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I have outgrown it."—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

THE most troublesome thing to overcome in coming into these teachings, is to forget our past. There are people of two classes. One class is always living in the future; living in anticipation of things to come. The other class is living in the past, always recalling experiences of pleasure or pain, and living them over again. The normal mind dwells in the present; the more awakened mind dwells in the Eternal. As Emerson puts it: "I am an endless experimenter, with *no* past at my back." I find that in giving new thoughts to patients and pupils, they always compare them with the old thoughts that they have always held. They very rarely accept a new idea with spontaneity. They are afraid to accept new things without deliberation. This is because they depend upon reason. They have been so drilled in the intellect that they think it argues a shallow mentality to accept without *weighing* the matter.

I claim that true wisdom is *spontaneous*, and not deliberate, for wisdom is from the intuitional of man, and the intuition always knows, and what is more, knows *at once*, just as we know a hot plate from a cold one, *instantly*. We don't have to think about it.

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We can never progress while keeping a close watch on our past. Let us not be afraid to *outgrow* old thoughts and ways of living. Let us be courageous, and *dare* to think on new lines, and as a result *live* in new ways.

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars but in ourselves, that we are underlings."—SHAKESPEAR.

We are so accustomed to see people who are living as "underlings," that it seems the *normal* condition. If a man or woman rises a little above the av-

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The Use of Words.

RIGHT thoughts lead to the use of right words, and through the channel of true words a wonderful consciousness of truth and self-control is attained. All that we see of confusion and discord in the world, and of disease upon the body, has come as an answer to negative thoughts and words. The process of changing and removing these conditions must be through cleansing the fountain from whence they come.

To repent means to turn the other way; to go in the opposite direction from that which we have in ignorance been going. Instead of thinking thoughts and using words which lead to despair, we are to "repent" or turn about, think right thoughts, speak true words, and lo! we will find that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," within present touch. The postponement of harmony, health and heaven, which means knowledge of truth, is not a suggestion of the spirit within, but solely of the flesh and foolishness.

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WEBSTER CITY, Aug. 15, 1897.

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Now will not some one take an interest in the little ones and give us something in the New Thought simple and easy to understand. Oh, it would be a shining light in years to come that they may better understand the law of life when they are young. Would to Heaven I had a better understanding of it. A true friend, MRS. C. SHUBERT.

MANKATO, KAS., Dec. 4, 1897.

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Perhaps I have taken more of your time than I should but I do love to write. Helen Wilmans says those who have messages for the world will be heard, and sometime I intend my messages to be heard in essay, verse or story. As yet I am your unknown sister,
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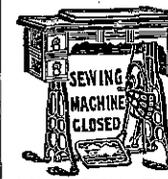
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