doesn't understand," he said. But as he went down the hill that time he felt as happy as the ground-bird that had returned to a bush above the nest, and was singing a series of soft little notes above its recovered treasure.—Costella G. Washburn, in *Sunday-School Times*.

The Boy That Laughs

I KNOW a funny little boy—
The happiest ever born;
His face is like a beam of joy,
Although his clothes are torn.

I saw him tumble on his nose,
And waited for a groan—
But how he laughed! Do you suppose
He struck his funny-bone?

There's sunshine in each word he speaks,
His laugh is something grand;
Its ripples overrun his cheeks
Like waves on snowy sand.

He smiles the moment he awakes,
And till the day is done;
The schoolroom for a joke he takes—
His lessons are but fun.

No matter how the day may go,
You cannot make him cry;
He's worth a dozen boys I know
Who pout and mope and sigh.

The Shepherd Boy Sings in the Valley of Humiliation

He that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have,
Little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because thou savest such.

Fullest to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.

John Bunyan.
(1628-1688)

Pillow Thoughts From Wee Wisdom

ALL my life is sweet and true,
And I love the good to do.

Now I close my eyes to rest,
And by happy thoughts I'm blessed.

I close my eyes with peace of mind;
In all my dreams the good I'll find.

Loving thoughts about me stay,
And I'm guarded till the day.

If I wake up in the night
I'm protected by God's might.

There is nothing more to fear
When we know that God is near.

Everybody's good and true;
When you try your part to do.

Good Resolutions

I WILL be neat.
I will do honest work.
I will not have the blues.
I will keep my mind clean.
I will be master of myself.
I will learn to love good books.
I will never even shade the truth.
I will get up every time I fall.
I will be punctual in all things.
I will be courteous to old people.
I will never spend more than I earn.
I will not acquire another bad habit.
I will not let my temper control me.
I will be agreeable and companionable.
I will know well some honest business.
I will not become habitually suspicious.
I will not overrate or undervalue myself.
I will not be a whining, faultfinding pessimist.
I will not swear.
I will not use slang.
I will not lose my temper.
I will not handle the truth carelessly.
I will not laugh at the mistakes of others.
I will not say anything to make another unhappy.
I will not gossip or say mean things about folks.
I will not fidget, or fuss so as to disturb others.
I will not let a day pass without doing something to make somebody more comforted.

September Suggestion

I AM September. How do you do?
Dear children, with me the school year began.
And don't you remember how slow the days ran?
The bright out-of-doors seemed to call you away,
And how far from your lessons your thoughts
seemed to stray!
But I didn't blame you. Oh, deary me, no!
Just after vacation, . . .
But I made a beginning, and put you in trim
For tasks you did later with vigor and vim.
With my sweet sunny day I have failed yet to see
The schoolboy or girl who doesn't like me,
And though I must call you from playtime to work,
Nobody objects who isn't a shirk!

—Jane A. Stewart.

The Wasp's Lesson

A WASP met a bee that was just buzzing by,
And he said, "Little cousin, can you tell me why
You are loved so much better by people than I?"

"My back shines as bright and as yellow as gold,
And my shape is most elegant, too, to behold;
Yet nobody likes me for that, I am told."

"Aht cousin," the bee said, "'tis all very true,
Though did I but half as much mischeif do,
Indeed they would love me no better than you."

"You have a fine shape and a delicate wing;
They own you are handsome; but then there's one
thing
They cannot put up with, and that is—your sting."

"My coat is quite homely and plain, as you see,
Yet nobody ever is angry with me,
Because I'm a harmless and diligent bee."

From this little story let people beware;
Because, like the wasp, if ill-natured they are
They will never be loved, be they ever so fair.

Little children, you should seek
Rather to be good than wise,
For the thoughts you do not speak
Shine out in your cheeks and eyes.
—Alice Cary.

OUR MASTERSHIP OF ETERNAL ENERGIES

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SUCCESS is the result of a right control of forces. The two factors of life are the self and energy outside of self. Both are infinite in extent and may produce infinite happiness. Civilization is the measure of power, attained by individuals, over limitless forces. It began in the material because man was once almost wholly absorbed in material interests. It has developed through ranges of intellectual life toward the spiritual activities. There was once an age of stone, later an age of bronze, of iron, of art development, of invention, of freedom in government; now comes an age of awakening of spiritual powers. We are emerging from dark materialism into a new life. It is a tremendous era of travail for a race bringing forth a new ideal. The Man-child of the consciousness that God is with us is now brought forth in the manner of the untaught ox, the will of humanity. Through the two thousand years that is as a "watch in the night" the world has been pregnant with the new thought, and now in the hour of fulfilment "standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own."

When man learned the power of the lever, so he could roll together rocks and build himself a shelter from the winds, he made a great advance. When he learned that seeds properly planted might be made to give an increase that would feed him and his loved ones he had made himself less subject to the adverse influences. The opposing powers were good for him, they developed his character, but it was well that he overcome them. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things," and in the tasks of the natural world you may fit yourself to attain all the joys of Paradise. That is what all problems are for.

The earth is peopled with beings who are sovereign over all things. They have not yet discovered the fact. You may think you cannot help being without love, without happiness, without health. The cave men sat in darkness in corners or cowered in the shadows of trees while the thunderbolts crashed about them and the terrors of the night made them to feel sick at heart. Later they found the candle, the oil lamp, the gas flame, and at last the thunderbolt itself, for a light. The early men knew not the control of the electric forces, and so were wretched. You do not yet know the control of spiritual and mental forces, and so you are unhappy. Be sure if you lack it is none of God's doing. He has put as much love here for you as He has placed light. The cave man went without it, you go without much

of it, but there is no lack of divine energy to enable you to "mount upward on wings as eagles, to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint." Like the slant-browed cave-dwellers who chattered to their gods and repeated their confessions and prayers of fear, we sit in our darkness and do not even notice the manifestations of titanic forces for good which, like the lightnings of old, blind our vision as they proclaim the sufficiency of supply from the Spirit which is over all.

You would like to be happy, healthy, prosperous. You would like to be told just how to gain these blessings, told in a word. The flint-hurling savage of primitive times would have liked to have been given a Winchester rifle. Had he been handed one out of the clouds and could have used it, he would have made himself a cruel oppressor of mankind. Only after toil and the attainment of poise through effort does man fit himself and his race to use great forces well, and knowledge of mental healing and thought influences has come fully as early as is good for the world at large. Even now there are some wise in "the wisdom of God," who are not conscious of what floods of death they loose upon themselves by its misuse. You will attain to the knowledge of healing and the gaining of unspeakable affection and needed prosperity as fast as you fit yourself to know. It is well that God has made the mysteries of His Kingdom as foolishness unto the world. Otherwise evil men would use the power of the Holy Spirit to serve their lowest lusts.

It is not fair, therefore, for you to expect to buy a pamphlet or read a few articles in a magazine and then have all earthly desires satisfied. It took years of patient thought to develop cotton mills, free government, telephones, good poetry, railroads and wireless telegraphy. The higher the aim the longer it takes to gain it. To attain an apple hanging on a tree is accomplished quickly, but to secure perfect unity with God, so that literally all things are ours, is the task of eternity. Fortunately we do not have to wait after deserving part of God's bounty, at least not long.

You think you ought to have blessings. It is true that you should. How much have you done to deserve them? The Hottentot ought to own a comfortable home and enjoy Shakespeare, but he will not even approach the plane till he has struggled and gained for himself the qualities which are expressed outwardly in ownership of property and the selection of high-class volumes. It is most abundantly worth while for the poor barbarian to try to gain some measure of culture, no matter how far from it he may seem to us to be; it is even more worth while for you to try to attain to spiritual understanding though you are now, perhaps, a victim of ignorance, domestic inharmony, poverty or rheumatism.

Remember this: If you spend the best power you have in pursuit of business and neglect the interests of the soul, you will have a soul only for business, while love-cravings, body-needs and the joy you desire will be unsupplied. If you waste love in animalism, if you waste the prayer-thought

in sentimentalism, if you degrade the sense nature even by materialistic ideals, you will not have success that will satisfy. If your best impulses are left to die, the second-best impulses will dominate, and if these perish others lower still will rule. To control and use your energies is the secret of life, but the energies are all yours and are from the Deity.

Be not discouraged. Regeneration, perfect health, life and joy are not dreams, but the Word of God, which shall be fulfilled. Down the long highways of ages of life we come. In us is the subtle instinct of the woman who outran pursuing wolves or fought by her husband's side when the enemy came against her dwelling. In us is the impulse which caused the priests of old to prophesy of unknown things; in us are the tides of life that flow with rhythmic surge through all climes and races; in us is the power that moves the children of other earths and that at last shall flower and bring forth fruit of a diviner age.

But know beyond all question that the Eternal Life is eternal order. Not by avoiding the Path shall we climb the holy hill where we shall be blest. Through labor of the body, toil of mind, discipline of spirit, must we go. One by one the temptations which may be turned to opportunities and made our servants come to us. If we yield to the desire to pervert them to pleasure they become pain; but again the same class of temptations will come to us, over and over, till at last in this life, or some life, we see that lack of love, lack of prosperity, lack of joy, are results of our making masters rather than helpers of our temptations.

You missed love? You would not had you made it altogether a high and holy thing, or missing a dear desire would have gained a higher. Trample not the sex-instinct, for it is of God. Regeneration lies beyond it, but the road lies through that realm as well as through many another field.

You missed fortune? You may yet gain it if you awaken in your soul the latent powers that bring dominion. Live sensibly and ask not God to do what you should yourself accomplish. Learn to obey law, observe order and duty, practice restraint, discipline the self. These lead to wealth as well as to practical religion.

You miss happiness? Know always that perfect happiness is in perfect goodness. You attain it as you gain the spirit of Him who gave Himself that the joy of the world might be perfect. Something worthy is within the reach of all and no man or woman went down to the shadows that cover the mystery of the closing earth-life unhappy because of anything but selfishness.

Regeneration lies through the perfect triumph over mean ideals. It renews the youth, enlightens the mind, brings friends and home and courage to endure till the world life is swallowed up in victory. Daily you may attain to something of this gift from on high. You may do it even now, waiting for nothing. "For I am persuaded that neither life nor death, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth" can separate us from the infinite renewings and comfortings of that Oversoul of Love wherein we even now dwell.

BE STRONG

BE strong.
We are not here to play, to dream,
to drift;
We have hard work to do and loads
to lift;
Shun not the struggle; face it, 'tis God's
gift.

Be strong.
Say not the days are evil. Who's to
blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce. Oh,
shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely in
God's name.

Be strong.
It matters not how deep entrenched the
wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how
long,
Faint not. Fight on. To-morrow comes
the song.
M. D. Babcock.

If your life within is not harmonious study to make it so. The outer life will never make you miserable if you are in the right attitude. Therefore, be not cast down at any event that happens in this world, but be strong in the spiritual life within till that which seems evil passes slowly by.

If you are serene, know that the angels of the Invisible Forces are ministering unto you, lifting you to a higher realm of life as far as your stage of development allows. If you are troubled, know that you have but to put yourself into devout mental attitudes in order to be comforted.

Spiritual influences reach us all at times. How bright and glorious must those beings be who have lived for ages in perfect harmony with the Infinite Love! They are sending you life and light and are consciously and actively your friends if you will but have their help. Therefore never call yourself friendless or alone.

"Brighter eyes are on us than we blind ones know.
Never, walking heavenward, can we walk alone."

Our soul has powers, powers of mystical feeling and intuition, which go beyond reason, and provide us, not with scientific knowledge, but nevertheless with convictions.—*Charbonnel.*

Two Clever Blind Men

(From the Atlanta Constitution)

A WONDERFUL couple are the Barro brothers, who live on Broad street, Atlanta. Although they are both totally blind and have been so afflicted since birth, they are well educated and well read. They are about twenty and twenty-three years of age respectively. They go arm in arm wherever they want to go, without the aid of a guide or even a walking-cane. They are familiar with the town and go about the streets dodging teams and street cars, and never jostle against their fellow-pedestrians. They frequently visit the post-office, and can go to any store in town if given ordinary directions for finding it. They are cheerful and get more out of life than many who are more fortunate. [This shows the senses are of the Spirit, not the flesh.—ED.]

"Our many deeds, the thoughts that we have thought,
They go out from us thronging every hour;
And in them all is folded up a power
That on the earth doth move them to and fro;
And mighty are the marvels they have wrought
In hearts we know not and may never know."

The Coming of Christ

ALL hail, the Christ of Nazareth!
He comes to banish strife
To take the bitterness from Death—
The selfishness from Life.

He gives to Faith a nobler speech,
The sons of men to lure,
With Love Divine He comes to preach—
Glad tidings to the poor.

From scribe and priest and pharisee
He tears the cloak of fraud!
In all men finds He royalty—
In all men Sons of God!

He points us to a higher life—
A larger Liberty!
Proclaims that Truth and Brotherhood
Alone can make men free!

When men shall follow his command
Life's clouds will roll away,
And spreading over all the world,
Will dawn the grander day.

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Then turn from the life of the low and small
To the life of the fearless few,
Though it lead from a throne in a palace hall
To a bench with the galley's crew.
For the spirit of man is a regal thing
And should bow to no earthly might,
And the lowliest soul may reign a king
When it conquers the powers of night.

Great Virgo rules, the Virgin who is Wisdom and
the conserving power of the universe. Now the
trees store their life in nut and seed, the grasses
await a long period of adversity, the animals begin
to prepare for winter and in many a storehouse
the spirit of the earth moves the busy workers,
both men and lesser creatures, to provide for the
future.

It seems needless. The skies are bright, the
fields warm, the waters clear and full of beautiful
things. But the Wisdom of the season is calling
to us, and though there be many opportunities for
present enjoyment the instincts of man are toward
a conservation of forces.

All this earth-activity of cornfield and household
is but a picturing of a work that should now go
forward in the Spiritual realm.

Looking from the East Window upon the hills
where the happy reapers gathered home the last
loads, we may see the visible type of that conserva-
tion which we should practice. We are rulers of our
own souls. We are kings over the effects which
events have upon us. We may store, as does the
tree, the power of summer for the meeting of the
storms of winter. We may daily put aside and
make permanent some power that shall resist all
trials and temptations and worries.

You may doubt this; but all Nature teaches you
the truth. The Norway pine is sought when strong
timber is demanded because the trees there in the
ice-locked, wind-swept land put power into their
fibre. Great souls live greatly, knowing the wis-
dom that saves.

Heresy is hope for you; you have always been
conserving the good. It is with you now. Though
you have lived like a thief or a prodigal, yet every
good impulse you ever acted upon, every kind
word you ever gave to any mortal or to the humblest
animal, is now a latent power to assist you if you
will only arouse it.

Is the sunlight which awakens you at dawn as
it comes through the East Window lost? By no
means. It changes to heat, electricity, power,
and continues to work through all eternity. So
forever lives the good. Appeal to it and it will
become available. As the sunshine stored in the
trees that became anthracite may now be made
to glow again in your grate, so the sunshine of
love may be made to comfort you, though it was
taken into your heart, or another's thought, fifty
years ago. The wise man brings out from his
stores treasures new and old to purchase joys for
every day.

Even if you feel that you are old or that you
have failed you need not lose one minute of glad-
ness in the riches of eternity. Of course, you
have seemed to fail and you may not know those
failures as means of experiences which you needed
more than you needed success. Never mind what

BIBLE BREAD.

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

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

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

When you are about to begin a great work, "commit your ways unto the Lord"—tell Him all about it, and consecrate yourself anew to carrying out His will. Say reverently many times while you are still in your room: To-day, O Father, show me the way and lead me in the right path. To-day is to be filled with my good thoughts and the results of my deeds. Let the fruit of this day be perfect in Thy sight, O God.

When you, with all your steadfast efforts to overcome poverty, still find it like a grim enemy pursuing you, turn and face it. Look squarely at its threats and its cruel possibilities. Then, remembering what the Master says about enemies, say aloud in a calm, firm voice: I am not afraid of you; I even look at you calmly and with blessing. You are my friend, not my enemy, for my loving mind has turned you into the power that brings new faculties and new strength into my character. I cannot be conquered by necessity, for I conquer by faith. The Father within me, He doeth my work.

When you go among strangers, say: I read with sure intuition the needs of my neighbor and of those who are around about me. Help me to be helpful. Help my light to shine even into the darkest mind or the saddest heart, for I am Thy messenger, O my Father.

When you are shut in by walls of doubt, and your mind seems a prison of despairing thoughts, sing cheerily and long, Open ye the gates, that the King of Glory may come in. Open, open, O my heart, thy gates!

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

you failed to get; do something now, something good.

"Something ere the end,
Some work of noble note, may yet be done,
Not unbecoming men who strove with gods."

In spirit you are still strong

"To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

Even at sunset forget not to look Eastward. There the flush of day is still to be seen and there will soon appear again the glories of the light. But rise in prayer as the earthly light fades. Consider how around the world sweeps the wave of pure devotion. As the shadows bring the stars millions of reverent souls look outward and in the hushed moments worship Him in spirit and in truth. Pray with them that you attain to the purity of that devotion which is perfect peace. Pray as did the poet:

"My Redeemer and my Lord, I beseech Thee, I entreat
Thee
Guide me in each act and word that hereafter I may
meet Thee.
Longing, striving, hoping, yearning, with my lamp
well trimmed and burning."

Thus aspire, thus save and treasure the promptings of the Spirit and you shall feel the tides of everlasting Being, and the night shall be light about you and men shall not oppress you or bind you any more, but you shall enter into the glorious power and liberty of the children of the Perfect Mind.

Love

LIGHT out of seeming darkness,
Power from meekness grown;
Beauty from earth in the flower,
The bird from the nest has flown.

Sweet is the voice of children
At play in the brightening sun;
A tender word in the morning,
At night brings victory won.

Darkness, sunlight and flowers,
Birds, children and tender deeds;
These bind all the world together,
Supplies all the heart's great needs.

Love is the potent power, strengthening
All with its life-giving breath;
For life is alike in flower or child,
Never knowing the thing called death.

Edward F. Cobb.

You may be as the morning star to someone
—the harbinger of a new day. Shine!

Penetration

I LOOKED at men with charity,
And then the power was given me
To penetrate the outer hull
And find the Soul the senses lull,
To pierce beneath the bark unfair
And find the God-spark hiding there,
To tear away the mists that dim,
And see the man as God made him.

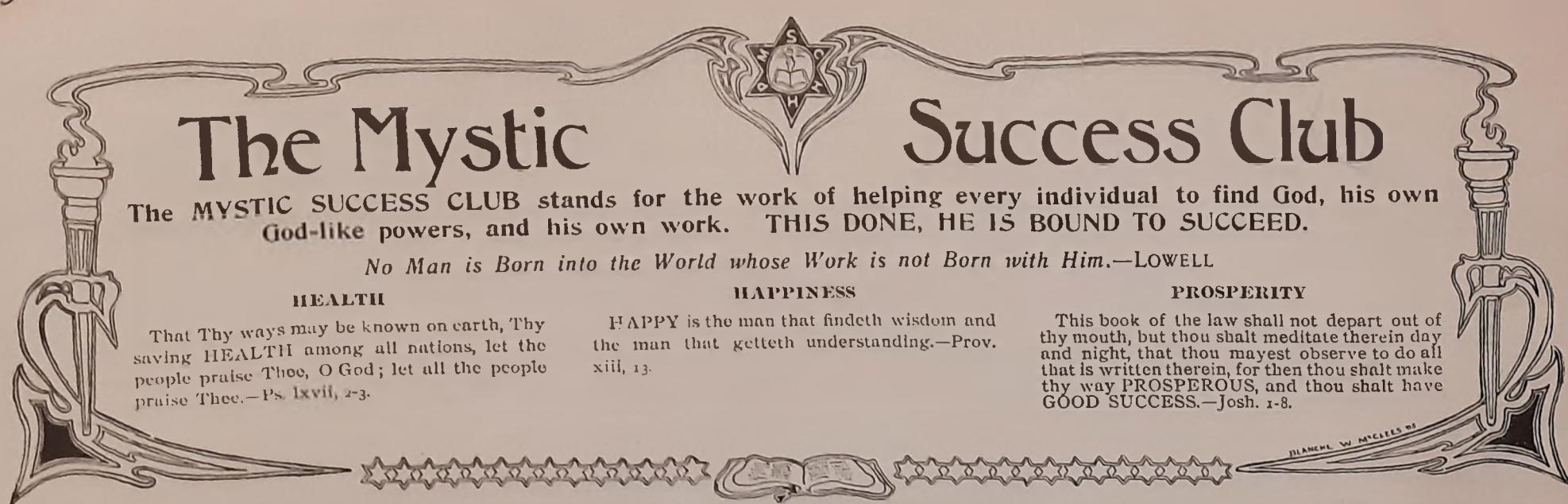
—Susie M. Best.

Compensation

We cannot part with our friends. We cannot let our angels go. We do not see that they only go out that archangels may come in. We are idolaters of the old. We do not believe in the riches of the soul, in its proper eternity and omnipresence. We do not believe there is any force in to-day to rival or recreate that beautiful yesterday. We linger in the ruins of the old tent where once we had bread and shelter and organs, nor believe that the spirit can feed, cover and nerve us again. We cannot find aught so dear, so sweet, so graceful. But we sit and weep in vain. The voice of the Almighty saith: "Up and onward for evermore!" We cannot stay amid the ruins. Neither will we rely on the new; and so we walk ever with reverted eyes, like those monsters who look backward.

And yet the compensations of calamity are made apparent to the understanding also, after long intervals of time. A fever, a mutilation, a cruel disappointment, a loss of wealth, a loss of friends, seems at the moment unpaid loss and unpayable. But the sure years reveal the deep remedial force that underlies all facts. The death of dear friend, wife, brother, lover, which seemed nothing but privation, somewhat later assumes the aspect of a guide or genius; for it commonly operates revolutions in our way of life, terminates an epoch of infancy or of youth which was waiting to be closed, breaks up a wonted occupation or a household or style of living, and allows the formation of new ones more friendly to the growth of character. It permits or constrains the formation of new acquaintances and the reception of new influences that prove of the first importance to the next years; and the man or woman who would have remained a sunny garden flower, with no room for its roots and too much sunshine for its head, by the falling of the walls and the neglect of the gardener is made the banyan of the forest, yielding shade and fruit to wide neighborhoods of men.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

No matter how afflicted you have been you may love, and those who love much are forgiven much, cared for by the spiritual powers. They win at last the best that the soul can know. Love, endure and believe, but above all love and love deeply.



SUCCESS is a word that quickens and thrills you into new hopes and new energies *every time you think or speak it!* It is the synonym for a life of good fruits. *That is why you like it.* It somehow embodies the dear aims and efforts and beautiful might-be's you always have had in your heart. It is true that every one of us have or have had aims of *Success*, so you, being like all the rest, desire success, *of course!* It is because we know your heart so well, know you to be so surely one of the aspiring ones, that we want to *help* you, want to tell you that *there is a way* by which you can cultivate your God-given powers, and *use* them to attain success—or, in other words, you can use them to become, to accomplish and to acquire. We have three KEY WORDS to indicate the *motif* of Our Magazine. These words are **HEALTH**, **HAPPINESS** and **PROSPERITY**. They mean a *great deal* to everybody, and so to you. *Health!* What a grand thing, a *necessity*, is health! And Happiness is really essential to anyone's successful use of mind or body, is it not? Success—Prosperity—in its broadest sense is the natural outcome of a healthy body and a happy mind. So we started out to make Our Magazine a perfect and continued stream of good words and teachings that would lift everybody into *Health, Happiness and Prosperity*. But there were so many who needed extra help, so many who, if they *only* had some definite, simple instruction for every day's practice, could go on from day to day unfolding more knowledge of the hidden powers within them, and more faculty for expressing their highest and best, that we decided to start the **MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB** as an aid and supplement to Our Magazine's work. We knew, of course, that to be a success the Club, as well as OUR MAGAZINE and *every individual*, must be built upon the *Rock—the Rock of Faith in God*. So we decided that our name must be the **MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB**, the word *mystic* meaning *Inner, Hidden, Sacred—that in which God works*. What better foundation could we have than *Faith in the working Power and Presence of God*? Well, we started the Club on this basis. You have only to read the letters that we print *every month* and in the *Success Booklet* that we send out separately to anyone who asks for it, to learn how *great has been and is* the work of the **MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB**. *It is a success because it has the right foundation*, and because it helps *everybody* who wants help. We want you to see how beautifully the foundation and the works of the Club harmonize. If you have faith in God you have faith that *every one of His children is equally important*; therefore they only need to know their Father and His loving good will to learn to *deserve* every gift He has for them. This is what we stand for and what we want to help you to prove: **GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH AND WHO WORK ACCORDING TO THEIR FAITH**. The *teachings* of the **MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB** are very simple—you cannot fail to understand them, and if you are faithful in practice, keeping childlike and sincere in all your efforts, you will soon prove the tree by its fruits. You have only to read the many happy letters we print to see how many are proving. There are Four Lessons or Degrees which cover the four steps you are expected to take in the work of the Club. To each Degree you are expected to give *at least* one month's study. These Four Degrees are called First Degree of Health, First Month. The Second is the Degree of Receptivity, Second Month. The Third, Degree of Personal Attractiveness, Third Month. Fourth, Degree of Realization, Fourth Month. With each Degree is sent a record blank whereon you are to place your daily report of experiences, study, etc. In becoming a member of this great Club you are expected to give the *very best of your heart* to the work, with all the sincerity and eagerness of a little child. If you do this you cannot fail to be blessed in the results, but you are not to *pin your faith to results*. *Put your faith in God.* The Club is a mediator and interpreter, but claims *only* to help you find God, Whom you may *prove* to be a very present help in time of trouble. *Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness*, urges the **MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB**, thus repeating the words of the Master. So you, dear Brother, dear Sister, whoever you are, wherever you are, may come into our circle of God lovers and God workers, and help us *prove* the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, both by our faith and our works. We need you, as you need us, in order to do a *greater work* collectively than could ever be done individually. You will realize when you are in the great circle *how much unity means*. We do not urge you, but we lay before you the opportunity to join hands with the **MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB**, whose object is to show everybody the path to **HEALTH, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY**. As this Club is for Brotherhood and Brotherly help, the conditions for joining have been carefully planned, so that you can join without any difficulty. The requirements are, *four subscriptions to Our Magazine* (including your own), which, at one dollar each, makes a total of *four dollars for a life membership*. This entitles you, *without further dues or payments*, to *all the advantages of the Club*. This means, besides the **Four Degrees**, *special messages from time to time, correspondence, counsel and soulful help in every way possible, to suit your special need*. If you are already a subscriber you can get *three friends or acquaintances to subscribe*. Upon receipt of their names and addresses and the three dollars, we will immediately enroll you as a member, and send you the First Degree and Record sheet with directions for the first month's daily practice. It takes only a little time each day, but *what a wonderful investment of time!* It takes only a little effort moment by moment to live through a beautiful day of beautiful thoughts, but *what a wonderful investment of effort!* *Health, Happiness, Prosperity!* These should be the outer expressions in body, mind and estate of the *inner grace of the spirit*.

When you are ready, send in your membership subscriptions. Now is the best time, for why should the good, which will change every aspect of life, be delayed in its ministry? The very effort you make to obtain membership is good for your development, and for whatever you do for your friends you will be greatly blessed.

Count not one aspiration lost, nor any effort a failure, for God is in it all.

Each and every member means added power, strength and opportunity to the individual members as well as the Club, and we will welcome you for the good you will receive yourself, as well as the good you can do for the whole.

We want to help you, as we want you to help us in helping the whole family of God. When you have read and thought over these things that we have said to you about our grand Club and the work it is doing, write and give us a heart message; tell us how you feel about this way of helping our Brothers. Do you not agree with us that success already achieved is the surest basis for further victory?

From North, South, East and West we welcome members who feel that this is the day and hour for doing the great work for the world.

With this writing we send forth a decree that Health, Happiness and Prosperity may be yours in ever increasing and abundant measure.

With love and good will to all the world,

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A Few Testimonials From Those Who Are Enjoying HEALTH, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY

HEALTH

is God's visible gift,
a whole body, which
is a perfect garment
of the soul :: :: ::

waters is our own great happiness found in the silence.

This is only my fourth day of working out the First Degree. Now, Brothers, I will tell you what my experience has been in SIX DAYS. For one and one-half years my hands have been very sore ALL THE TIME with salt rheum.

They have WHOLLY HEALED IN SIX DAYS.

Two days before my Degree reached me, all pain and burning ceased, and I could almost feel them skinning over the open, raw, deep fissures, that would bleed so easily. Now the cracks are all well, bless God's holy name. Two days before my Degree came there seemed a great change come over me. All at once I felt so happy, so well and strong and light of foot, it seems I can go and go, and not tire. I am like that all the time. I have no fear, no worry, no trouble; I am trusting and living with God. I have been shown in the silence His presence in all there is about me. I realize what Life is, its source, etc., and I wish I had power of language to tell all that has been shown to me, but like "MARY of old," I ponder them in my heart and find them very precious. I am answering the questions on Degree sheet the best I can, but I do not find space enough or half enough to fully explain my feelings.

I feel, too, to ask for special notice and prayers for the restoration of my hearing.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, all pray for me. I fully desire to be a success in life, in all I do.

With love toward all, I am,

MRS. LUCY PARKER,
Youngsville, Pa.

Glorious! We praise God with you, sister. And remember there is no limit to the power that heals. Trust God for your perfect hearing. Give thanks that your prayers are answered now. We are with you in joy and heartfelt praise.

Dear Mystic Success Club—I have finished my Fourth Degree, and inclose record for same. I cannot express in words the benefits I have received from the Four Degrees. I am HEALTHY, HAPPY and CONTENTED. I thank God that I joined the Mystic Success Club, for I realize that it has put me on the road to true success. I will do all I can to get others to join our club. May God bless this good work that is being done. I received confidential message No. 1, and have been meditating on some of the soul thoughts.

My love for all.

R. B. RITCHIEY,
Dillon, Mont.

You have found the path of pleasantness and the way of peace, and your joy is contagious. We all are blessed by your experience. Go on in continued joy, Brother, for it is the key to all that is good.

Dear Mystic Success Club—Inclosed find my Second Degree Record Blank. I have been through working out Second Degree, but have been too busy to write.

I am HEALTHIER and HAPPIER the past two months than I HAVE BEEN for YEARS, and what seems so wonderful, MY VOICE HAS IMPROVED SO MUCH. My teacher tells me I have a wonderful voice; the only thing that will keep me

from mounting high in musical circles will be lack of confidence. I can't express all the gratitude I feel toward those that have helped me to all the good that has come to me lately, and I only deplore that others whom I so wish would take up this work will not "see" and receive the good I have. As I opened the envelope and took out the "Second Degree" over a month ago, I felt a feeling or thrill of warmth steal up my hands, arms and extend all over my body, also I felt lifted into a higher mental atmosphere. With best wishes to all members of the club, and thanking you for your kindness, I am

Most gratefully,

A. B. McWINN,
3507 Walbrook avenue, Baltimore, Md.

Bless you! Are you not proving that to know God is to *discover yourself*?

This beautiful voice will grow in beauty and power, as you live constantly on the High Places and so abide in the joy of His Presence. Your letter is an inspiration for all.

Dear Mystic Success Club—How meaningless are words when used to express real things! Had I the dictionaries of the world at my tongue's end I could not begin to tell all the real blessings I have received this last month.

I now enjoy HEALTH, HAPPINESS and SUCCESS to an extent undreamed of before.

All doubts, fear and pessimism are gone. Optimism reigns supreme.

Oh, the joy of living! Praise God for the Magazine of Mysteries and the Mystic Success Club.

Love to all,

E. S. RULEY,
Covington, Va.

Your letter, dear Brother, is like a burst of sunshine after dark days. It will bless and encourage many who need light and the reign of optimism. Thank you.

My Dear Mystic Success Club—It is a long time since I had a confidential message; it is my own fault. I neglected to write you that I came home from Boston the first of April.

I must tell you that I have GAINED STRENGTH and my health is better. I sleep SO MUCH better. I have to work very hard. At times I get blue, but I turn to some word of the Magazine or I offer a short prayer and I get strength.

I thank you that I am one of the members.

Although I am weak yet I feel that I am helped.

I love those words "Yield Not to Temptation, for Yielding is Sin; Each Victory will Help You Some Other to Win."

Yours faithfully,
SISTER FRANCES A. CLARKE,
412 County street, New Bedford, Mass.

You have found the way out of darkness, Sister. Be glad for that above all else, for knowing the way you can win every victory with God's help.

Pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks.

Mystic Success Club—I have just finished the Fourth Degree! I am happier than I have been for years. I cannot tell you half the benefits I have received from the Mystic Success Club. Will begin and work through the Fourth Degree again; then will go back to the First, and I intend to continue working on the degrees for years.

While I can't see that I have been benefited in a financial way I WOULD NOT BE BACK IN THE SAME OLD RUTS where I was a year ago. I have worked through the Degrees under very unfavorable surroundings. Have been told that the Magazine of Mysteries with its new teachings

is the false doctrine the Bible speaks of; but they can't help but notice the difference in me; where I was once a PHYSICAL WRECK, unable to enjoy anything and stooping under the burden of over-work; now WORK is almost like play since I have learned how to work WITHOUT HURRY OR WORRY. MY HEALTH IS ALMOST PERFECT. I feel that things are gradually coming my way; I also feel sure that all my ill health and misfortune were only God's ways of leading me to this new LIGHT. I have heard of the improvement of three different persons to whom I have sent healing thoughts, since I have taken up this study and begun absent treatment.

May God bless all.

Yours truly,

IDA GREEN,
Walnut Springs, Tex.

What grand victories you have already gained! Be sure, Sister, they are only the first of many. The broad, sweeping view of God's love and power and presence will give you every blessing you can enjoy. Let your eyes see only the good, the beautiful and true.

HAPPINESS

is the radiance of joy,
the overflow of a soul
at peace with God and
the world :: :: ::

Dear Mystic Success Club—I send you my record of the Second Degree. I have worked it out as well as I could. I think I understand better what the Unseen Forces mean.

A few days after I received my Second Degree while I was reading it over and wondering how I should ever conquer my bad habits, and think no evil of anyone, the following thought suddenly came into my mind: "Love is the fulfilling of the law," and then it seemed very clear—I have nothing to do but love everything and everybody. One other day I drove into town alone; it was a lovely day, the flowers were so sweet, I took deep breathing exercises all the way to take in their perfume, and studied my Degree and allowed myself to think of nothing but God and Nature. I think the Unseen Forces must have been with me for I had a very happy day. I am now spending about an hour each morning in deep breathing and practicing my Degree at the same time. My health is good except for a little rheumatism and catarrh, and I am most thankful that I joined the Mystic Success Club. I feel so much happier and free from worry and care.

I am yours for all truth,

ALICE MAUDE PINDER,
Edgeley P. O., Assa, N. W. T., Can.

What a glimpse you have given of your beautiful life! The silence and breathing exercises you take each morning will help wonderfully. Let the Holy Spirit lead you into all truth. God bless you, Sister!

Dear Mystic Success Club—I am now sending in my report for the Third Degree, and I cannot tell you how happy I have become in studying this Third Degree. I seem to have realized more than in any of the others. It seems such a blessing to belong to such a club. I can say from the depths of my heart I have never spent THREE HAPPIER MONTHS than these last three months. I have learnt so MUCH.

Hoping you will be satisfied with my report and forward me the next degree as soon as possible, I remain,

With love to all,
Your Sister,
LOUISE GARDINER,
642 Granville street, Vancouver, B. C.

That you are so happy, dear Sister, is proof that you will in all ways seek to make others happy. What greater work than this?

Dear Mystic Success Club—I come again with my Third Degree, and feel that I have been helped so much in many ways. Especially in memory, I have memorized my work without any trouble, and I feel so thankful for the Unseen Forces and the prayers of our Mystic Success Club. I know God is with us in love and the blessed truth.

I have learned that God's ways are not our ways, and we must come to His ways, and then everything will come our way. I am so thankful that the Magazine of Mysteries came to me. I have learned so many beautiful things by reading it, and I understand the Bible so much better. I know God is in me and this beautiful work. How love beautifies the soul, we are all God's children, and if we criticize or censure or condemn one act of any being we are condemning God. All God's plans ARE right, perfect and orderly. I will try to live up to them as near as I can. I feel that I have not gained or felt the Unseen Forces as much as I should, but perhaps I expected more than was due me. I must be patient and they will come to me perhaps, I am like the lady Helen Van Anderson spoke of in July number in Heart Talks. I will do what the lady did—give myself to God to be lived through. From now on it shall no longer be I, but the Lord that uses this body.

I was proud of my special letter and proud to feel you thought so well of my work.

With love and prayers for all members of our blessed club, I am as ever in love and truth,

MRS. L. J. BERRY,
1312 Louisiana street, Little Rock, Ark.

Yes, Sister, when we turn to God for all knowledge and power we shall know His plans are right, perfect and orderly. You are progressing splendidly—not only in understanding, but in faith. Be patient and all things will be made plain.

Dear Mystic Success Club—I inclose my report on the First Degree, and must say that it has helped me WONDERFULLY along the path of life.

How calm, quiet and fearless I am since I have worked this Degree. Oh, I thank God for this Blessed Light of truth which He has sent to me through the Mystic Success Club, that I may see and realize whenever I am on the wrong road which leads to darkness. Hoping that you will send me the Second Degree as soon as you can I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours for Success,
R. A. DENKER.

To be calm, fearless and full of peace is the great reward for turning to God. Your joy is ours, Brother. Bless you!

Dear Mystic Success Club—I have just completed my Third Degree, and I praise God that I joined this "HAPPY FAMILY." Words would fail to tell you of the LOVE that fills my heart, and the blessing I receive when I take my Bible and Degree for a quiet study, and to lift my heart in prayer to other eyes unseen. It is what no power on earth can give, that Mystic touch which makes the Lord a LIVING REALITY to one who loves Him. Do you realize, Dear Mystics, the comfort and inspiration your words bring in reply to these reports? It is truly a JOY. But what will it be when we hear the MASTER'S "WELL DONE"? Jesus has given me the satisfying portion:

"Free from all envy and free from all strife,
Filled with the Spirit how sweet is my life.
Trials may come; nay, they do come to me—
Come like the waves of a tempest-rocked sea,
Hounded I am, yet I'm kept sweet and calm,
Finding in Jesus a precious, sure balm!"

God bless you all.

JOSIE M. BECKWITH,
435 M street, Fresno, Cal.

The appreciation and joy in your own heart, Sister, call forth sweet response from all who read your joyful words. God's Presence is to you a reality which you make others feel. Bless you for this testimony.

Dear Mystic Success Club—I am sending you record sheet No. 3, which I hope will be satisfactory to you, and that you will be pleased to send Degree No. 4, and am pleased to testify a height gained that words fail to express, and hope some day to be able to express it in both words and acts. I pray that my life may be the true expression of all I feel.

With universal love for the all,

E. B. BARNHARDT,
Mitchell Square, Ontario, Can.

God bless you, Brother! The very kernel of truth is shown when words and acts express according to the Light within. Your wish to make your life the expression of your soul's deep feeling shows the baptism of the Spirit.

We thank you for your good letter. It will be a light to many.

Dear Mystic Success Club—About one year ago I applied for membership in the Mystic Success Club.

Feeling at the time a great weariness over the religious differences and contentions among those of the same "household of faith," as well as a sense of limitation or bondage, both as to my individual actions, and a lack of supply FINANCIALLY, I write this to state that within the year I have experienced a great change for the better. Through the daily practice of the Degrees I have experienced that uplifting and elation which come through the united action of MANY, "as one mind and of one accord." To me the great beauty of the Degrees, as well as the general tenor of the Magazine, is the PERSISTENT REITERATION of the acknowledgement of the GOOD in EVERY form of religion, as well as the GOOD of EACH and EVERY man or woman, WHETHER or not an avowed religionist.

Sincerely yours for the upbuilding of all good,

MRS. JENNIE BURNS PHILLIPS, C. S.

God bless you, Sister, for your good letter, which voices the feeling in many hearts. You are truly one with us.

Dear Mystic Success Club—it is now three weeks or more since I finished my Fourth Degree. Near the last I seemed to come to a standstill, and in a measure lose all I had gained, but, thanks be to God, this morning I have felt a great wave of spiritual enlightenment, upliftment and blessedness that bears me far out into the ocean of His love. Have been waiting for this for I KNEW IT WAS COMING.

From a child I have felt a strong desire to become a helpful, hopeful writer, and at one time seemed to be fairly well started along this line, but lost it all later. I now believe that I feel signs of this talent returning. Please pray that this may be so.

I inclose the record which I have kept as well as I knew how. Have not yet fully conquered self, and get many trips and stumbles, yes, and DOWN-RIGHT FALLS by the way, but thanks to God, and you, and Our Magazine, I am getting on. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. With love and sympathy for all the sick and sorrowful and discouraged and weary and shamefaced and desolate ones of earth, I am YOURS FOR ALL GOOD,

IDA E. MACDONALD,

Corinth, Miss.

You have done nobly. It is knowing that the blessedness will come that bridges every chasm of doubt or fear. God bless you, Sister!

For the Mystic Success Club—Oh, Brother! Oh, Sister! Whoever you are, wherever you are, whatever the depth of sin and shame and degradation into which you have fallen, know and realize in your inmost soul this blessed truth, you are no more beyond the bounds of the unseen, eternal and all powerful love of God than you are beyond the rays of the solar sun which shines daily for you. Arise from the dead and go on thy way rejoicing.

IDA E. MACDONALD.

Dear Mystic Success Club—with a heart full of love I thank you for my Second Message. How much you have helped me you can never know. My troubles seem to have taken wings and flown away. How much the Great God and the Holy Angels help me I am sure I do not fully realize. Oh, dear Brothers of the Club, I want more faith. I look forward to the time when I shall be full grown in Faith; what peace must await one. I can now only imagine what it must be. Dear Brothers and Sisters, pray for me and for all; there are so many that need, but will not be led.

Yours in love and faith,

ANNIE BINNINGER,
Dobbs, Cal.

Dear Sister, your faith will grow with your works. Do all you can moment by moment to use the faith you now have and more will come. In God's time all souls will come to hunger and thirst after righteousness. When they do they will be fed. God keep you!

Dear Mystic Success Club—Don't think I've only just begun to realize the blessings that have come to me through the Club. Long before I had finished the First Degree I knew it was a WONDERFUL HELP to anyone who was honest and earnest in ENDEAVOR. With each Degree my Faith increased. I have health, and my husband is so nearly well again that I'm FILLED WITH THANKSGIVING. We have happiness, and we know we will be prosperous. The Degrees increase in beauty and satisfaction until this Fourth Degree, and it is a joy. You know IF it were all a myth, an "ism," in which only "rattled" people indulged—which has been said—I should be so glad to be mythical, so glad to be "rattled" to the extent of such enjoyment. I could tell you of so much good that has come to me through my husband's reformation and health in the last four months. It has been nothing less than a Godsend to me. The Magazine is my Bible, and it's always in sight in my room. Just now there are three in this house who are going to subscribe. There are two of them who are very anxious for the Degree work, and I sincerely hope they can both take advantage of the July offer. One of the ladies will likely send from Iowa City, as that is where she lives.

I give my Magazines away to strangers whom I think will become interested. Just as soon as I read them and have the next one.

Many, many people I find who need, and are so

glad to get, just such a friend as the Magazine of Mysteries is.

Let me say that if all members of the Success Club have been benefited as I have, I should think your crown would be about full of jewels NOW. God bless you, and ALL, is the prayer of your

CARRIE LOWE MURPHY,

"Jack's Retreat," Circleville, O.

What a dear, cheery letter you have sent, Sister dear. It does our hearts good to have such helpers as you, but Our Family is a happy, helpful one, and everyone is indispensable. God be with you!

Dear Mystic Success Club—I inclose herewith record of my Fourth Degree, which report will, I trust, prove satisfactory.

This Degree has been a wonderful blessing to me. The Degrees all helped me, but this Fourth Degree seemed to do for me more than all of the others.

In the silence I have listened and received advice of untold benefit. The value of the business advice I have received is something astonishing.

I received the confidential message a few days ago, for which I thank you. It is beautiful.

I have the Magazine of Mysteries regularly, and enjoy reading the inspiring words contained therein.

My husband subscribed for the Magazine last January. I am now reading the Magazine sent in his name, as my subscription expired in May. He wanted me to read his Magazine, while it comes. When his subscription expires I shall subscribe for myself. I have had the Magazine since it was first published. I hope always to have it.

Thanking you for the help you have given me, and praying for an especial blessing to rest upon the Mystics and all members of Our Club, I am,

Most sincerely yours,
MARY C. SPECHT,
132 Forest avenue, Oshkosh, Wis.

Is it not the promise that everything shall be added? The Holy Spirit is your Counselor and Guide if you turn to God. You have proven that He doeth all things. We rejoice in your joy.

PROSPERITY

is outward proof of
God's boundless re-
sources within and
without :: :: ::

Dear Club Mem-
bers—I have just fin-
ished my Fourth De-
gree and I have been
helped wonderfully,
and I feel that I am
ON THE ROAD TO
SUCCESS.

When I took up
this study my great-
est ambition was to CONTINUE MY STUDIES, but
I was in a small place, and it seemed as if there was
no chance for me to do so. But my ambition has
been realized for I AM NOW IN CHICAGO, CON-
TINUING MY STUDIES AND SUPPORTING MY-
SELF AT THE SAME TIME.

This is only one of the many blessings that have come to me during the last few months, and I am truly thankful for the new life which has been opened up for me through this blessed club.

With very best wishes for all the members, I remain,

Yours truly,
PEARL STEARNS,
Chicago, Ill.

It was because you were so earnest, so sincere and faithful that you had this quick response to your heart's desire. Yet there may be times when the answer will not be so quick. In the right time all things come, but at all times be joyful, praiseful and open to receive. Bless you!

Mystic Success Club—I wish to tell you of the many blessings that I have received through mem-
bership with this blessed Club. They are so many
that I can hardly tell them all. I have HAD GREAT-
ER SUCCESS than I had EVER DREAMED of.

I am so thankful to God the Father, and to the
Mystic Success Club that I feel like singing and
praising God, the Father, all the day long, for love
is filling my whole life for all things, and I wish to
thank all the Brothers for their kindness and good
will and prayers for me. The Mystics have taught
me what I have always believed from a little child,
and again I thank you for having made my faith
stronger. I have BETTER HEALTH and BETTER
SUCCESS than ever. Again thanking you, I remain
as ever,

Yours respectfully,
SISTER A. SALLANS,
Greenwich, N. Y.

Your song of praise sets all our hearts singing.
We rejoice with you, Sister, for your joy and your
victories. Keep on in the right way.

Dear Mystic Success Club—Inclosed is the
record for the First Degree, I'm thankful to say. I
feel very strong. I'm able to see a blessing in every-
thing, even some little reverses. I feel that they,
too, work for my God. This is quite different from
the way I felt before I joined the Club. I'm trying
to inform others of the power of the Mystic Success
Club.

My prayer is that God may bless you who have
done so much for me and are doing so much for
the world.

W. R. SMITH,
1633 Tenth street N. W., Washington, D. C.

When you are able to see the blessing in reverses
you are truly prosperous, for that will enable you
to conquer adversity. Thank you, Brother, for
your hearty words.

Our Voluntary Help Fund

A PROPOSITION TO THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

WE have found that there are members of the Success Club who occasionally need financial help to bridge them over a really urgent need, and we feel that it is our duty to gather together a sum of money to be called the "VOLUNTARY HELP FUND of the MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB," to take care of these urgent cases. We are going to do our part to raise this money, and we want YOU to do your part. We are going to make the month of September an illustration of what can be done when we all work together. Understand, this VOLUNTARY HELP FUND, with your assistance, is to be a permanent fund of money set aside in the form of a trustee fund to be used to help members of the Success Club whose cases need immediate financial assistance.

Now, this is the way that we can start the fund with a substantial amount of money. On our part we will donate 20 per cent. of all moneys received for memberships in the MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB during the month of September.

When you joined the Mystic Success Club, you sent three subscribers. You know the benefits you have derived. Go and see each one of those subscribers and ask them to join, and in that way you will be doing your part. This 20 per cent. should bring to the fund \$1,000 if you only succeeded in influencing one of the subscribers to become a member of the Mystic Success Club; if you succeeded in getting two new members it would bring \$2,000; three new members would bring \$3,000, etc.; so you can see that if we all work together during the month of September we can start off with a very substantial NUCLEUS, by which we can help our brothers and sisters who are in dire need.

SET THE CHILDREN TO WORK!

Nothing will aid more in their spiritual development than to help the suffering.

We know that the children would like to do their bit for the Master and to take part in contributing toward the VOLUNTARY HELP FUND, and here are two ways by which the children can add their money. We will donate as many copies of the September issue of "OUR MAGAZINE" as the children can sell. We will also donate our handsomely mounted Bible Bread cards, that sell for ten cents apiece. We will send as many of these cards as the children apply for, and as many of the magazines as they desire, pay all charges and credit the entire amount of money that the children return to us toward the VOLUNTARY HELP FUND. In this way, you see, we have provided means whereby YOU can do your part and also means whereby the children can do theirs.

We have worked together in love and harmony for three years, measuring our success by the joy and peace which have come to dwell in our hearts. With our feet firmly fixed on the soil of immediate environment, we have turned our faces to the Light and have realized the blessed benediction of the Spirit. We have all tried to extend a helping hand to those in our home circle, and now we feel that the time has come for us to unite in a work that will consolidate and organize our forces in such a way that each member can share a portion of his goods with his Brother. Even though a continent separate the physical bodies, Love can bridge the space. Spirit cannot be confined to location.

In the great mass of correspondence which comes into the Home Office of the Club, there are many letters from members who are in the First Degree, and sometimes even farther along, telling of the bitter struggle they are making with circumstances almost too hard to be endured. We who have stood at the helm and sent out the word of direction and comfort, know full well that these conditions are but temporary. We know a few months of faithful attention to and practice of our methods will bring about a joyful change, but there are cases where the suffering includes helpless

old people (some as far along in the earth journey as to have covered eighty years and over), and again it may be a father out of work, a needy family or the homeless friend who needs a bridge to step upon in order to reach the other side. It is immediate relief that we want to give, and Our Voluntary Fund to tide over these surging waves of adversity until the brother can get his feet firmly fixed upon the bedrock principles of Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Think of the blessings and thanksgiving that will flow out of those hearts to whom our efforts carry practical, tangible food, clothing, fire or shelter; think of the renewed courage when every door seemed shut; think of the rest and peace that will abide in that home where all was darkness and despair! Ah, Brothers, this is our grand privilege; this is the way the Master taught; this is the Kingdom of Heaven we are to seek, and all things are added to those who are faithful.

We know our members too well to do any urging. No one is shut out from this work, no matter how you may be situated; you can do your part. When you read this you will say in your heart, "There, that is a first-rate idea, and I will do my part to show my approval and co-operation." When the wind is howling around your home this winter and the frost is snapping the bare trees, you can sit by your blazing fire and feel its pleasant warmth with a glow in your heart as well as in your body, for you will know that some dear soul is being made a degree more comfortable by your loving service. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of one of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Appeals for assistance can be made at any time under the following conditions: In order that the Club Members may feel that the funds are being wisely dispensed, we expect each applicant to state plainly in a letter the nature of the circumstances he has to deal with; also what line of effort he has made to overcome them. A committee will then be appointed by the Home Office from members living in the immediate vicinity of the applicant to investigate the case and report to Home Office at once. If there is any good reason why such a committee should not be appointed to investigate, a letter from a reliable citizen in the town who is acquainted with the circumstances must accompany the appeal for aid.

All members are requested to act upon such a committee if a call comes from his locality. All information given by one brother to another during such investigation is to be held sacred and not divulged under any ordinary circumstances. All work is to be done secretly and without ostentation of any kind. "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

This aid given is to be regarded in the form of a loan, and as soon as the brother has demonstrated success and recovered from the stress of circumstances which compelled him to seek aid, he will gladly send back the money received, so that it can once more go out to help another soul over a hard place. This is not a "charity" Fund, for we believe the most genuine help that can be given is to help a man to help himself.

No names will be published except where voluntary testimony is sent in, with permission to let the members of the Club know just what they have been instrumental in doing. This, of course, rests with the member who has received assistance.

Those members who have so often asked what they could do to express their gratitude for special services rendered, will now have a means by which they can pass along the good received.

NOW IS THE TIME! Let us all work together, so that the VOLUNTARY HELP FUND can be a PERMANENT blessing. Get all the members of the Mystic Success Club you can. Have the children send at once for their magazines and cards, so they can go right to work.

SUCCESS TO THE VOLUNTARY HELP FUND is our motto for September.

THE MYSTIC HEALING CIRCLE

LET US GIVE YOU HEALTH

"YOUR BODY IS THE GARDEN, YOUR SOUL IS THE GARDENER, YOUR BIRTHRIGHT IS HEALTH"

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow."

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 EQUAL 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), or PARENT AND CHILD AS ONE PERSON when one address does for both. 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, NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, 22 North William Street, N. Y. City.

"LET THERE BE LIGHT"

Right Thinking and Right Living

By Mystic No. 12

Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
—Matt. vii, 16.

DARKNESS is the absence of light. Cold is the absence of heat. Weakness is the absence of strength. Sickness is the absence of health. Death is the absence of life. I wish to present the Bible to you with just one object in view, and that is *health*. The Bible is the greatest health book in the world because it deals with man as both a material and spiritual being. The Bible plainly says men do not plant thorns and gather a harvest of grapes.

The Bible also says: Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Star of Hope

I AWAIT with patience,
And believe in thee,
For the spirit of love
Keeps watch over me.

Like a star in the distance
A white light gleams,
And o'er all creation
God's greatness seems.

'Tis the star of hope
That beameth bright,
And shineth on all
In the darkest night.

Though I grope in the valley
Of shadows dark,
I know that above
Gleams the one bright spark.

Not for one, but for all,
This bright star glows
Till life in its brightness
Is naught but repose.

W. F. S. E.

Learn how to get well and keep well.
Learn how to live to a good old age, and be calm.
Learn how to live right and think right.

Learn how to change your vibrations from disease to ease.

Learn how to be happy, joyous and full of life.

Read these words from members of The Mystic Healing Circle.

Remember, I am trying to help you to help yourself.

Then you are free.

Are you not tired of the bondage of ignorance?

Learn how to sow the seed that will bring you the glad harvest of health and strength.

Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

What better gift can you give your child than health and strength?

Wonderful Words of Life

SOME years ago I found these words, which I now give you, to be wonderful words of life. Remember, you are now an immortal Soul.

Commit these words to memory and silently speak them to yourself.

This is the prayer of faith.

Praying as if you had already received.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews xi, 1.

"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." St. Mark xi, 24.

You perceive then that the prayer of faith is an affirmation. As though you had already received—"The substance of things hoped for."

And when He was come into the house, His disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast Him out?

And He said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting.

Prayer is an affirmation. Spiritual fasting is a denial.

A Twice-Cooked Home-Made Health Food

To have the most delicious bread—grind your own wheat. California white wheat is the best I have found for that purpose.

After the wheat is ground mix with soft, warm water until thick enough to knead. Knead thoroughly, roll into thick biscuits and bake in a "quick oven."

These thick biscuits may be broken into small pieces and run through a food chopper, using cutter No. 4 (a large size). Spread thinly in pans and bake again in a very slow oven until crisp like coffee.

Then run through the food chopper, again using cutter No. 1.

You now have a pulverized health food that will keep indefinitely for household use—traveling, camping out, sea voyage, etc.

You know how good toast is for the sick one. This health food not only is as easily digested as toast, but it has the advantage of being made of wheat instead of white flour.

Add sugar and soak it in milk before using. This will help you to stop using meat.

Milk is a much better food for you than meat. The greatest food experts are now allowing their patients to use three quarts of milk a day.

Wait

By Mystic No. 12

Look away from self and sickness,
Behold His Love and Grace;
There is only joy and gladness
When you see Him face to face.

O! bathe in The Mystic Healing,
Forget all time and place:
Bathe in the pool Bethesda,
Wait—wait for His saving Grace.

John v.

OUR EXPERIENCE CIRCLE

His Word Is Truth

Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed find two dollars for two months' treatment. I am very thankful for the Vibrations. I am very much better than I was this time last year and have much to be thankful for. Praise to All-Father-Mother. His word is truth. With blessings to all and may this year bring better results.

I remain,
S. W.

Will Continue

Dear Mystic No. 12—The pain that was in my left side I hardly feel any more. I intend to keep up the treatment until I get well. In the daytime I am so busy that I have to take the treatment at night.

Yours with many thanks,
W. W.

Has More Strength

Mystic No. 12—I see that my time for treatment will expire the 22d and, as I want to continue with you for a while, will send two dollars for two months' Vibrations. I am feeling much stronger. Please give me special Vibrations for Health and Happiness, as I want to come into the realization of the divine presence of God within me. I will close thanking you for your kindness to me.

Yours for truth and happiness,
Mrs. K.

She Is Perfectly Well

Dear Mystic No. 12—Mother has been telling me of the great things you have done for her. She wrote and sent you the one dollar which you charge for treatment. She is perfectly well and sound and does her work. She thinks it is the grandest thing imaginable and I have never known her to be in as good health before.

Yours truly,
C. M.

Sends Five Dollars

Mystic No. 12, Dear Sir—I wish to thank you for your teachings. I am helping myself by helping others. My health is better this year than it has been for fifteen years past, for which I thank God and Mystic No. 12. Inclosed find five dollars for more Vibrations.

Your patient,
Wm. J.

Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother—I am proud to say that my wife and I are improving. Inclosed find one dollar for another month's treatment for myself and wife. Please let me hear from you occasionally. Thanking you for past favors, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,
C. W.

Improving from First Treatment

Mystic No. 12—I am improving very rapidly and have been from the first treatment you gave me. I inclose one dollar for treatment for myself and my dear brother. Please give him your most earnest attention. Thanking you for your interest, I remain,

Yours with love,
D. E.

Your Healing Vibrations Are Doing Me Good

Mystic No. 12, Dear Mystic—Your healing Vibrations are doing me good. There is quite an improvement in my condition, and I am sure in time a permanent cure will be effected. Thanking you for benefits received, I remain,

Yours lovingly,
F. A.

The Light Shines

Mystic No. 12—I would like to say a few words in regard to my health since being in the Healing Circle. I am now able to help myself physically and spiritually. The light shines through all the clouds. Though I have not come to the full, fair light of day yet, the truths I have received will last through Eternity with me. May God bless and keep you and all in your Vibrations.

Yours in Truth,
A. D.

I Am in Good Health Now

Mystic No. 12—I take THE NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and it is quite a blessing to me. I have taken the Mystic Healing Vibrations from you for one month and I am in good health now. I have received help in many ways. I will do all I can in regard to prayer and right living.

Yours, M. W.

Gratitude

Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother—I want to write and tell you that I am so very much better and getting better all the time, and I want to continue this month. May God ever prosper your good work is my prayer.

Yours, Mrs. S. H.

Words Are Life

Dear Mystic—I am most glad to hold direct communication with you for when writing I seem to feel more positively the Health Vibrations that you are surrounding me with and I know they are permeating and manifesting their influence upon the physical system. The words of encouragement and instruction that came from you recently have been very helpful indeed to me, and I have studied them much and every day.

Sincerely, Mrs. P.

Has Hope

Dear Mystic No. 12—I am still improving, and feel very thankful as my case was a very bad one, but hope to be made entirely whole. I am very much better, than when I began your treatment. Inclosed find one dollar for another month.

Yours gratefully, E. L.

I Am Improving Every Day

Mystic Adept No. 12, Dear Brother—In writing you these few lines I am very happy to say that I am improving every day in health, both mentally and physically, and am trying to understand the truth and help myself to freedom from sickness. Am thankful to God through the Mystics for the great benefit that I have received. Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's Vibrations.

With brotherly love, J. M.

My Daughter Is Gaining

Beloved Mystic No. 12—I send inclosed two dollars for your treatment for two months. I have found great benefit for myself, I feel more natural. My daughter is away and is gaining wonderfully. I am feeling better mentally, and hope you will send all the help you can.

Yours in gratitude and love, H. J.

Well Pleased

To Mystic No. 12—I send one dollar for another month's treatment for myself and son. I am well pleased with the last month's treatment for both my son and I. My son is very successful in his work and is well pleased with it, he is less nervous and I hope soon to hear that he has quit the cigarette habit.

Sincerely, C. A.

Best of Health All the Time

Beloved Mystic No. 12—I have received great benefit from your Vibrations and I feel in the best of health all the time. I thank God with all my soul, with all my heart and mind for the abundance of blessing that has been bestowed upon me. I hope and pray with confidence that I may always be a true God lover of all my brothers and sisters and always try to do all the good in the world to help others to help themselves. Please pray for me that I may always trust in the Divine Holy Providence. From a loving brother,

L. R.

Like a New Being

Dear Mystic No. 12—I have been trying for several days to write you and thank you for the good you have done for me. My health has very much improved in every way, and I feel like a new being. Wishing you success in your good work. I remain sincerely,

Mrs. E. D.

Understanding

Dear Mystic No. 12—As the days go by I find myself being lifted into higher atmosphere of comprehension of the teaching and influence of your Circle. I am so much improved in body and mind since coming into a better understanding of your teachings. I expect soon to become a Member of the Mystic Success Club and am feeling the direct influence of the Health Vibrations with which you are surrounding me daily.

Lovingly yours, Mrs. P.

Wonderful Messages That Thrill

Mystic No. 12, Dear Friend—Thanks for the written words of advice and cheer and for the wonderful messages that fill and thrill my entire being. Both my son and husband are improving. I am quieted and calmed and am trusting for my share of the inheritance of the loving Father, and I am filled with intense desire to know the truth.

With love, E. H.

Good Literature

Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother—I thank you so much for all the good literature you have been so kind to send me, it is food for thinking Christians. I am always hungry for it and am always living the life you taught me. God bless you and your work,

C. T. D.

I Want to Stay with the Circle

Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother—Your kind letter and printed message is received. I am getting along very well, and feel so much improved in Health and Strength, since I received Vibrations than I cannot express too many thanks to my Creator for the goodness He is sending me from day to day. Will write you again, as I want to stay with the Circle. I am, Respectfully,

C. B.

Your Power Is Wonderful

Beloved Mystic No. 12—I know my time has expired for the beautiful health Vibrations to come to me, but such has been the case that it has been impossible for me to even write the acknowledgment of the many benefits received. I cannot begin to thank you for the comfort you have already given me. I will add my thanks for all benefits received. I can walk and work better than in years before. You may continue with the treatment for another month; in fact, I shall keep it up until a perfect cure is effected. Your power is wonderful, and will say that "I am hardy, energetic, courageous and brave." Inclosed find one dollar. With a heart full of thanks for your faithful ministrations, I am, very cordially,

E. C.

More Cheerful

Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother—I am feeling better at present and am more cheerful. I am praying for you and your good work, and may God bless you.

Yours, A. F.

Pleased with Results

Mystic No. 12, Dear Sir—Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's treatment. I am very pleased, and thankful to be able to tell you that I am getting along nicely under your treatment. I have had great changes for the better since I wrote you last, and will continue in your Vibrations until I am quite strong. My husband also says that he never felt better able to do his work since he sent the dollar. Again thanking you with all my heart, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. R. W.

Love and Happiness

Dear Mystic No. 12—I cannot help sending you this little messenger as I am filled with love and happiness, which I shall try and impart to others. May I ask your help in prayer that the divine forces may help me to help others to the glory of God? May peace and love ever be yours. I am yours in Holy love.

C. W.

Hope

Mystic No. 12, Dear Friend—I am just in receipt of your messages and receipt for money sent for one month's treatment. I note that the receipt was dated May 20, and I must say that at about that date I commenced to feel much better and remarked to my sister that I felt that you had received my communication and had commenced to send me your healing Vibrations. I was deeply discouraged when I wrote you before, but now I feel good hope of recovery.

Very sincerely,
L. W.

Can See Again

Mystic No. 12, Dear Friend—My husband is getting on very well now, his eyes are improving so much since we received your last letter, and the neuralgia is nearly all gone. I believe he will soon be able to see without glasses, and he has been using them for the last eight years. We are both so proud that he can see again, we can never thank you enough. Wishing you success, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. C.

Love

Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother—Your helpful letter is received. Your letters always do me good. My health is very good at present owing to God's goodness and your teachings. I am growing in knowledge and love of God for all things.

With love,
Mrs. G. W.

Wonderful

Mystic Adept No. 12, Dear Brother—Mother and I are continuing to feel your Vibrations. It is something so new to mother and seems so wonderful that she always wants to talk about it. She is so much improved in health and can sleep very well. As for myself, I am feeling so much better able to perform my household duties that they are becoming a real pleasure instead of dread and a drag. We wish to continue for another month.

Yours in Love, Truth and Peace,
Mrs. B.

Courage and Peace

Mystic No. 12, Dear Friend—Your good letter is safe at hand. I am always glad to hear from you. Your letter seems to bring courage and peace, and I thank you so much for your goodness to us. May God bless you with all the good things of this earth.

I am yours in Love,
M. P.

Getting Better All the Time

Mystic No. 12—I received your message and have read and re-read it. My health is getting better all the time. The last time I was sick, when I would begin to feel badly it would come into my mind so plainly that God was with me and that all would be well, and I would then drop off to sleep, and when I awoke would feel so peaceful.

Yours truly,
A. F.

All the Pain Is Gone

Mystic No. 12—I am feeling much better than I have felt for months. I am very hopeful and my heart is happy. All the pain is gone from my limbs and feet and I feel very much improved in every way.

Respectfully,
Mrs. S. F.

Peace and Calm

Mystic No. 12, Dear Friend—You have helped me a great deal already, and I have chosen to-day as most convenient to write and tell you. I am getting well because the way is not as hard as I thought it was. I believe my heavenly Father is looking after His child right here, whom I thought so far off and who heard only the good ones. I am trying to grow as the lilies grow. That is the most restful quotation, I know and say it often, until it produces both peace and calm for me.

Yours truly,
Mrs. E. B.

Strength

Mystic No. 12—It has been some time since I wrote you, but I thought as I was gaining it was unnecessary to write. Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's treatment. I have been able to go thus far through house-cleaning without losing any flesh, something I have never done before. I feel that I am getting stronger all the time.

Yours in Truth,
A. R.

So Happy

Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother—I inclose one dollar for another month's treatment. I am feeling a little better and am trying to live up to the grand teachings you sent me as much as I can. I feel at times so happy that I can praise God in my soul that I am living this day.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs. W.

Praise

Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother—Inclosed you herewith with money to the amount of one dollar, covering another month's Vibrations. I am more than ever convinced that God has sent you to me. May He indeed wonderfully bless you.

Yours sincerely,
E. G.

Life to My Soul

Mystic No. 12, Kind Friend and Brother—Have received your printed messages for which I wish to express my heartfelt thanks. They are indeed food, and they are life to my soul. My husband is convalescing now, and I believe is on the road to renewed health, which, thanks to God our Father and also to your loving prayers, for I know I felt their power as soon as they passed from your own great soul.

I am yours gratefully,
Mrs. S.

Stronger

Dear Brother—I was glad to hear from you and I think your treatment is helping me, for I feel much stronger. I read your messages several times per day. The wheat also helps me. With many thanks, I am,

Yours respectfully,
W. D.

A New Inspiration

Dear Mystic—How glad I am to receive from you the letters which are so instructive. I know they point to the way of Life and fill me with a new inspiration, and I feel that life is worth the living. I have never known how to live, and now I know that I am just learning how to live, and I know that I shall never be too old to learn. How thankful I am that I have found you out, and may God bless you and give you wisdom. Please find inclosed two dollars.

Yours with love, Mrs. B.

Hope

Dear Mystic No. 12—I am very glad to say I am feeling stronger than at the last report. I am sure that the Vibrations are reaching and helping me. I have great confidence in the future condition of health for myself.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. P.

I Am Gaining

Dear Mystic No. 12—I am gaining and am able to do things that in months have been unable to do. It is blessed to be getting strong. Still pray and surround me with helpful Vibrations.

Yours very sincerely, H. E.

I Ask God to Bless You Every Day

Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed you will please find money order for two dollars for two more months' treatment. I want to remain in your Vibrations until I am perfectly well of my stomach trouble. I am so much better since receiving your health Vibrations that I don't know how to be thankful enough. I ask God to bless you every day. Your printed messages are fine. Will you kindly send me some more. I want to continue in your Vibrations until I am well, which I know will be soon, with your great Power and the help of the good Lord.

Yours lovingly, Mrs. W.

Harmony with Nature

Dear Mystic No. 12—Inclosed please find one dollar which I send to have you surround me with healing Vibrations for another month. I am getting along splendidly, and am better now than ever before. I sleep and rest better at night. My left ear is almost well after being a running sore for years. The deafness has entirely left me after only four months' treatment. I can say to anyone who has catarrhal deafness, send one dollar a month for healing Vibrations to Mystic No. 12, and in a short time you will be cured. You say in one of your messages: "When you have fully mastered the subject of how the lilies grow you have the whole secret of getting well." The whole subject has come to me. They are in a perfect state of peace. They do not worry. They are in the natural order of harmony with nature; therefore they grow. I am coming more and more in that natural order. I will grow through the power of God and the help of the Mystics. Your printed messages are beautiful.

Yours truly, J. B.

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Mystic No. 12, My Dear Brother—It is nearly three weeks since I have been taking Vibrations, and I have improved very much indeed. I am able to be about and to attend to my household duties, and oh, how thankful I am to God and to you for what you have done for me. May the blessings of God rest upon you for your goodness. When I wrote you before I was in a bad state. I was in bed, and I could hardly turn from one side to the other, but I am getting along nicely now, and I thank God and you, Brother Mystic, for the help I have received. My mind is continually with God; He has sustained me; He has lifted me up; I am not afraid, for He is always with me. God is my health; God is my strength; the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; I have peace and comfort; I sleep well, and when I awake, it is with that blessed thought, "Jesus is with me." Inclosed please find one dollar for another month's treatment.

Yours in Holy love, and may God bless you,

Mrs. S.

God Is Very, Very Near Me

Mystic No. 12, My Dear Brother—This is the last day of the year 1904; a year that has brought to me such blessings, and as on the second day of the New Year my time expires in which you were giving to me the month's healing Vibrations I will write you

HEART TALKS

By Helen Van-Anderson

Written especially for
THE NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF
MYSTERIES

DO not grieve, dear heart, because your efforts seem futile in this matter of helping your husband to overcome his troubles. You must beware of taking too much of his task of supporting his family. Many a good man has been spoiled by this very thing; so have many children; so, perhaps, have many women.

You see, dear, every individual who comes into this world has a life to live which *no one can live for him*, and life always implies responsibilities and duties as well as trials of various kinds.

No one could be really worth anything as to character if he did not have them. So everyone must learn to take these as opportunities in which to try his strength. *Each one must live his own life.*

This view in itself gives *strength* and *courage*, and it must be maintained; but in maintaining it, the friends and relatives and all loving ones like yourself must take the *same* view. It is a sad mistake to hold a mental attitude of pity or condolence, for it only helps to keep the person of whom you think more helpless, because it supplements *his own thought about himself*.

No! Give him thoughts of courage, strength and faith in himself. Think of him as in touch with all good influences, and attractive to opportunities that may give him what he needs.

The help you can give in this way is far more than any sacrifice you might make, because this will have the right *reactive* tendency. It will put him on the upward path, where he may get larger glimpses and a farther-reaching outlook of his own possibilities. It will cultivate his faith in the Higher Power, too, for little by little you can talk to him about this. Even if he is entirely disinterested and unbelieving of any practical results of faith, if you can hold yourself steadily in an atmosphere of cheeriness and ever-expectant hope, your cheer will be contagious, and ere he is aware he will be an optimist and then a demonstrator. This mental attitude will do wonders.

Now, Isabel, your appeal for help in cultivating your voice quality was answered in the May number. Did you not see the answer?

Here is a letter from one who asks the oft-repeated question, "Is it wrong to pray for material things or pleasures?"

Bless you, dear sister. Are there any restrictions in the injunction, *Whatsoever ye ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive* (Matt. xxi, 22)?

The whole matter depends upon your *faith*. Does God make all the beautiful and useful things (or give man material and intelligence by which he can make them) in this beautiful world, and endow man with a sense of taste and appreciation for them, and then make it wrong for him to ask the privilege of enjoying them?

No, dear, I do not believe it wrong to ask for *anything* you need or wish, providing you are true to what you believe to be right, and consider God or the Father before you consider the favors you wish for.

When Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added," He meant, seek to know and to be at one with God; put the Right before you put your desires; in other words, live continually in the presence of God and the realization of His power, and then you may ask what you will.

These "other things"—clothes, food, pleasures, friends—are they not necessary?

You will say, "Of course they are!"

Why, then, is it wrong to *name* your need? The *asking for or naming* a thing is merely defining or making definite what you need. On the physical plane *you need to be definite*.

If you went into a store and should ask the merchant for material for a new dress, he would ask: "*How many yards do you wish, madam?*" And this before he would begin to measure it off.

So the asking for material things requires naming them, in order that you may receive *just* what you want.

When you live in the gladness of joy, because you have a Heavenly Father, is it not natural that you should talk to Him with all the abandonment and faith of a little child?

Then it will be the second, but none the less natural, step for you to *name or mention* what you would like to have or what you may need. If you do this, believing—yea, knowing—the loving goodness of God to you, His child, you will be sure that at the *right time* the thing you name will appear before you—be with you.

Years ago, when I first went out to Colorado, a total stranger to the State and its people, the first view of the snow-crowned, majestic peaks of the Rocky Mountains filled me with awe and admiration. Involuntarily I exclaimed, "How I would like to take a trip through the mountains and see their grandeur!" And then, remembering the great expense of such a trip, I added, "But my Father will provide the way." Some days passed and I was in Denver giving lectures. Among my private pupils was a very wealthy lady. One day, after a lesson, she looked at me most kindly and said, "Would you not like to take a trip through the Grand Canyon?"

"Oh," I exclaimed breathlessly, "I should be delighted!"

"Tell me where you want to go, and I will give you a pass."

This was my Father's answer to a prayer that I might see the glory of His handiwork in the beauty of mountain scenery.

Was it wrong for me to wish for this, or to trust that my Father would open the way?

I think not. Far from it! And this dear woman was His messenger.

He uses everyone at times for the giving of His gifts and the carrying of His messages. So this time He used her, and she was a royal one to give His blessings. That trip meant more than I could ever put into words, for it brought God and His kingdom so very, very near. It taught me more of the *law of prayer* than I had ever known before; that is, in regard to the asking for material things.

How can we separate the material and spiritual blessings, any more than we can separate soul and body? So long as we are on this plane of Life, we need both. So there is nothing wrong in asking for or enjoying the material if we live and move always in the substratum of the spiritual.

Only put away sordid, selfish greed. That has naught to do with the heavenly; but whatsoever things are pure, beautiful or conducive to higher altitudes of faith, be they material or spiritual, pray for them.

"O Prayer, what form of energy can be compared with thee!"

Some Recipes for Keeping Young

By the Week-Day Preacher

WHOEVER you are, and whatever you do, keep the sunshine in your face and loving-kindness in your heart!

If you would keep young, study the children; study their ready forgiveness and quick repentance, also their forgetfulness of sorrow!

Do not allow yourself to lose the power of enjoying their simple pleasures and innocent joys; it stirs the blood and freshens its circulation with oxygen which "keeps the brain in a continual state of spontaneous combustion" of new thoughts, and fills the heart with fresh blood that thrills the body into new life and reinforces it with strength and youth!

We begin dying when we stop enjoying; when we stop thinking young thoughts; when we quit feeling sympathetic with youth and its interests! It takes the elasticity from our muscles and the oil from our joints to withdraw ourselves from the festival neighborhood and companionship of the young.

As we grow older we are apt to get too judicial, and so lose our highest influence with the children, through our lack of sympathy and appreciation of their pleasures.

A cordial sympathy and good-fellowship on the part of the older man or woman with boy or girl, is worth all the protective societies in the world!

To keep in touch with the summer-land of Youth is to alter the climate of old age, and make it pleasant weather all the way to its sundown. How we love and are attracted to the man or woman who remembers vividly the long, long days of his or her youth! They are fresh with the sweet breath of spring, and the violets; we love their society and feel adorned with their friendship. They go down the decline so gracefully, that we remember them as we remember our own youth, or a song that is immortal, an exultant pean that has flooded our world with harmony.

Let us keep forever in company with the festival chorus of Youth, the Incomparable, and look ever forward with these with wide-open eyes toward the future, undimmed by any cloud of doubt. These souls newly dressed with love, faith, innocence, and, above all, Hope! Whose only presentiment is an existence of pleasure, happiness and fulfilment! Going ever forward with a radiant expectation of only the good.

Let us keep wide-eyed with youth. Old age looks through narrowed lids, with retrospective eyes, toward the past and gets dim-eyed looking down the receding perspective of years.

Oliver Wendell Holmes—that ever-young man—has said: "The old brain thinks the world grows worse, as the old retina thinks the eyes of needles grow smaller." I question if the retina would think the eyes of the needles smaller, if the "old brain" did not think the world was growing worse. It lowers the circulation and general temperature to indulge in a fit of the blue torments! To look forth with jaundiced eyes upon our neighbor shuts off the genial reflections and rose-red lights of love, and the eyes fail to focus properly. It isn't good to let our liver get into our eyes! It produces a compound astigmatism of the moral nature. It makes us color-blind to trace the narrow groove of a prejudice; in fact, destroys the whole field of vision!

Come, let us not only reason, but be cheerful together and renew our bodies, if for nothing more than to make ourselves more acceptable to our youthful friends and more comfortable in our minds.

Let us be known as greeting the days with joy and serving the world with happiness.

Who would not be grateful to feel that he had been gifted with the genius of good humor; the sort that overflows forever with a youthful exuberance into the lives of all it meets?

Who would not be grateful to have said of him what Thackeray has said of Oliver Goldsmith: "The poor fellow was never so friendless but that he could befriend someone; never so pinched and so wretched but he could give of his crust, and speak his word of compassion. If he had his flute left, he would give of that, and make the children happy in the dreary London courts." And of Thackeray himself, as Anthony Trollope has written: "The great delight of his life was to give some immediate pleasure; his charity was overflowing; he went about the world dropping pearls, doing good, and never inflicting a wound."

"By his life all wrought
Of generous acts, mild words and gentle ways."

The greatest soul is he who has brought the most love and sunshine into the world; whose heart has been ripe with the joy of eternal Youth!

When Jesus took a little child and set him as the type of those in the Kingdom of Heaven, He wanted us to understand the value and beauty of a gentle simple and innocent life.

Make for yourselves nests of pleasant thoughts, bright fancies, satisfied memories, noble histories, faithful sayings, treasure houses of precious and restful thoughts which care cannot disturb nor pain make gloomy, nor poverty take from us—houses built without hands, for our souls to live in.—John Ruskin.

MY LOYAL FRIEND

COMMAND me to that generous heart
Which, like the pine on high,
Uplifts the same unvarying brow
To every change of sky;
Whose friendship does not fade away
When wintry tempests blow,
But, like the winter's icy crown,
Looks greener through the snow.

He flies not with the flitting stork
That seeks a Southern sky,
But lingers where the wounded bird
Hath lain him down to die.
Oh, such a friend! He is in truth,
Whate'er his lot may be,
A rainbow on the storm of life,
An anchor on its sea.

If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.—
John xv. 7.



It is faith and enthusiasm for something high and noble that makes a life worth looking at. Try it. It is for you to place your ideal high and strive to realize it. Be as a gentle soul,

"How gracious, how benign,
Breathes through our troubled life that voice of thine,
Filled with a sweetness born of happier spheres
That wins and warms, that kindles, softens, cheers,
That eases the wildest woe, and stays the bitterest
tears!"

A creating and informing spirit comes to the least of us as a voice that will and must be heard. Your spirit, too, is a mode of God's life! Dear one, realize it divinely.

Be firm in Truth! One element in luck
Is genuine, solid, old Teutonic pluck.

Make your life *truthful* and *sincere*. Sin has many instruments for wickedness, but a *lie* is the handle that fits them all.

Of what avail that *your* intentions are good, if you have not the strength to DO RIGHT?

I call you to believe, with me, in the DIVINITY of YOUR OWN INNER LIFE. God's life has a citadel in your breast; it is for you to insist that you shall be faithful to it. Be worthy!

Be true to all Truth the world denies,
Not tongue-tied for its gilded sin;
Not always right in all men's eyes,
But faithful to the LIGHT WITHIN.

You can make your life worthy. See that you do it. You have good will, freedom of thought, and a fearless faith; then make your life worthy of these. Then, with sin banished,

The winter past; the heart of Nature warms
Beneath the wrecks of unresisted storms;
Doubtful at first, suspected more than seen,
Let your life's slopes be fringed with tender green.

The meaning of your life is not in words but in the living of it. Give Goodness!

If life were made for living
Then Goodness is its own excuse for giving.

Open your heart to the influences of heaven.

One accent of the Holy Ghost
The heedless world hath never lost.

Do wrong to no one. If you put a chain about the neck of a slave the other end fastens itself around your own. Seek then

A soaring nature, well ballasted with sense,
Wisdom without her wrinkles or pretense.

Spirit, and spirit alone, can illumine the mind. God's citadel must not be kept in darkness.

I have said your inner life is DIVINE! What but this rich wonder of Light, Life, Love and Knowledge could justify the Truth that "THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU"?

"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with Him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."—Isaiah's lvii, 15.

The heart of him who truly loves is a paradise on earth. Has he not God in himself? For God is Love!

With women even more than with men, there comes a time when the soul begins to faint for the atmosphere of the affections, which they are made to breathe. Love one another! Give love, for Love gives itself, it is never bought.

Outgrow the beast of selfishness by your own force! Discipline yourself to love one human being purely and warmly and you will then love all.

The heart in this holy heaven, like the sun in its course, sees nothing, from the dewdrop to the ocean, but a mirror which it brightens, warms and fills from the LOVE-LIGHT in its own bosom.

Like a cradle rocking, rocking,
Silent, peaceful, to and fro,
Like a mother's sweet looks dropping
On the little face below,
Langs the green earth, swinging, turning,
Jarless, noiseless, safe and slow;
Falls the light of God's face bending
Down and watching us below.

And as feeble babes that suffer,
Toss, and cry, and will not rest,
Are the ones the tender mother
Holds the closest, loves the best.
So when we are weak and wretched,
By our sins weighed down, distressed,
Then it is that God's great patience
Holds us closest, loves us best.

FOR THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD

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"For Thou art my rock and my fortress: therefore for Thy name's sake, lead me and guide me."—Psalm xxxi, 3.

BELOVED, in the midst of these days of perplexity, you need a strong, sure friend. You know how eagerly you turn to some source for counsel and strength in time of stress and doubt. Why not profit by the staunch faith of the valiant Job, who, in the midst of sorest afflictions, said, I WOULD SEEK UNTO GOD, AND UNTO GOD WOULD I COMMIT MY CAUSE.

There is just what YOU need, one to whom you can COMMIT YOUR CAUSE—the cause for which you are living and working and praying, the cause that means life itself to you.

These definite words of commitment will be like the strong foundation walls for a new building. They will put substance and power and security into your every thought and word. They will clear away the mists, so you can see clearly and judge wisely of your problems.

Use them faithfully, dear Brothers, Sisters. Put into the daily meditation upon these grand words all your heart, your will and your earnest consecration.

You need, as we all do, constant reiteration and PRACTICE of your faith in God, in order to be EMPOWERED to walk through Red Seas of difficulty without harm and with renewed strength and joy.

Day by day, as the noon hour comes, give yourself, for even ONE FULL, BRIEF MOMENT, if no more, to the text, I WOULD SEEK UNTO GOD, AND UNTO GOD WOULD I COMMIT MY CAUSE.

The evening text follows naturally. In the day you are positive, active, working with and carrying out the designs of the unseen Partner, your Heavenly Father. In the night, while you rest, you commit YOURSELF to His care, as in the day you committed your cause.

Let your last thought be, FOR THOU ART MY ROCK AND MY FORTRESS; THEREFORE FOR THY NAME'S SAKE, LEAD ME, GUIDE ME.

How eagerly the soldier seeks his fortress after the battle. How he throws himself upon the rude cot or the ground BEHIND THE WALLS, trusting those walls to protect him while he sleeps.

So, dear ones, do you seek the place of rest and trust UTTERLY to the sure fortress of God's love and care.

And you so fully trust that this care will be sufficient for all you need that you open your mind for instruction when you say, "LEAD ME, GUIDE ME."

Oh, Beloved, how great the reward of the faithful!

Be ye steadfast and faint not. Wait patiently upon the Lord, and He will give thee the desires of thy heart.

In Holy Love, No. 7.

MUSIC OF THE SEA

O SEA—dreaming in idle luxury under the spell of thy music and the beauty of the scene—I listen! And listening, I hear in thy sonorous resonance a language my soul would understand.

And from the breezes which kiss thy moving, trembling form I draw deep draughts, which I would fain hold and caress like some precious gifts.

Thy music? Yes; for in thy thundering roars—thy splash and dash against the shore—yet do I hear, like a sweet symphony, thy melody.

Charmed by the soft, dim light, as I stand alone listening in a meditative mood, I hear thy merry laughter as thee go sweeping backward and roll—that thy roar be greater.

They breakers rush, and with long and quivering sweeps thy receding ripples hush!

As I stand by thee, O sea, and watch thy fickle ways, my eyes would search and sound thy hidden depths and note that instant of perfect stillness when the waves take breath, as it were, when follows the low, sweet music as the first tiny waves lap the shore at my feet, and I know the tide has turned.

The tide may rise or fall, the wind may sigh or die. Let ripples spread in peace 'neath Heaven's span, and I think I hear to-night sounds unknown to mortals, for thy language awakes within my soul a thrill in this hour of absolute calm at the centre of my being, conningling a tender beauty radiantly reflected in this wondrous twilight, charming the waves into sweeter melodies.

O sea, in thy vast grandeur my soul expands! Wouldst thou my emotions quell?

Resound instead thy solemn tones, blending thy mystic sounds with my ecstasy and my soul's unuttered music.—Marie Elizabeth Lamb.

"Having done all, stand!" It is persistence and integrity that brings the final victory. If you are convinced you are doing your best in any line, choosing the best course, then do not be worried, but stand. "He who endureth unto the end shall be saved."

Put on the qualities of Immortality to-day. This is just as much a part of eternity as any experience you will ever have, and it is yours.

You do not know all you would like to understand, but you know what duty and aspiration and the comfort of the Spirit is, and you may do valiant work and be glad in these till the larger light is gained by effort and a prayerful heart.

In you is life and that life may be the Light of men.

INFLUENCE

Seek to have the world grow brighter
'Neath the influence of thy love;
Try to make each heart grow lighter
And its sterling worth to prove.

Shed the sunbeams all around thee,
Scatter them both far and wide;
Their glad light will soon surround thee
And reflect on every side.

Meet the glance of doubt or chiding
With a smiling one of love;
Prove that thou art safe abiding
In the strength of Heaven above.

Try to find the brightness hiding
'Neath each cloud of doubt and sin;
For each future woe providing
By a fund of joy within.

Through the ages, swiftly, surely
Love will gain the victory,
And thy influence sweetly, purely
Bring its harvest back to thee.

G. M. WHEELOCK.

It is written that Aaron parted the waters of Jordan when his need was great, and passed through them dry shod. So will the waters of trouble part before your feet if you go forward confidently in the thought of God, doing all that you can do to perform your part.

Be glad if you are of use even to little-minded men or women. To serve well is a gain to you and not an occasion for discouragement. Therefore, endure and be cheerful.

Dawn

By Elizabeth Rosa Coddington

Poured forth a flood of radiant amber
Through the mist;
Mad riotings of richest melody awoke
The emerald silence of the hills.
And all the little buds came out to heat.
The waters laughed, and, leaping, spun
A web of diamonds in the sun.
The maples blushed, confused and tremulous
With soft caresses and the south wind's kiss.
My heart thrilled through with Maytime's ecstasy
And all the glad earth whispered
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Read carefully, beloved seeker after Truth, and a great light shall come into thy mind and show thee the interpretation of the lesson.

Thou wilt note in the parable that the father gave to the sons each his portion of the inheritance. The younger son gathered all his possessions and journeyed into a far country.

Did the father beset him with lamentations, bind him with constraints and rules? Nay! The father, in his wisdom, knew if the lad's heart was set upon this experience, nothing could restrain him, for that which was within thought would surely come out in deed. Moreover, with all the son's taste for the things of this other country, there was sleeping in his soul also a taste for the things of his own country and kingdom.

And the father waited in love and patience for the day when the dregs of the life in the strange land should be drained to the utmost. He knew then that the son would turn with longing to his own and for his own.

And this glad, free choice, this loving return of the dear son, chastened but wise, was more to the father than any obedience that could have been forced, howsoever perfect it might have been.

Seest thou, my blessed child, how, in the father's wisdom, he gave the son full freedom to *live his own life*, without contention or anger from him, the father?

Seest thou the greatness of the love that trusted, even unto the end of evil?

So thou, Beloved, with thy prodigal, be patient, doing *whatsoc'er can be done*, but grieving not, e'en though he, too, journey into the "far country." Know this: he can only stay there till the *taste* for the far country and its pleasures is exhausted; then, as surely as the seeds of love for the sense life (the far country) have *grown, fruited and died*, so will the seeds of love of the spiritual life *grow, fruit and live*, for the spirit hath life everlasting, as also the fruits of the spirit.

Be ye comforted and have joy, My Heart's Own, for thou and thy helpmeet and thy children are of the Spirit, as are all My children on the earth; and, though the Spirit giveth liberty as well as discipline, yet in the fulness of the law of liberty there is at last the perfect, free and glad return to the home of the Spirit.

And the home-coming? Ah, Beloved, this is heaven—to return to the Place of Peace where dwelleth the Father. To be glad in the love that forgiveth all evils, and that hath only joy in the privilege of growing into the grace of the true and only life.

This heaven, O my eager one, is for thee and thine now—in the earthly home—if thou wilt only love with the love that giveth liberty and condemns not!

Return thou to thy dear ones panoplied with a new faith and girt about with an understanding of the need of every soul to live its own life, the false until it findeth the true, the lower until it awakeneth to a love of the higher.

Be ye content and rest, Mine Own, in the joy of true knowledge.

Peace be with thee and thine.

HELEN VAN-ANDERSON.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

THE kingdom of heaven within us lies,
The kingdom of love and hope and growth,
If only we'd willingly open our eyes
To the beautiful, simple, holy truth.

If only we'd willingly open our hearts
With Love's own tender, masterful key;
Push the bolt of selfishness till it starts
And sets the languishing prisoner free.

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And share with our neighbors the gifts that we prize,
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A Lesson from the Spirit

By Mrs. James French King

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LIFE'S pangs bore heavily upon me, notwithstanding the balm of philosophy with which I sought to assuage my sorrows. In my pain I prayed the prayer of the sore beset, the prayer that rises out of the heart when there is no light on the path—for eyes that are holden—and, praying, I fell asleep and dreamed, and the symbol of my dream—being the speech of the Spirit—was as follows: I saw myself sitting in a tumbrel cart drawn by a black horse; I was alone and driving up a narrow—oh, so narrow!—road that wound up and up, and around the high steeps of an interminable mountain, to whose rugged wall the inner wheels of my tumbrel must needs cling close, while the outer wheels cut the grudging edge above endless chasms of Space! I had prayed that I might see the way when the Light is hidden.

I sat with the effrontery of despair, driving the black horse with taut reins, imprisoned by eternal heights and depths, with only the margined, craggy path threateningly before me. Suddenly the steeps turned sharply at a bold spur of the mountain, and so narrow was the way that I could not turn my horse around it lest my outer wheels lose their hold upon the shriveled verge and dash me into the immensity of space!

So great was my agony (for in my vision I was made to appreciate the supreme import of holding fast and making a successful ascent) that I awoke with the sharp danger.

Much relieved to find myself safely housed, I thought of the vagaries of the ungoverned mind in sleep, and again slept and dreamed no more that night.

Seven nights after I found myself—in a dream—again sitting in the tumbrel cart holding taut reins over the black horse at the turning-point on that awful edge of the great mountain, suspended in space, without hope of rescue or resource.

Confronted by the impossible, my soul shrank within me, while I cried unto God for help and succor!

And while I prayed the tempest of despair within me was stilled, and I heard a Voice, whose speech was soundless, yet its sovereign strength and power filled me with a great calm and the sureness of the faith—which only the utterly helpless feel—and I listened. And the Voice said unto me:

"Gather thy guiding power, the reins of control, and urge thy steed forward with courage and trust."

I obeyed without any hesitation. And lo, the impossible and the indescribable came to pass! The miracle of the marvelous happened, and I and the black horse and the tumbrel cart turned safely that awful curve in the high mountain-side.

Still was the way steep, rough, toilsome and treacherously narrow, the slender rim of unfathomable depths. Over rocks and pitfalls, wounded and broken, we stumbled and toiled up the repelling steeps, my black steed and I. I cried out in my pain and anguish, as I looked to measure the troubled distance above and beyond me, "Is it rough all the way to the top?" And the Voice of Strength answered: "All the way to the top. If thou hast love, lift thine eyes." And I looked upward now—for heretofore I had been watching the dangers which beset my path—and I saw a luminous light shining in the high Spaces above me, and my heart was freshened within me as I toiled upward with my steed toward it. It grew brighter as we climbed, and the sustainment of a new atmosphere filled me with a strange exhilaration, as of a refreshment of food and wine!

And as we stumbled upward I looked out of the clouds of my pain, and as I did so they were suddenly swallowed up in the effulgence of a great brightness as I gained the Heights!

So great was the brightness that I could see naught but a swimming glory of Light! Beyond all comprehension of shining suns and stars; beyond all conception, the splendor of this infinite Noon-day!

Then I saw that I sat naked in a wonderful white chariot, and over me was thrown a robe of translucent radiance; the Steed was white now, and its Face was the Face of a great Power, whose strength had been gained by service!

I breathed the sweet airs of a luminous world, an ethereal world; I had been acquitted of bondage, released from the prisons of fear and had gained the liberty of peace through the travail of my ascension.

I felt the wonderful peace of a little child who has never shed the mournful tear of earth.

And the Voice renewed its soundless speech and said unto me:

"Is not this worth all the travail to the top?"

And I said, "Worth it all—worth it all," for my soul was very glad!

I awoke to know that all sorrow, all pain and grief shall surely be swallowed up in that Glory of Peace that was shown my Earth-tried soul in a dream! Was it a dream?

MENTAL ATTITUDE FOR SUCCESS IN BUSINESS

"Not Slothful in Business; Fervent in Spirit; Serving the Lord."—Romans xii, 11.

A Successful Career is what YOU were placed here to achieve.
Achieve it!

FAS it ever occurred to you why one man is eminently successful in business and another is not? Granted the two have had the same start in life as to education, why is it that when both these boys become men, one is master of a well-disciplined home and is at the head of a successful business, while the other is practically a pauper?

Why is this so? Allow our Magazine to tell you.

Every successful man in business has given ample evidence of a confident mental attitude toward all with whom he has business dealings. This is the chief reason of his success, for by holding this attitude he, in turn, is looked upon by his associates with the same degree of confidence.

Mark the Successful Man. He looks cheerful. He is cheerful. He carries a successful look in his eye you cannot fail to see. This is the first outward and visible sign of that inward and spiritual grace which has won for him an enviable place in the world of men. The second is that he inspires you with confidence. He is so happy in his well-doing that he fairly vibrates success. The very way he walks, his courage, his whole bearing, is a further index that at the end of the day another entry will be made on the right side of the ledger.

You begin to think there must be something more than mere work and slavery to attain the goal he has reached. You begin to wonder what his method may be, if he has a method. To be sure he has. The finest kind of a method, for want of a better name.

First of all, he starts out right. He thoroughly believes in himself. He knows that he is entitled to success, because there is a law for success, and in the world of finance he comes out triumphant. Why? Because he holds the *correct Mental Attitude*.

Unfortunately there are many failures to record because of a lapse in maintaining the thought that success *must* be the only outcome, if you really have that object in your heart, mind and soul.

If you will read the life of Abraham Lincoln you will find that throughout his whole career he was an all-around perfect success from every standpoint. As a Lover of the Home-Life, and all that it implies, he was a success. As a Lawyer, he would never take a case even under advisement unless in his heart he believed his client was in the right and had told him the truth, and nothing but the truth.

As President of the United States (and herein lay his Tact, Wisdom and Foresight in the conduct of a Nation), he is considered the wisest and greatest President this country ever had. As an Author, he gave to the world a masterpiece, short as it is, in his "Gettysburg Address."

Why is it that Abraham Lincoln spiritually stands to-day head and shoulders above the great majority for all that makes for success? Because he was gentle, kind and considerate to all who had the good fortune to come within sound of his voice, or within the *Influence* of his *Mental Attitude*.

Would you, too, be successful? Then study the methods of successful business men. Why are they successful? There is a reason for it, just as there is a reason for everything that happens. Success is not a thing of chance. It is foolish to live under such a delusion, for delusion it is. The reason success comes to men is that they work intelligently for it and along lines which are legitimate.

Now, to-day there are many more avenues open from a purely commercial standpoint alone in which to gain a niche in the Hall of Business Fame, and the

number of men to gain it has increased tenfold in the last fifty years, but the *Mental Attitude in order to gain that success still remains, and ever will be the same to the last syllable of recorded time.*

Throw out Thought Vibrations for Truth.

Believe every man naturally desires to do the right thing, even as he would be done by, and rest assured you will meet with the same measure of success you confidently hope for. Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you. Emerson has said: "There is a satisfaction for every soul. Trust men and they will be true to you, treat them greatly and they will SHOW THEMSELVES GREAT."

It is plain to be seen that if you let a man know you thoroughly believe in him, you act as an inspiration. He at once becomes enthusiastic to give of his best. His sole desire is to have the scales more than balance the exact account to your good. Such an inspiration is furthermore a plea for the best that is in him. In short, by holding this mental Attitude toward him you have aroused his soul, and thus a certain success is assured both to him and to you.

Think for a moment how simple all this is. And it is within the power of everyone to hold himself on such a high plane of thought that with faith and works he may realize the desire nearest his heart. Why are there not more apostles of this blessed doctrine? Surely it is worth the trial.

Remember it is not a question of one man trying to wrest from another laurels already won in the field of a great commercial career, for success is open to all.

Build up to a successful issue is the cry.

The Watchword is *Success*.

Finally, let me add, Enthusiasm is the power that impels men onward in any and every vocation. There must be the long pull, and the strong pull and the pull altogether. The antidote for a discouraged soul is enthusiasm, and the germ of enthusiasm is love for, or pleasure in, that business or vocation in which you are embarked.

Therefore, in order to win Success—

Get thoroughly in love with your business.

Get Busy Now.

Keep Busy.

Let the sole desire of your heart be to Reach out for the Success you know is *Yours by Divine Right*. For *SUCH IS THE LAW!*

In Spirit and in Truth, enthusiastically believe there are men and women waiting to help You out to Success, and that You, too, are more than willing to help them win the same.

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Each and All Must Hold the Same Confident Mental Attitude for Success in Business, Both for Himself and for His Neighbor. Then—

SUCCESS WILL COME TO YOU!

To quote the great Emerson again on this all-absorbing subject:

*"One Thing Is Forever Good,
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FIFTY DOLLARS IN PRIZES

DESIRING to give the knowledge for securing Business Success to everyone, we invite all of our readers to join us in spreading the Gospel of Business Success, and in order to bring about the greatest amount of good to the greatest number, we ask our readers to write us a letter which we can publish, telling in as few words as possible, and in a plain, straightforward manner, that have come under their personal observation whereby the proper MENTAL ATTITUDE has secured Business Success instances where success has been gained out of failure by the proper Mental Attitude one person has shown another.

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Lif's pangs bore heavily upon me, notwithstanding the balm of philosophy with which I sought to assuage my sorrows. In my pain I prayed the prayer of the sore beset, the prayer that rises out of the heart when there is no light on the path—for eyes that are holden—and, praying, I fell asleep and dreamed, and the symbol of my dream—being the speech of the Spirit—was as follows: I saw myself sitting in a tumbril cart drawn by a black horse; I was alone and driving up a narrow—oh, so narrow!—road that wound up and up, and around the high steeps of an interminable mountain, to whose rugged wall the inner wheels of my tumbril must needs cling close, while the outer wheels cut the grudging edge above endless chasms of Space! I had prayed that I might see the way when the Light is hidden.

I sat with the effrontery of despair, driving the black horse with taut reins, imprisoned by eternal heights and depths, with only the margined, craggy path threateningly before me. Suddenly the steeps turned sharply at a bold spur of the mountain, and so narrow was the way that I could not turn my horse around it lest my outer wheels lose their hold upon the shriveled verge and dash me into the immensity of space!

So great was my agony (for in my vision I was made to appreciate the supreme import of holding fast and making a successful ascent) that I awoke with the sharp danger.

Much relieved to find myself safely housed, I thought of the vagaries of the ungoverned mind in sleep, and again slept and dreamed no more that night.

Seven nights after I found myself—in a dream—again sitting in the tumbril cart holding taut reins over the black horse at the turning-point on that awful edge of the great mountain, suspended in space, without hope of rescue or resource.

Confronted by the impossible, my soul shrank within me, while I cried unto God for help and succor!

And while I prayed the tempest of despair within me was stilled, and I heard a Voice, whose speech was soundless, yet its sovereign strength and power filled me with a great calm and the sureness of the faith—which only the utterly helpless feel—and I listened. And the Voice said unto me:

"Gather thy guiding power, the reins of control, and urge thy steed forward with courage and trust."

I obeyed without any hesitation. And lo, the impossible and the indescribable came to pass! The miracle of the marvelous happened, and I and the black horse and the tumbril cart turned safely that awful curve in the high mountain-side.

Still was the way steep, rough, toilsome and treacherously narrow, the slender rim of unfathomable depths. Over rocks and pitfalls, wounded and broken, we stumbled and toiled up the repellent steeps, my black steed and I. I cried out in my pain and anguish, as I looked to measure the troubled distance above and beyond me, "Is it rough all the way to the top?" And the Voice of Strength answered: "All the way to the top. If thou hast love, lift thine eyes." And I looked upward now—for heretofore I had been watching the dangers which beset my path—and I saw a luminous light shining in the high Spaces above me, and my heart was freshened within me as I toiled upward with my steed toward it. It grew brighter as we climbed, and the sustenance of a new atmosphere filled me with a strange exhilaration, as of a refreshment of food and wine!

And as we stumbled upward I looked out of the clouds of my pain, and as I did so they were suddenly swallowed up in the effulgence of a great brightness as I gained the Heights!

So great was the brightness that I could see naught but a swimming glory of Light! Beyond all comprehension of shining suns and stars; beyond all conception, the splendor of this infinite Noon-day!

Then I saw that I sat naked in a wonderful white chariot, and over me was thrown a robe of translucent radiance; the Steed was white now, and its Face was the Face of a great Power, whose strength had been gained by service!

I breathed the sweet airs of a luminous world, an ethereal world; I had been acquitted of bondage, released from the prisons of fear and had gained the liberty of peace through the travail of my ascension.

I felt the wonderful peace of a little child who has never shed the mournful tear of earth.

And the Voice renewed its soundless speech and said unto me:

"Is not this worth all the travail to the top?"

And I said, "Worth it all—worth it all," for my soul was very glad!

I awoke to know that all sorrow, all pain and grief shall surely be swallowed up in that Glory of Peace that was shown my Earth-tried soul in a dream! Was it a dream?

MENTAL ATTITUDE FOR SUCCESS IN BUSINESS

"Not Slothful in Business; Fervent in Spirit; Serving the Lord."—Romans xii, 11.

A Successful Career is what **YOU** were placed here to achieve.
Achieve it!

HAS it ever occurred to you why one man is eminently successful in business and another is not? Granted the two have had the same start in life as to education, why is it that when both these boys become men, one is master of a well-disciplined home and is at the head of a successful business, while the other is practically a pauper?

Why is this so? Allow our Magazine to tell you.

Every successful man in business has given ample evidence of a confident mental attitude toward all with whom he has business dealings. This is the chief reason of his success, for by holding this attitude he, in turn, is looked upon by his associates with the same degree of confidence.

Mark the Successful Man. He looks cheerful. He is cheerful. He carries a successful look in his eye you cannot fail to see. This is the first outward and visible sign of that inward and spiritual grace which has won for him an enviable place in the world of men. The second is that he inspires you with confidence. He is so happy in his well-doing that he fairly vibrates success. The very way he walks, his courage, his whole bearing, is a further index that at the end of the day another entry will be made on the right side of the ledger.

You begin to think there must be something more than mere work and slavery to attain the goal he has reached. You begin to wonder what his method may be, if he has a method. To be sure he has. The finest kind of a method, for want of a better name.

First of all, he starts out right. He thoroughly believes in himself. He knows that he is entitled to success, because there is a law for success, and in the world of finance he comes out triumphant. Why? Because he holds the *correct Mental Attitude*.

Unfortunately there are many failures to record because of a lapse in maintaining the thought that *success must be the only outcome*, if you really have that object in your heart, mind and soul.

If you will read the life of Abraham Lincoln you will find that throughout his whole career he was an all-around perfect success from every standpoint. As a Lover of the Home-Life, and all that it implies, he was a success. As a Lawyer, he would never take a case even under advisement unless in his heart he believed his client was in the right and had told him the truth, and nothing but the truth.

As President of the United States (and herein lay his Tact, Wisdom and Foresight in the conduct of a Nation), he is considered the wisest and greatest President this country ever had. As an Author, he gave to the world a masterpiece, short as it is, in his "Gettysburg Address."

Why is it that Abraham Lincoln spiritually stands to-day head and shoulders above the great majority for all that makes for success? Because he was gentle, kind and considerate to all who had the good fortune to come within sound of his voice, or within the *Influence of his Mental Attitude*.

Would you, too, be successful? Then study the methods of successful business men. Why are they successful? There is a reason for it, just as there is a reason for everything that happens. Success is not a thing of chance. It is foolish to live under such a delusion, for delusion it is. The reason success comes to men is that they work intelligently for it and along lines which are legitimate.

Now, to-day there are many more avenues open from a purely commercial standpoint alone in which to gain a niche in the Hall of Business Fame, and the

number of men to gain it has increased tenfold in the last fifty years, but the *Mental Attitude in order to gain that success still remains, and ever will be the same to the last syllable of recorded time*.

Throw out Thought Vibrations for Truth.

Believe every man naturally desires to do the right thing, even as he would be done by, and rest assured you will meet with the same measure of success you confidently hope for. Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you. Emerson has said: "There is a satisfaction for every soul. Trust men and they will be true to you, treat them greatly and they will SHOW THEMSELVES GREAT."

It is plain to be seen that if you let a man know you thoroughly believe in him, you act as an inspiration. He at once becomes enthusiastic to give of his best. His sole desire is to have the scales more than balance the exact account to your good. Such an inspiration is furthermore a plea for the best that is in him. In short, by holding this mental Attitude toward him you have aroused his soul, and thus a certain success is assured both to him and to you.

Think for a moment how simple all this is. And it is within the power of everyone to hold himself on such a high plane of thought that with faith and works he may realize the desire nearest his heart. Why are there not more apostles of this blessed doctrine? Surely it is worth the trial.

Remember it is not a question of one man trying to wrest from another laurels already won in the field of a great commercial career, for success is open to all.

Build up to a successful issue is the cry.

The Watchword is *Success*.

Finally, let me add, Enthusiasm is the power that impels men onward in any and every vocation. There must be the long pull, and the strong pull and the pull altogether. The antidote for a discouraged soul is enthusiasm, and the germ of enthusiasm is love for, or pleasure in, that business or vocation in which you are embarked.

Therefore, in order to win Success—

Get thoroughly in love with your business.

Get Busy Now.

Keep Busy.

Let the sole desire of your heart be to Reach out for the Success you know is *Yours by Divine Right. For Such Is the LAW!*

In Spirit and in Truth, enthusiastically believe there are men and women waiting to help *You* on to Success, and that *You*, too, are more than willing to help them win the same.

After all is said, Success in Business depends upon these few sayings believed in and acted up to every day.

First—Mutual Trust.

Second—Mutual Love.

Third—Absolute Confidence in one another; and last, but not least, keeping this most important rule in your mind—that

Each and All Must Hold the Same Confident Mental Attitude for Success in Business, Both for Himself and for His Neighbor. Then—

SUCCESS WILL COME TO YOU!

To quote the great Emerson again on this all-absorbing subject:

*"One Thing Is Forever Good,
That One Thing Is SUCCESS!"*

FIFTY DOLLARS IN PRIZES

DESIRING to give the knowledge for securing Business Success to everyone, we invite all of our readers to join us in spreading the Gospel of Business Success, and in order to bring about the greatest amount of good to the greatest number, we ask our readers to write us a letter which we can publish, telling in as few words as possible, and in a plain, straightforward manner, that have come under their personal observation whereby the proper MENTAL ATTITUDE has secured Business Success instances where success has been gained out of failure by the proper Mental Attitude one person has shown another.

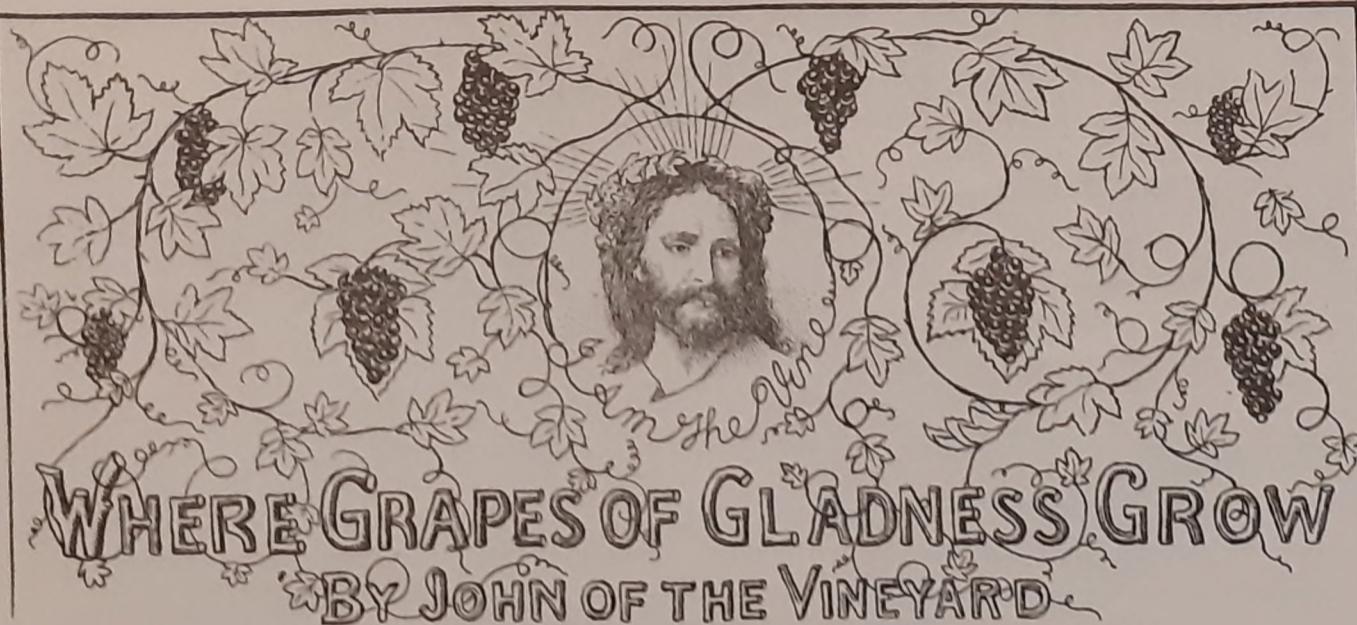
In order to encourage you to write us letters on the above subject, we have decided to offer \$50 in prizes for the Twelve Prizes, to be paid for the Twelve Best Letters which give TRUE instances where the proper Mental Attitude brought financial success.

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In the touch of nature there is healing. The trees spread hands of benediction over you and say: "Be healed; partake of my life, which is the life of God, and walk forth in fulness of life." The grass spreads for you a couch and says, "Rest. The Everlasting Arms are underneath. The peace of God doth enfold you." The brook in melodious voice says: "Drink of my waters and live. Wash in me and be clean." The flowers say: "Love me and be beautiful." The birds sing: "Let my song sink into your soul and be joyful." The mountains say: "Greater to me and my granite shall become in you as fibre, making you strong." The sea says: "Enter into my spirit, and with the touch of the infinite I will free you from the fettering sense of limitations." The sky says: "Look into me and I will dower you with the truth of God, which endureth forever." The sun says: "Look into me, or find me in my beautiful indirections, and I will be unto you as the shimmers of God's love, which is eternal life."

If we will walk restfully, admiringly, in country ways, the spirit of nature enters into our spirits, soothing, comforting, giving peace.

"I said in my heart, I am sick of four walls and a ceiling.
I have need of the sky.
I have business with the grass.
The dogwood calls me, and the sudden thrill
That breaks in apple-blooms down country roads
Plucks me by the sleeve and nudges me away
The sap is in the bole to-day.
And in my veins a pulse that yearns and goads.

"Oh, goodly damp smell of the ground!
Oh, rough, sweet voice of the trees!
Oh, clear sharp cracklings of sound!
Oh, life that's a-thrill and a-bound
With the vigor of boyhood and morning and the noon-tide's rapture of ease!
Was there ever a weary heart in the world?
A lag in the body's urge, or a flag of the spirit's wings?
Did a man's heart ever break
For a lost hope's sake?
For here there is lift in the quiet and calm in the
quiver of things."

What soothes and stirs us in nature is life—life which is at its full, whose great energies move in quiet, without fret, without fever. We are comforted and quieted. Our own primal life, which is calm, unfevered, unfretted, unwearied, energy asserts itself, and the hurt with which our artificial civilization has wounded us is sealed and we live as God intended us to live.

Life is as communicative as sunshine, if we are receptive to it. To be in the midst of nature, to be in love with it, is to have a capacity for life. The cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches are lifted and floated away on the tide formed by the uprush of primal life within us and the inrush of primal life from nature. These bodies of death are floated away, and our sea is calm and sweet and holds the face of God in its bosom.

There is something in nature which finds the friendly heart. A spirit something which is more than the individual field or hill or bird or beast or flower or tree. One should make the many friends of these, and if you have not known these to be individuals as your friends are, able to name the bird by his form, by his song, and know the song-sparrow from all others of his kind, the same as you found a man from the others of his family, you have failed of fine treasures with which nature would endow you.

But it is more than sense. As you have looked into the sky, it was not its colors, its variant clouds, but something alive which seemed to shape up to you as a beautiful mother which drew near and kissed your soul, and within your soul a new power thrilled into life. It may have been that you walked the woods when the winter snows were falling, and something from the midst of the stillness came forth and white peace kissed your soul and it purified from its stains. There came to you from the heart of the meadow a sister of calm. She embraced your soul, and now you have poise and the fret and fever of worries no more make you feel that life is a burden little. Out of the mountain a spirit shaped like a father, putting his kiss upon your soul, lifting you into a strength that never again can be wasted into weariness. Out of the sea has shaped a spirit

presence, which, as a husband, has enfolded your soul in tender strength, and no more can any bereavement leave you lonely. There is something in everything vaster than itself. The spirit of the mountain is greater than the mountain. The sea has a soul outgrandeuring its movement of waves.

"Vague outlines of an everlasting thought
Lie in the melting shadows as they pass.
The touch of an eternal presence thrills
The fringes of the sunsets and the hill."

There is something in yourself vaster than yourself. Here is where spirit with spirit meets, and communes. Here lives God, and whether He is to us the Nameless One or whether we attempt to compass Him with a name or simply call Him some word for remembrance, we have become acquainted with God, we have partaken of His spirit, we have greatness in His greatness, and can never more be petty and mean, and feel that our "little day is rounded with a sleep." We are conscious of a bit of that eternity which makes us superior to seasons, and the shoals of time and sense.

Thus by indirection comes the consciousness that we are a part of the one deathless life in which creation lives and moves and has its being.

But this transformation may come directly and with greater fulness. Once I searched in vain for four-leaved clovers. I concluded that it was impossible for me to find one. But in a favorable hour, under an apple tree I found, not one, but several, for sometimes they grow in groups. Thus my eye held a four-leaved clover and could see them by the roadside when I was walking in the middle of the road. A greater lover of birds has said that we must have a bird in the eye, if we would see one in the bush.

If we have God in our heart, then everywhere in nature we will find God. The blossoms will be the beauty of His heart smiling upon us. The birds will be the joy of His heart singing for us. The sky will be the peace of His heart taking us into His holy quiet. In the sea will be His infinite power taking us into its keeping. The everlasting hills will speak to us of His strength, and their words will become the mightiness of ourselves. This spirit that is in everything, vaster than that thing's self will be the spirit of the everlasting Father, and we will know ourselves at home in His universe, realizing that no evil can befall, no death defeat. When fully awakened to the indwelling God, we find Him everywhere, in everything something of His truth speaking to us, something of His everlasting love loving us, something of His everlasting life living for us. Every place is home, and everything the gift of our Father's love.

When the light that is within thee is aflame, thy feet walk in safety, for there is light everywhere.

When the spirit of God is within us, it is His spirit that we find everywhere, and that spirit is a spirit of health, happiness and prosperity, making us akin with the eternal, exhaustless vitality, gladness and plenty which is as the heart of the universe and clinging to the outmost rim of things.

Good News

Slow as I journey on from day to day,
I come on other wanderers in my path;
Some sad, some singing, some in bitter wrath,
And some who join me for a little way—

Not always very far. Perhaps we see
That one step moves too slow and one too fast;
Some I have overtaken, loved and passed,
And some there are who would not wait for me.

Some cross my path just once—across the lawn
I hear a footstep; we shall almost meet!
Alas! we may not stay too long to greet!
A nod, a pleasant word—and he is gone!

How many million friends there are whose lot
Keeps them outside my path for life's short while!
But through the distance and the dark I smile,
For I can love them, though I see them not.

Robert Beverly Hale.

Our Daily Prayer

By C. W. TERPENING

Lord, assist us with Thy blessing,
Help us every good increase;
Lead all life from the distressing,
To Love's never-ending peace.

Give us Truth in every dressing,
That will make all free, indeed;
True to Love in Wisdom's blessing,
Help us wake, all right, succeed.

Give us every truthful treasure,
So to glorify each home,
Every bliss in Heaven's measure,
Sure upon the earth will come.

Teach us all the best devotion,
In Truth, Love and Liberty,
That is due to every portion
Of all that was—or is to be.

Crown all nations, without question,
In all thy Peace and Honor bright;
Leaving out all the distressing
That would Truth and Justice slight.

Help them all in understanding;
No Lord or King is fit to rule
Who leads not in Thy Love commanding,
Measures of "The Golden Rule."

In the bliss of joy caressing,
Make all noble, brave and true;
So in Love and Wisdom pressing,
They will thus in Justice do.

Father, guide us every minute,
Free from every sin and crime;
Happy as the joyous linnet,
To improve the present time.

Amen.

MENTAL HEALING

By Charles Brodie Patterson

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THE whole universe is pulsing with one life. Any phase of separation is but a mental concept. We must begin at the centre and work toward the circumference. Then whatever is done will be in the natural and harmonious way. When we try to adjust ourselves to any partial phase we bring only discord, and when our bodies are discordant or diseased and we try to adjust them—mere external expressions as they are—with reference to the causal impulses at the heart of things, we fail, or at best succeed only superficially and temporarily, because we are not working from the centre. We are acting as though the body were a thing in itself, a thing separate and distinct from the infusing spirit. We are introducing the idea of separation and there is no such thing.

Everything in the world is pictured—imagined. There are pictures—mental concepts—of evil as well as of good, only the evil has no corresponding reality. It is through this ability to image—the partial, the imperfect—that evil enters into the mind. It is in the nature of things that mental pictures must eventually find expression in the life. This indeed is the whole trend and urge of life—to express outwardly what is true inwardly, when the soul-side of life has full access, one may say, to the mental, when we centre in soul and work outward from this, all our mental pictures are then harmonious.

All evil comes simply through failure to perceive the oneness of life. The sense of sin is merely a sense of separateness from God or good. "We are members one of another," and sooner or later we must realize this truth in its entirety—its depth and breadth. The good of one is the good of all. We can no more treat one finger for health and ease and leave the rest of the hand and the whole body diseased and misshapen, than one member of the body social—one man or one woman—can become truly and wholly happy and free regardless of all other members.

Healing is in reality an all-comprehensive subject. It means harmony, and harmony is the test of rightness throughout the life. Harmony means a just discrimination between the real and the unreal—the lasting and the merely imaginary. But this does not mean that we are to judge or condemn others or anything in another life. Jesus illustrated this in the parable of the tares and the wheat. The chaff that was eventually to be burned had nevertheless its uses at one time in the growth of the grain. In a premature judgment it might have been ruthlessly destroyed while yet it was most useful.

Many of the little things of life, even the seeming annoyances and hindrances, are like the chaff—in a way they may be said to protect and conduce to development. "Let all grow together until the harvest." All is good in its place—evil is only seeming. In all healing we want to keep in mind a duo principle. We want to dwell only on the good and remember that much we would call bad is only immature, only something "run to seed," or out of place—only perhaps the chaff, so necessary at one stage of the grain's growth.

Now, as to the use of mind in healing—there are two phases of mentality—the conscious and the subconscious. Some people speak of the latter as

A SPOON SHAKER
Straight from Coffeedom

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

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

"I became bilious, subject to frequent and violent headaches, and so very nervous that I could not lift a spoon to my mouth without spilling a part of its contents; my heart got 'ricketty,' and beat so fast and so hard that I could scarcely breathe, while my skin got thick and dingy, with yellow blotches on my face, caused by the condition of my liver and blood. I made up my mind that all these afflictions came from the coffee, and I determined to experiment and see."

"So I quit coffee and got a package of Postum, which furnished my hot morning beverage. After a little time I was rewarded by a complete restoration of my health in every respect. I do not suffer from biliousness any more, my headaches have disappeared, my nerves are as steady as could be desired, my heart beats regularly and my complexion has cleared up beautifully—the blotches have been wiped out, and it is such a pleasure to be well again." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason.

if it were the soul of man and the life should be directed by its promptings. This is not so. It is only a record of what a man has done and what he has been in ages past. Not merely a record of the experiences of this one little life—this little span of existence is like an hour, a breath—but of all our past existence.

We have stored within us a treasure house of knowledge which, when we once know how, we may call upon at will. See how easily a certain man performs a difficult task. Another, many others, may try it and fail. But the first man's attempt stirs some recollection within him. All unconsciously old forces are set in motion—a few more efforts and the thing is done. Through the association of ideas things that have long lain latent in the mind come once more into outward activity. The solution of problems worked out long ago in the dim past come again to our aid. Did you ever notice a dog making ready to lie down? He paws the ground—or it may be even the board floor—and draws his body round and round several times before settling himself at last. Now all this is a survival of the old habits of the wild, when tall, rank grass and undergrowth made the bed of his ancestors.

Every fibre of our bodies is under the dominance of a habit of some sort. Many traits we find in human life to-day had their origin hundreds of years ago. The subconscious mind is a great storehouse of knowledge and experience from the time of the protoplasm down to the present. Little by little the past has been recorded and the record will go on and on until the history of life is complete. The child in its early years repeats the characteristics of early racial history—each life after maturity making history of its own—working out a little farther along one line or another some portion of the great life problem—forever pressing on and on, higher and higher.

In this great treasure house of the subconscious mind there is much of truth, but there may be something of falsity. Its promptings are mistaken by many for intuitions, impulses from the depths—from the soul—the Infinite. Sometimes in healing the most difficult thing to overcome is the suggestion from the subconsciousness of the patient. Floods of such thoughts from out this long forgotten past affect the physical life for good or ill. I believe that the great majority of thought is good. There is more of health than illness in the world—more of uplift than undertow. Sometimes it is in very contrast with the preponderance of good that evil stands out in such sharp contrast. The time will come when people will understand that in the evolution of life it is necessary that each of us pass through the whole gamut of experience. The way of one soul is the way of all. This whole life is only the effort of the soul to express itself. There will be mistakes and missteps until the point is reached when we realize clearly the unity of all and seek to adjust ourselves to the Universal Will.

In mental healing it is intended to give a new point of view. We need treatment to show us that this is God's world. Treating is not the imparting of righteousness from the healer to the patient. All true mental healers recognize that all power of life is potentially in everyone. They give nothing; they merely wake the latent possibilities and call out that which is the patient's own. Mental treatment recognizes the soul life in all—speaks directly to the soul life and seeks to brush aside imaginary or temporary conditions or obstructions—so that the true life may have sway. That the healer's will is strong has nothing to do with this. In all true mental treatment the healer ignores the personal either in himself or the patient, and simply lets the great impersonal life and love and light surge through him to the other's needs. Concentration helps in this—the ability to collect and direct one's thoughts so that the great life-giving force at the centre of all may have every mental avenue through which to flow.

If our thoughts are scattered our energy is depleted, dissipated. If we want strong wills and forceful mentalities we must empty the mind of all but the thought in immediate requirement. A thing once done, do not go over and over it again in thought. This only wastes the forces. Through concentration we can do whatever we undertake to do, easily, quickly and well. Now in the matter of self-healing (because this is quite possible and quite as effective as healing by another) the first requisite is to free the mind of all discordant and unkind thoughts or feelings. We are directly responsible for our physical condition, and how we are related to our environment. It is the natural condition of man to be healthful and happy. If we are not these, we should not rest until we discover the reason. All will be changed in life for you when once you see that all is good—that literally and without exception all is of God.

Man is a spiritual being—he is not a creature of time but of eternity. Not until you let the good dominate you will you have begun the mastery of life. Then will all be subject to you—then you will rule your own bodies and your circumstances—because there is in man that God-spark which is what it wills to be. From the moment that we see this—truly understand it and realize it, every good thing will come into the life.

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NO AGE IN LIFE

By Margaret Jean Jewell

Written especially for
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CHE recent statement made by Dr. Oster, relative to the incapacity of a man at forty years of age, and the suggestion that men of sixty should either be retired from active life or chloroformed, has brought forth a surprising array of able testimony to refute his remark. This testimony comes from some of the foremost men of to-day, varying in age from forty to ninety years. The whole idea is so absurd that one at first feels like passing it by without comment; but on the whole it will prove educational and will give both men and women a stronger hold, a new lease of life, and will open the eyes of thousands to the fact that we have it within ourselves to live or die, be retired or active from forty to sixty, and from sixty to ninety years of age.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, who is seventy-seven years old, has hit the nail squarely on the head in this statement, "I am glad the doctor has given us the key to his numerous failures. I am sorry that a crank of his type treated Senator Hanna, Speaker Read, Postmaster-General Payne and other distinguished Americans. I hope the English people will treat our contribution to their collection as the act of the doctor himself, and will not charge such an exhibit to the people of the United States."

Others who testified to their usefulness after the age of sixty were Chauncey Depew, at seventy-one; Senator Pettus, of Alabama, at eighty-four; "Uncle Joe" Cannon, Speaker of the House, said: "I have reached three-score years and something over and am still frisky. A man is as old as he feels, and I am thirty-seven and frisky every day of the year."

"John Sharp, how old are you?" said Uncle Joe. "I am forty-nine," replied the leader of the Democratic minority.

"You are hardly old enough," said Speaker Cannon, "to take part in the discussion of this grave question."

Elias H. Roberts, United States Treasurer, seventy-eight years old, said: "The views of Dr. Oster are curious rather than scientific. He might have explained that Thiers, President of France when he was near his eightieth year, prevented Germany from stripping his country of more than one-third of his territory, and how he achieved his great diplomatic victory over Bismarck. It would also be interesting to note how Pope Leo XIII really won his immortality, which all concede to him, after he had passed eighty-three years, and he lives to be ninety-three."

Senator William B. Bate, of Tennessee, seventy-nine years old, said: "I think it is necessary only to point to the United States Senate as a complete refutation of Dr. Oster's ideas."

There are many famous men of advanced years in active public life, in financial circles, law, education, literature and the drama, and the longer they live the more they grow in wisdom, power and usefulness, provided they live well-balanced, harmonious and non-resistant lives. It is not what you eat nor how many times you chew each mouthful of food, so much as your mental condition which gives happiness and length of days.

The truth is, there is no age for retirement from any kind of business, art or literature, because there is no age in life which is without beginning or ending, from everlasting to everlasting.

The greatest plays of Shakespeare were those of later years. "Shakespeare returned to Stratford when he was forty-seven years of age, and therefore at the full maturity of his great powers," says Hamilton Mabie, who adds, "From the standpoint of to-day he was still a young man; but men grow old much earlier than centuries ago."

Hamilton Mabie closes his book on "William

Shakespeare, Poet, Dramatist and Man," with those beautiful words, "He lived much because he knew men so well. A deep and tender pity was distilled out of his vast experience, and his last work was the ripe fruit of the beautiful humanization of his genius, accompanied in him by the discipline and the revelation of life in his personal history. 'The Tempest' and 'Winter's Tale,' coming at the end of a long and arduous career, are the convincing witnesses of the harmony of life and art in which resides the secret of Shakespeare's noble fertility and sustained power."

"Macbeth," "Othello," "Antony and Cleopatra" and "King Lear" were also among Shakespeare's later and more finished plays.

The names of poets who did their greatest work after forty, and many after sixty, years of age could be multiplied. So with the philosophers, scientists, statesmen and men of finance; but enough have been quoted to refute the statement of Dr. Oster, who may live and die according to his own thinking, but he cannot compel others to do so.

So much for the army of great and good men who have lived and prospered according to their own convictions of growth and immortality; but how about the noble women?

We find them in all departments, and they often live longer than men, even with the extra burdens they have been called upon to bear, and many of them have been women who have allowed their light to shine, notably Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who worked on to the last of her more than eighty years with a mind as clear and a heart as warm and brave as when she first started out in the cause of woman's emancipation.

Susan B. Anthony is still taking an active interest in the good of others, especially of women, always ready with tongue and pen in the defense of justice as against wrong and oppression.

There is Mrs. Ballington Booth, the angel of the prison and the most successful woman lecturer of the age, because she preaches the doctrine of love and humanity. Among the women in literature are George Eliot, Mrs. Browning and many others. Of the stage the most recent and notable example was Mrs. John Gilbert, in active life at the age of eighty-three. Madame Modjeska, that noble woman and finished artiste, was a grandmother nearly twenty years ago, while playing Rosalind and Juliet. Sarah Bernhardt, whose star never wanes, is nearly the same age, and is now said to be in the mellow autumn of her dramatic career, which does not imply the "sere and yellow leaf" and far from "the winter of her discontent," as she is always in the rejuvenating process. Charlotte Cushman was sixty at the time of her death, and no queen was ever treated with greater honor than she after her last performance at Booth's Theatre many years ago. All who listened to her remarkable readings, with which she was engaged at the time of her death, will bear witness to her marvelous powers, which drew crowds to hear her read in old Steinway Hall and the Academy of Music in New York. She was under the management of Mr. Pugh, of Philadelphia, who paid her expenses and \$100 for every reading. She said to me on one occasion, "I am giving these readings not alone to show the people how to read, but" laying her hand upon her breast, "at the advice of my physician, to take my mind from the malady which I ever carry with me." She came to her death in Boston of pneumonia, and not of the malady that she had carried for fourteen years. To those who know of the stress and strain of the dramatic profession, especially of readings where every part is carried by one person, the presentation of her exalted art under such adverse conditions is a monumental proof not only of the grandeur and art of Charlotte Cushman, but of what can and has been accomplished by other women of any age.

Adelaide Neilson was at the height of her beauty, power and popularity at the time of her death at forty-three. She was pronounced by all critics to be the ideal Juliet, Rosalind and other characters of Shakespeare, and was inimitable as "Amy Robsart." There is no age in art, and in the dramatic profession the only positive requirement is to look the part you act.

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Psychic Basis of Suggestion

By repeated and most satisfying results the fact is well established that suggestion is a strong curative force. By instilling thoughts of strength, health and courage, the body becomes regenerated physically, responding according to the mental influence. This has been so repeatedly demonstrated that no doubt of its efficiency arises.

Suggestion, however, heals disease in the same sense as the farmer grows corn. It is instrumental in arranging the conditions favorable to the best results. This is not to underrate the power of Suggestion; it only classes it as an effectual agency.

As the mind is a magnet which attracts the thoughts corresponding with its present state and repels the opposite, in a diseased condition the mind will less likely attract forces which suggest the trouble rather than those which are remedial to it. Here is where Suggestion exerts its beneficial influence. It makes the mind strong and magnetic to attract from various sources and assimilate the needed healing properties; it also helps generate in the mind itself a healthier action to co-operate with the influences attracted.

Nature, though a prodigal provider, has an unlimited reservoir of resource supply stored in the Unknowable. The body continually, though unconsciously, draws from this reservoir whenever the mind remains negative and when in a proper positive condition. Suggestion, to repeat, puts the mind into the right state that it consciously and powerfully demands a strength renewal from this universal supply.

It is a possible thought that while we are endeavoring to mentally attract these necessary powers, believing in the strength of mental demand, we are also at the same time unconsciously physically attracting them. It may be that this, even unknowingly used, is the more powerful force of the two. It is certainly as comparable from the mental action as the seed from the living body.

If without our cognizance we attract strength and force, physically, from the universal supply, how much more powerful we may become if, having faith, we can only learn to positively call physically for this, our own, held in reserve for our demand? When from the pregnant "silence" we shall recharge ourselves, or become filled as is an empty bottle, then we may indeed feel that we "shall fear no evil," having this supply always at hand toward which we may turn at a moment's notice. Our faith in this recuperative force may not be equal to an instantaneous cure as in the miracles of old, but a continual repetition of this treatment must soon replenish the worn-out tissue; this being a direct appeal to the one and only creative force, howevernumEROUS are the various means by which mankind seeks to obtain it. It is the most like action, the most powerful law, by which the plant derives sustenance. It is the method by which Nature "always heals herself."

Hasten the day when, by the power of our minds, we may be in such perfect accord with this beautiful natural as well as spiritual law, that no disease can mar our harmony, and for that reason disease can find no place to exist.

Suggestion is the powerful influence by which we can thus build up our character, producing harmonious lives, in fact making of ourselves whatever we will. Growing great morally is also growing physically. To recognize and thus increase our knowledge of this factor within us is our own express necessity. By Suggestion it is accomplished and this science is at present the most great study, all else being subserveant. —*Eliza Scott, in Suggestion.*

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A Few Thoughts

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Every struggle for progress is recorded by personal and moral heroism and sealed with the sign of the cross and crown of martyrdom!

The privations of ignorance make essential the assertion of a superhuman courage which, rising above the ignoble fear of nerve pain, sees only benefit to the whole race, grandly defies the obstinate understanding of the prejudiced and the poverty of general opinion and established precedent, and so makes the whole race and future ages his debtors!

The true hero is a self-convicted man, who, seeing a great light within himself, obeys its sacred magnetism and pays his debt to infinity through the leverage of his intelligence and will, impelled by his prophetic vision, — the "descent of the Logos" upon him — for the redemption of the people from their aberrations and affectations of knowledge! While the judges of the law's either murder him in the name of justice or send him to prison, "for a year and a day."

Self-conviction can only emanate from an enlightened mind. A noble spirit is proven by the character of its convictions, and its immortality is perceived through its unselfish and fearless illumination! It shines by no borrowed light, but by the heat of a divine Love, which seeks to draw humanity up from the low latitudes of intolerance and bigoted misconceptions. The Holy Light shines down through all the ages from those divine illuminators, who have suffered and died for their kind, and whose enlightened vision and virtues have been judged and sentenced as "being contrary to natural law."

We know the morality of a noble self-conviction by the instinctive admiration and enthusiasm it draws from the heart and mind of man; we are spontaneously aroused when we witness its assertion in the effort to right a wrong that ignorance has wrought, or the effort to lift humanity up to the full stature of what is best in it, regardless of the opinions of a universe of small minds.

"Natural Law" is the refuge of those who look no farther than it and those who let other people do their thinking for them. It is like the God of the religious fanatic, who has to bear all the burdens of his ignorance.

I heard a small judge charge a jury to convict a great woman for being about seven centuries in advance of her intelligence, declaring her belief to be "contrary to Natural Law."

What did he, or do any, know about Gravitation or the electric forces beyond their action and manifestation? Could he or the prosecution, or the jury tell why an inch marks a plane in space or have an idea of the perfect circle? Do they know that there is "not a straight line, not a perfect square or cube, nor a cone in the material universe?"

No such sentence could convict our soul down; it serves only to lift the beacon light of Truth higher and develop the character, make royal history for time and eternity.

When we stand on the heights we regard the scene below with pleasure, but do not realize the altitude of the heights to which we have so laboriously climbed.

Did you ever realize how dependent you are on the kindness and courtesy of those around you? In times of general disaster note how everyone is a factor of helpfulness or disinterest. It is true that no man looks to himself alone. Can you not be more joyful, more helpful, more human in your relations with the world about you?

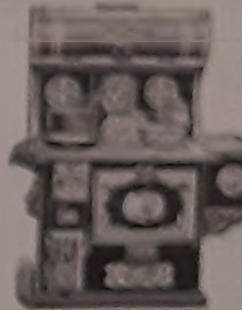
He who makes a flower grow gets more good for himself, and he also gives good to many passer-by who see its beauty. The gardener is blessed and blessed. Who is not anxious for some portion of his time a gardener? — *Conrad A. Herstatt.*

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To comfort our hearts while Thy thrushes sing.

An ecstasy of the sunbeams' joy
Hides in the storms so dark and dread,
For only thus can Thy beautiful hand
Th' enchantment of rainbows before us spread.

'Tis only the night that can show the stars
By help of the dark's revealing grace,
And only by help of the blackest soils
Can the whitest lilies show their face.

Thy beautiful thought of a child, I know,
In me and my evils is hiding deep,
And Thy tenderness yet in some endless day
Will awake it from all this dreadful sleep.

For forever Thou hidest Thy beautiful things
In prisons and deaths and sad defeats,
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How could the earth bring forth living beings if it were itself dead?

Shall not the flower itself rejoice in the color and fragrance which it produces and with which it refreshes us? Beneath and about us are the souls of plants and of animals. Above us the risen souls, the progressing spirits and minds of mankind. The world soul encompassing the deeds and destinies of their inhabitants, and they are, in their turn, embraced by the consciousness and the divine oversight of the Great Universal Spirit, the Divine Soul of All in substance, the CENTRAL BREATHING LIGHT.

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Now it rejoiceth, and now it bewaileth;
Now its hopes fructify, then they are blighted;
Now it walks sunnily, now gropes benighted;
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It is full grown and the Lord rules the soul.

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Keep receptive to the influx of the spiritual forces of harmony. Then you will weather the culminating storm of the cyclic winter, and its biting frosts will not kill your tender and ripening buds of spiritual endeavor.

Realize the importance of keeping the heart warm with the sunshine of Love, and the brain vigorous and active in the exercise of Wisdom's precepts. Be vigilant for the good. Do not tire of well doing. Do not become indifferent to grand truths that become commonplace by verbal repetition, and whose force and power can only be realized by being lived.

Let not the sensibility to pure spiritual influences become rusted within you, for oft-repeated inharmonies may cause it to become no longer responsive, and then you may have to wander in the wilderness of dissatisfaction for many weary years before the new can again come forth.

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Some people seem to take an absolute pleasure in looking on the black side of everything, indulging in a "luxury of woe," and lamenting their sad fate to all those whom they can persuade to listen to them. This has its origin often in a kind of morbid self-pity, which grows into a habit, and, half-unconsciously, they make themselves and their small grievances a standing dish of conversation for their friends. In other words, they become self-centered, and exaggerate their own troubles, forgetting what others have to suffer. It is rather curious, too, that these same people who are so full of complaints, are not always so unhappy as a listener would be led to infer. This kind of talk has become a habit with them, and they fancy they derive a sort of fictitious importance from the numerous pieces of ill-fortune which have befallen them. In fact, their lives would be "extremely flat" if they had "nothing whatever to grumble at."

All the same, though they may not be such objects of compassion as might appear at first, there is no doubt that they worry and annoy themselves and those around them to an alarming extent; besides, they are so much occupied in grumbling and noticing all the disagreeable things in life that they have no time to look for the brightness, and so they lose a great deal which would help to soften and beautify their daily lives. Now, anyone who cultivates this talent for making the best of things will possess within themselves a treasure which no misfortune can rob them of. Whatever may be their lot in life, whether their shares of riches be great or small, whether they be surrounded by friends or live alone, there will always be brightness in their lives, because they have the blessed gift of sharp-sightedness for the good; they throw open their windows to sunshine, they brighten life by gathering the flowers which grow along their way.

Now, is there any special way of cultivating this talent for "making the best of things"? If we want to succeed in music, we must practice assiduously. If our desire is to excel in art or literature, we must form our taste on the highest models; and it is, to a certain extent, by dint of practice that we cultivate this talent also. It is not easy at first. Some people love to indulge in a grumble; others are naturally of a despondent disposition. Unselfishness helps us greatly in our task, for unselfish people have not time to ponder and brood over their grievances, and if they do feel "down in the dumps," they crush the feeling out of sight, that they may not add to the troubles of those around them. Habit is second nature, and it is surprising how this habit of looking on the bright side of things grows, and becomes easier the more it is practiced. We discover bright spots where we least expected to do so, and sources of interest and compensation in quite unlikely corners. There is, indeed, much that is sad and painful in this world of ours; perhaps also in our individual lives; but that is all the more reason for not increasing the gloom by our own discontent and unreasonableness. Geniuses are few and far between, but every one of us can, if we will, possess and cultivate the talent for "making the best of things."

Ye who would know Love's highest reach of bliss—The still, white peaks of peace—remember this: Before a soul can face that steady light

It must have plumbed pain's nethermost abyss.

—Elsa Barker.

Love, which is the door through which God enters into the heart of man and man into God, is eternal. And as the door in this poor temporal life was but a little gate that did not always stand open, but was often shut by a strong gust of wind, so in the poor little gate will be a mighty portal, standing open night and day.—Thales.

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"As a man thinketh in his heart" may be construed to mean those thoughts which govern our *motives* rather than those controlling our *actions*, for how frequently are we not brought to realize that underneath the coat of the mythical lamb is hidden the wolf, with fangs and claws ever ready to take any unfair advantage.

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Now, we may in truth liken the reservoir to our lives, and the stream of water to our *thoughts*, for it is undoubtedly true that if the stream of thought be pure, it will produce a body and a mind at once pure and noble; but just in proportion as our thoughts are unclean or undesirable, our lives will be tainted and impure. If we are already affected in this way, the remedy is in our own hands. Let us change the trend of our thoughts, making them pure, loving and noble, and we shall certainly have the joy of beholding the reservoir of our lives clear itself, and finally assume a beautiful and healthy appearance.

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—Saadis.

WHO are the Mystics?

To the majority of people, as yet, the word means something wild, weird and mysterious, that which a few crazy or weak-minded individuals believe to exist with no warrant for thus believing.

Without investigation they write down all who accept the idea of a possible development of powers beyond a degree which is called normal, as deceived through their love of the marvelous; as superstitious and impractical. And the latter, no matter how strongly facts prove the contrary.

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Never has a discovery been made in the realm not open to the gaze of the multitude, never a step forward taken in that which requires study and effort for its understanding, but the advance-guard has been met by doubt and incredulity. Especially is this true if what is put forward trenches upon what has been deemed always unknown, and, therefore, unknowable.

The time has happily come, however, when people of the broadest intelligence do not deny possibilities they have not examined, nor look with scorn upon those who accept as truth that which they have neither proven nor even tried to prove. The doors of what may well seem a wonder-world are swinging open and giving glimpses of wonders contained therein to those "who have eyes to see" and an earnest desire to use them in seeing. Each individual may, and, indeed, *must*, prove for himself the existence of laws governing the development of forces in the human being hitherto undreamed of. No one can do this for him; no other can give him an intelligent mastery of such laws, any more than he can be taught to use delicate and intricate machines to advantage without knowledge supplemented by practice. He will make many failures to be marked by doubters as evidences of a mistaken faith; he will meet with many discouragements should he enter this path, but, little by little, the light for which he searches will be sure to shine. What he has hitherto only believed becomes *knowledge*. Henceforth there is an undercurrent of gladness, however storm-tossed his life may be, because he has proven for himself that the outward and visible do not constitute the limit of human possibilities of attainment.

I said that each individual must prove this for himself, that no other can do more than help to put him on the path to an understanding of the truth. Experience is a necessity for absolute conviction—an experience that will demonstrate to a certainty that within his own Being are forces which he may develop and employ, not only to bring health and happiness into his own life, but in rendering service to others. When the desire for the latter becomes so strong and insistent as to shadow, or to banish, thought of self, then has a long step been taken forward in the path to the higher life. This higher life may, if he chooses, include the ability to use the forces which, in the majority of mankind, are lying dormant and their existence unrecognized.

This thought brings me once more to the question with which I began:

Who are the Mystics?

If historical records are carefully investigated, it will be found that along through the centuries have appeared, from time to time, men so far in advance of their fellows in character and lofty achievement as to challenge general observation, usually persecution and sometimes martyrdom.

Often their only offense consisted of an attempt to teach a philosophy of life by which men could be lifted to better things, materially and spiritually, through the unfoldment of their own nature. Gifted beyond the majority, showing in their daily living the "beauty of holiness," possessing powers which could belong only to those who had partially lifted the veil between the visible and invisible, and which to the rabble meant dealings with the forces of darkness—these were, and are, the Mystics, whose life stories are becoming more and more full of vital interest because of their relation to this twentieth century spiritual upheaval.

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An expression of opinion once made by Professor Huxley in this connection has often been quoted, but because it is in line with my thought I will reproduce it here:

"Looking at the matter from the most rigidly scientific point of view, the assumption that amid the myriads of worlds scattered through endless space there can be no intelligence as much greater than man's as his is greater than the black beetle's; no being endowed with powers of influencing the course of nature as much greater than his, as his is greater than a snail's, seems to me not merely baseless, but impertinent. . . . If our intelligence can in some matters surely reproduce the past of thousands of years ago, and anticipate the future thousands of years hence, it is clearly within the limits of possibility that some greater intellect, *even of the same order*, may be able to mirror the whole path and the whole future."

This is the carefully considered opinion of a man of science, and it is *common sense*. Only that the thought of the Western World is enwrapped about the things of the senses, its truth would be generally acknowledged. Among educated men in the East, the possibility of a gradual and continued evolution of humanity, step by step, into conditions of which the majority here have little understanding, is not doubted, any more than we doubt progress in the application of steam and electricity. And the time is coming when belief in the development of greater and greater powers in man will become general. It is already foreshadowed in the wonders of telepathy, thought-control, clairvoyance, hypnotism, now largely accepted as facts, but not so long ago either disbelieved entirely or relegated to the realms of witchcraft and superstition.

The answer, then, to the question, "Who are the Mystics?" is easily understood in the light of these truths. The story of the lives of those who are thus numbered becomes, as said before, of thrilling interest, the greater if already the first steps toward the higher development have been taken with a clearly defined purpose. Progress means struggle, mistakes, failures, but there will come seasons when the soul receives assurance that it is on the Path leading to a mastership of its expression of life. Persevered in, the moment will finally arrive when it may be said of this earnest worker:

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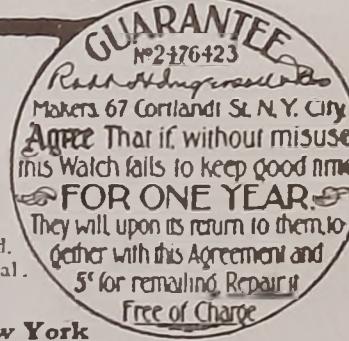


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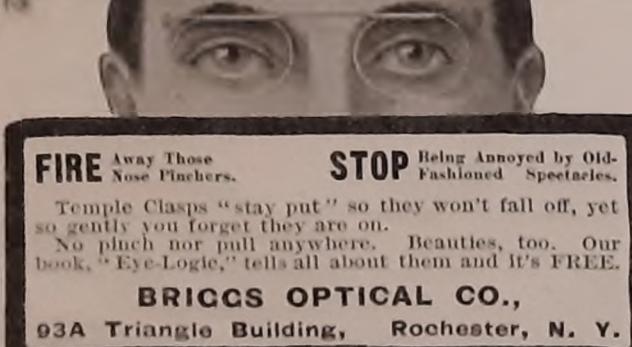
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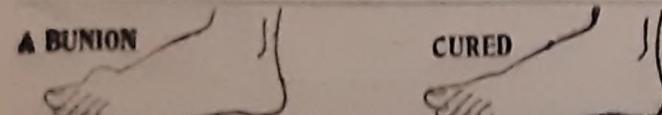


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This train runs smoothly and is very comfortable. My heart thrilled with love when it steamed into the station, so stately, and swift, and powerful. It seems so terrible, and yet so tender; so strong, yet so obedient.

You are a type, you trailing monster, of the great forces in the universe. You are my servant now, and yet you are my master. A hundred trains pass through Baltimore daily, but you are the one I have chosen. You are bound for Washington. I wish to be there. I place my body in your care, to be delivered in the Capital City. Very well. But now I must abide your time, and accept your movements; that is, I am bound, for the present, by the laws which govern you.

So, indeed, when I wish to accomplish any purpose, there are forces in the universe fitted to serve me, and ready to do so, if I can understand and conform to their laws. I select the point I wish to reach, and take the power which can attain it for me. Then I submit to that power, and observe its laws. I need make no further effort.

Camerado, I start to-day on a spiritual journey. I long to attain the goal of holiness and completeness. Give me the schedule. Are there any express trains? I prefer always the express trains, and to travel "air line," if possible.

Very well. If you wish to travel express, remember that you will pass swiftly by many way stations, that you might like to visit. Also, you must pay a higher price. And if you travel "air line" you will go through a wilderness.

The accommodation train reaches the same goal in the course of time. It passes through many lovely places. You may stop off and visit them. Perhaps you will enjoy them so well that you will wish to remain. The City of Pleasure and the Metropolis of Faine are en route. They are very beautiful and interesting.

The Place of Completeness is not a city. It is not even a village. There is no station to mark it. There are no regular trains to the place itself. You may go to the nearest town, and then walk. But if you wish to pay a great price, a special train will be sent for you.

It sounds difficult, does it not?

Yes. But you have the price.

Which is—?

That if you go to this country you will never wish to return, that you will offer your whole being in implicit love and obedience to the Spirit of that Holy Region. This train will deliver you into the Secret Place, which is not found by those who take devious paths, and loiter by the way. But once within these bounds you must give absolute obedience to the King or lose all that you have found, and the price also.

Is it to be a slave, then?

No. It is to be master of life, yet to hold your power subservient to the laws of the universe, to be united with God, and to express His powers according to His will.

Good! And this train leaves when?

When you are ready to deliver the price, the pledge of your obedience.

How shall I know this train? Has it a name?

It is called Consecration.

I will search my spiritual belongings, and see if I can raise the price.

Very well. But remember, only perfect currency will be accepted. No counterfeits. No promissory notes. The price must be paid in full.

The tireless wheels whirl on, and now we are nearing Washington. I am waiting in the station for my body. Often I have wandered these streets, an invisible shade. But now I am here with my body again, to speak face to face with dear comrades, and clasp their hands. I wait eagerly while the giant engine moves steadily up the track. Gladly I lift my body from the car to the platform, and set out with it to greet my dear ones. As we pass the engine, and the engineer looks down at us, my heart swells with love and gratitude for the service it has done me, and the lesson I have learned from it this day.—Anita Trueman, in Mind.

When you are happy and life is beautiful to you, you will see something good in everybody. Then is the time to talk about your friends. Never speak or pass even what you may call a just judgment when you are tired or in a storm of circumstances.

Your life is like a letter. No matter how well composed or elegant, it is futile if not directed right or even not directed at all.

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By J. P. Cooke

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MANKIND is touched by what is tender, generous, heroic in life; traits of love and pity that gleam out often through the roughest natures, hours of high yet quiet sacrifice, scenes of gentle endurance, acts of exceeding valor, appeal to our deepest sympathies. We feel that the element of the Divine is in them. The intrepidity with which some noble spirit passes through a life of disappointed expectations and unused resources, to the hour when he goes up to that higher life, astounds us.

The Inspired Prophet of Galileo lives and dies to bear witness to the power and supremacy of the Soul. How are we moved by such a life? We know they are wrought out of the Heights of the Divine Life, or Spirit; they are still and sublime as the night heavens, fresh as the flowers, they are of a piece with nature and God, and our hearts ask, What must we do to do such works? We must develop the soul life. There is an organ of hope, faith, spirituality, which is ever looking forward. This same spirituality teaches us that there is not less of life for us after death, but more; not less of power, knowledge, love, work, beauty, joy, but more.

The belief in the Soul and its supernatural powers does not rest on knowledge or argument, but on the habit of looking forward in deep faith and trust. This power can be strengthened by exercise.

We can look up or down, we may look at our sorrows and trials and court gloom. By looking constantly at the dark side, everything looks worse and worse. We see only that which is selfish, cold and hard in men; only what is dark and terrible in nature.

Seek and you shall find. You have what you look for. A man may think that he believes in the Inner Soul because of the arguments in its favor; or he may disbelieve because of cogent arguments against it. But in fact he believes because he has established the habit of looking via the spirit. Because he has exercised and developed his organs of Faith, Hope, Spirituality. Or he disbelieves because these organs are atrophied, wasting and about the same as dead.

Unused organs pine and waste, for the living currents which use would bring to them are denied.

This is no mere question of words. It is a question whether we shall aspire or grovel. Refresh our hearts with Divine Life, or dwindle and grieve for a breath of life.

Whatever we believe ourselves to be, we are likely to try to do. Our Idea of life influences us. If we say, "Man is the highest animal, he grows by force of root and stalk, of sun and rain—he transforms food, digests, inhales the air, obeys his appetites, gratifies his passions, then grows old and fades away." If we believe this we shall do this and little more.

But if we believe that beyond the intelligence of the brain there is something, or some power of life in the breast, that can react on matter, can direct the life to nobler purposes, which can control and conquer the lower appetites and senses, using us not abusing them—a Power which can soar upward to the Presence of the Living God and there inhale True Life—a Power which can live according to conscience, reason and the Spirit; which can adopt our ethical motive and adhere to it, live for it, realize it—then we shall be more likely to live that way and become what we really believe ourselves capable of being.

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

If you believe that your life is a need, a power or possibility of Divine life, it may lead you to realize it that way.

Faith in the Eternal Life is necessary to the highest living. Faith in *your* life, as a mode or medium of God's life, is necessary to *your* highest living.

Tell me, Who are the blest?

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This vast, various, abundant, exuberant product, with its numberless ramifications, its infinite complexities, is Christianity: not a simple thing at all, but a whole world of things, many of which seem scarcely related to one another—worships, reforms, charities, traditions, anticipations, beliefs, piled up layer on layer, spread out wide like the branches of some gigantic tree that has dropped its suckers into the ground till it has become a continent of trees, a wondrous forest, and "you cannot see the forest for the trees."

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Springfield Woman One Hundred and Four

MRS. MARGARET MC FETHRIES ATTRIBUTES HER LONGEVITY TO PLAIN LIVING AND THE "GOODNESS OF GOD"

MRS. MARGARET MC FETHRIES, who recently entered upon her one hundred and fourth year, is probably the oldest woman in Massachusetts. Though Mrs. McFethries has failed perceptibly the past year, she still has the use of all her faculties. She was born in Airdrie, Scotland, not far from Edinburgh, August 4, 1802. It was in middle life that she came to the United States. Generations of Scotch ancestry left her as a heritage wonderful energy and vitality.

Mrs. McFethries came of a large family, and raised a large family herself. Of her children there are still living John McFethries, with whom she makes her home, and three married daughters. She attributes her longevity to plain living and the goodness of God. She retires early and rises about six in the morning. Her diet is the same as that of the other members of the family. Her preference for the standard Scotch dish of oatmeal is pronounced.

Mrs. McFethries is interested in current events and reads the Bible daily. Part of the time she reads without the aid of spectacles. The war in the East is a matter of great concern to her.

She remembers vividly the manner in which the news of Wellington's victory over Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815 was conveyed through Scotland. The populace had been waiting for days for news from the army, and one night a fire was seen on a distant hilltop, then another and still another fire flashed, until all the hilltops in Scotland seemed ablaze with the tidings of Napoleon's final downfall.

Mrs. McFethries christened a boat when she was ninety-seven years old, and has ridden in an automobile since passing the century line. On her hundredth birthday the family physician, who called to offer his congratulations, after holding her hand a moment said, "You are not old, for you have the pulse of a child."

Sonnet

REMEMBER always, if you court Success,
Three things will aid you toward the marriage
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A pleasant word to all upon your way,
A cheery smile to go with it—and, yes,
The wish to share whatever you possess
With him who lingers shabby, old and gray,
And hungry in the path of you. . . . I say
That he who shares has nothing to confess.
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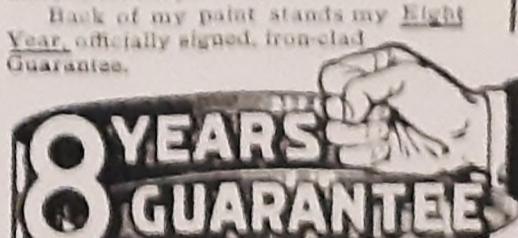
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