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LOVE'S POWER.

'Neath ocean's waves there is a deep
By breezes never stirred;
'Tis only when the heart of earth
Feels the seismic Word,
And states are rent and cities fall,
Those depths are moved, and feel,
And wake to life with throbs of Power,
That wounds that it may heal.

So within the Soul of Man
Are depths but seldom known.
'Tis only when some psychic shock
That inner wealth has shown:—
'Tis only when the wand divine
Has touched Life's inner throne:—
When Love in His omnipotence
Some shaft has driven home:—

That I can know how deep the shrine
Of Life beneath the Seen;
Nor know the barriers that Self
Has wanton placed between
The One in whom I live and move,
And this conscious life I am.
Until Life stirs within these depths,
I ne'er affirm—I CAN!

"I'm Love!" When through the deep
Of Soul this message rings,
Then riven are the chains of Self;—
The spiritual shock then brings
A mighty sense of conscious Power;—
I know the God in Man!
Henceforth whatever be the cry;—
I'll answer swift—I CAN!

Naught wakes the instinctive power,
Like Love's command:—"Come forth!"
The sound of Creation's mightiest word
Brings individual birth.

"I'm Love!" 'Tis thus the Mighty One,
Proclaims Itself as Man!
And Love expressed in Friendship's guise
Has awakened the—I AM!

Until I know myself as Love
I am not born, I wait
The parturient stir of Life,—
A lingerer at the gate.
But once Love's wand has touched the Soul
With its "Come forth and live!"
Then Man is born: his second birth!
God has no more to give!

HENRY HARRISON BROWN.

HEALING AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA

For an angel went down at certain season into the pool, and whoso then, after the troubling of the water, stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. . . .
A certain man was there which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. . . . And Jesus said unto him, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk!"

In reading the New Testament we must remember that the age in which it was written was non-scientific. Nothing was known of Law. All phenomena was the direct result of the interposition of some personal power. The term "miracle" is a modern one, for no distinction was made then between natural and miraculous. All phenomena then was classed under the thought which we now term miracle.

While we are willing to accept the facts narrated, we are not compelled to accept the ancient superstition as to Cause.

We are told of a pool, which, like many another, has an intermittent flow. Like the great geyser of the Yellowstone, this was "stirred" at times. As was natural then, it was decided that an angel did it. The modern cures at the Loudres in France are similar, and have a similar cause. A vision of the Virgin gave the healing power. This belief has become so strong a suggestion that those who really have faith are healed by the waters.

We have in this a fine illustration of the same cause, that is used in the cures at different French and other European hospitals. It is used with effect by many American physicians. The same Law which lies at the base is the Cause of every cure, whether by medicine, laying on of hands, by prayer, or by the many metaphysical cults, and by

Henceforth I seek not good fortune: I am good fortune.

—Walt Whitman.

Christian Science. This *one ever present cause* is the Law of Suggestion. It lies behind ever manifestation of faith. Faith being the spiritual grasp of that which has convinced the intellect. There is no greater authority upon medicine than Dr. Win. Osler, author of the article upon "Medicine" in the *Encyclopedia Americana*. He says after enumerating some other factors in the cure of diseases:—

We might add a fourth which, in some sense, is the most natural of all; for it has been practiced in ages more remote by many thousands of years than the suspicion of either of the others, and by savages almost at the bottom of the scale; that is, some form of Suggestion, or hypnosis. . . . It is from faith which buoys up the spirits, sets the blood flowing more freely, and the nerves playing their part without disturbance, that a large part of all cures arise. Despondency, or lack of faith, will often sink the stoutest constitution almost to death's door; faith will enable a bread-pill or a spoonful of clear water to do almost miracles of healing, when the best medicines have been given over in despair. The basis of the entire profession of medicine is faith in the doctor, and his drug, and his methods!"

At this pool was every necessary condition for the suggestive cure.

The belief, stimulated by reports of cures; the anxiety of the man who had no friend to help him; the earnest desire on his part, and his belief in a power external to himself; then the appearance of the person who inquired of him; the reverence the common people had for a rabbi. This was the ground for that faith which Jesus always recognized as the means of cure. A person familiar with the use of Suggestion understands that there must be, before he can successfully use it, a preparation. The first step the wise teacher takes is:—"Prepare your subject!" Which he does by suggestions that bring his mind to a receptive condition. This preparation had already been made in this patient. Jesus instinctively realized this, and then without further preliminaries gave the command "Take up thy bed!" Naturally this man, used to obedience, obeyed. He took up his bed and walked.

However miraculous this might seem to the onlookers then it is to us a natural occurrence. Its equal is performed every day by our thousands of healers. What was the disease we may in vain surmise, but that it had been held for thirty and eight years and required a nervous shock to overcome. Therefore we may expect that there was a glance of power, as well as a tone of command, in the words and attitude of Jesus.

But is Suggestion all? No. It is only a method of Power. Is not the Power. Beyond this means which awakened courage and action on the part of the patient there flows from every developed personality a virtue—a radiation of finer force—to which the mental attitude of the patient, induced by suggestion, responds and welcomes a flow of the One Spirit, intensifying its normal flow in the patient. While Suggestion is an ever-present factor in every condition of life—it is simply the channel through which the mind is brought to that receptive condition in which faith uses the dynamic forces of spirit—the Life which works the cure. We ask, "Why did he not heal the others? The account says there were "multitudes" waiting! There can be, to once versed in metaphysics, but one answer. None of the rest were ready. They would not have obeyed the command.

An incident in my own life helps me to understand this story. A few years ago I passed a long vacation in Oklahoma near the reservation of the Kiowas. One day a chief with a few braves came to the ranch outside the reservation where I was a guest. In conversation, I learned that the Chief was suffering "misery in his legs." I called it rheumatism. I treated and relieved him, and also a brave that was with him. The following Sunday as I returned from a horseback ride I found a large tepee pitched in the yard, and a large concourse of Indians, young and old, present. I was soon notified that they had come for "Medicine Brave" to heal them.

**Whene'er I meet my sailing peers,
"ALL'S WELL" I to their hail reply.**

—Edith M. Thomas.

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Soon I placed my camp stool in their midst and as the chief indicated the ill took their place on it. Each indicated where was the trouble. Stillness reigned while I treated. When I asked the chief to inquire how they felt, there was a grunt all around of satisfaction, as each left the seat with a happy expression. Between twenty and thirty were healed. The chief said, "Come over to my tepee and I give you good pony." I had no need of another horse and did not go. Here I had an excellent lesson of the ancient healing by the one ever-present law of Suggestion.

A few years after an acquaintance, who passed through that region, heard of "the Great White Medicine Man!"

The only healing power is the *Life that formed the body*. There is but one disease, i. e., *lack of a normal life flow*. For "Life in a stream whose source is hidden" in the Great Unseen. When any mental state disturbs the harmony of this flow, this lack is manifest in the body. Generally it manifests under the strong beliefs of early days, or under the strong suggestions of fear, then present.

The fame of Jesus' cures went throughout all Judea, and as the Indians rallied to me, from the report of the first two, so the people rallied to Jesus. Their faith made conditions for him to induce in them the necessary mental state for Life to cure.

When once we shall understand the law so perfectly that we suggest to ourselves health, we will keep ourselves well, and need no suggestion from others. Till then we shall need the healer.

(The most popular statue at the Exposition was "The End of the Trail"—an Indian on horseback. Both horse and rider had reached the end of endurance. This poem is, in my opinion, the finest the Exposition has inspired. It was printed in the "Examiner" the Sunday after "The Last Day" of the Exposition. It is worth embalming like a fly in amber, here in NOW.)

THE END OF THE TRAIL.

Who says that the Trail has ended? Why, here is its very start!

For the Trail of Joy is endless, and lies in the human heart.

The day of the Jewel City by the Sunset Sea is done,

But the day of the life it leaves us has only just begun.

The palaces, pillars and pathways may fall by the wreckers' hand,

May crumble in dusty ruin, ruin of brick and sand,

And we who behold the ruin will sigh with regret—we must!

Yet rejoice that the soul of the dream that was may not go back to dust.

The blare of the showman's trumpets, the shrill of the hawkster's call,

The laughter's lilt, and gay horde's hum, and the jingling bells, and all

The fun, the frolic, the frivol, we shall miss them, yes! But say—

They'll echo their song of careless joy in our hearts for aye and aye.

No more of the spouting fountains. No more of the twilight hour

When we watched the creep the soft lights sweep the slopes of the Jeweled Tower,

Nor the winged men. It is over—yet, like a love that's gone,

The Joy of the Fair in spirit will linger to urge us on—

To urge us on to the glory of things that must yet be done,

To send us with smiling hearts ahead to the goals that must be won,

To spur us still to achieve, to do, to show with our faith's increase

The fights that bless and the fights that build are always the fights of Peace.

Bricks and mortar and lumber—these are but dull and dead

Tools to a purpose. Forget them, for yonder the Trail lies ahead,

The Trail on to greatness, to joy. Behold in the distance there

The halo of light on the highway, the Spirit that was our Fair.

Who says that the Trail has ended? Why, here is its very start!

For the Trail of Joy is endless, and lies in the human heart.

The day of the Jewel City by the Sunset Sea is done,

But the day of the life it leaves us has only just begun.

—A. C. Joy.

Trust thyself! Every heart Vibrates to that iron string.

—Emerson.

THE PLACE OF SEX IN RACE UNFOLDMENT.

The Re-productive function serves two purposes. First: Its function of perpetuating the race; second: Its place in the spiritual unfoldment of the individual. This development of psychic faculties puts him in control of the body, which as a spiritual Being he has builded.

The unfoldment of Individuality is in proportion to the degree in which the spiritual man controls the physical man. To the extent in which any individual controls the expression of life, in and through the body, he is Man. To the extent that life flows instinctively, he is still in the animal matrix. The animal in him is always striving to abort itself. Sang Emerson:—

And striving to be man

The worm mounts through all the spires of
form.

“Worm” here is symbol of the animal nature which is the matrix of humanity and which in the evolution of the race will be left behind, as the butterfly leaves behind its cocoon.

Man's first duty, then, in this upward trend, is to put completely under his control this re-productive, procreative urge. The demand of Nature for the perpetuation of the species carries him along like a leaf in the river-current, unless he shall as *Man* take control of this trend. This he inherited from the animal while it was learning what it must do when, as Mind, it became Man. Gradually the race, through the expression of its millions of individuals, has developed a certain degree of control over this sex-urge. We have now, in civilized lands, reached, I believe, such a degree of control that there would be but little of unpleasant expressions of it, but for the repressed conditions, intensified by the constant sex-suggestions which dominate the thoughts of the masses on all grades of culture.

In primitive man this procreative urge was slight. Like that of the animals around him it was inclined to be periodic.

Only in so far as he has outgrown the animal instinct, has the male-man of today entirely outgrown this periodic sex tendency. I think if the average man would analyze his sex-sensations he would find them more or less periodic. When primitive man became conscious of the pleasure experienced in the sex-act he then sought it for the pleasure he had in it.

In the fact that somewhere in his evolution that Almost-Man of a pre-historic past came to a realization of pleasure in the obedience to Nature's command, “Multiply!” lies the first step that Nature took in bridging the tremendous gulf that lies between Man and animal. The first step in the evolution of instinct into conscious choice; the beginning of the Human emergence of Man from the beast.*

Says Spencer, “Life giving acts are pleasurable.” Pleasure cause man to seek their repetition. Seeking, he finds more than he sought, i. e., Unfoldment. Says Emerson:—“Do the thing and you shall have the power!” In another place he says:—

Crime and punishment grow out of one stem. Punishment is a fruit that unsuspected ripens within the flower of pleasure which conceals it. Cause and effect, means and end, seed and fruit, cannot be severed, for the effect already blooms in the cause, the end pre-exists in the means, the fruit in the seed. Whilst the world will be whole and refuses to be dispersed, we seek to act partially; to sunder, appropriate; for example, to gratify the senses, we sever the pleasure of the senses from the needs of character. The ingenuity of man has been dedicated always to the solution of one problem,—how to detach the sensual sweet, the sensual strong, the sensual bright, etc., from the moral sweet, the moral deep, the moral fair; that is, again to contrive to cut clean off this upper surface so thin as to leave

(*I wish in this note to state, that so far as I have been able to learn, this is the first and the only place that this point of divergence has been seen, by any one. No scientist or philosopher has, to my knowledge, ever suggested that in the first conscious chosen union of male and female for pleasure lies, in the evolution of the One Mind, from protoplasm to Self-consciousness as Man. Here was the first step toward the realization of that end toward which Nature was unconsciously tending. This first sensation called out of the brute the Thinker. He thought, because of the pleasurable sensations, he would repeat it. This fact I perceived, and wrote out in a MSS., that I still possess, in 1900. I wish here to record the fact for the future historian.)

**The deeper I drink of the cup of
Life the sweeter it grows.**

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—*Julia Ward Howe.*

it bottomless; to get *one end* without an *other end*. The soul says eat; the body would feast. The soul says: The man and woman shall be one flesh and soul; the body would join the flesh only. The Soul says, Have dominion over all things to the end of virtue; the body would have power over things to its own ends. . . . Pleasure is taken out of pleasant things . . . the moment we attempt to separate soul from the whole.

Nature thus by the inward urge decoys us to action by the fee of pleasure. She warns us to avoid those acts which interfere with her ends by the surity of pain.

When it is realized that recognition of physical sensation is the beginning of its recognition on all planes, it will also be seen that physical sensation would be the first to be recognized, and the first to be sought for the pleasure of it. The sensation of pain, to which all animals react unconsciously, Man is conscious of, and consciously reacts. Once experiencing pain from any act he seeks to avoid the repetition of that sensation. In this avoidance of unpleasurable sensations rose the protective power of fear. Man seeks pleasure and through fear avoids pain.

The effects upon the Soul of sensation are one, be they to consciousness either pleasurable or painful. Soul grows into a larger consciousness of itself through both.

For the sake of possible pleasure men run all risks of pain. In this gamble with Nature lies the mainspring of all civilization; the secret of Man's evolution, as a conscious individuality. The promised reward of pleasure acts unconsciously as the incentive to those acts which re-produce the race, and at the same time give expression in the individual of those soul faculties which make man, Man.

For this reason, when there came upon primitive man this procreative urge, through instinctive obedience, he found pleasurable sensations—the most intense he ever felt. In time, intense sensation would force the thought of seeking it again and here was Thought born. And here still Thought centers.

What phenomena would so impress the senses of primitive man, would so awaken the sleeping soul in him, as this of intense feeling? What other could so start Thought?

To see the babe born "from the nowhere into the here" would be to him the marvel of life. His life would center around the act that produced it as round the babe today life still centers. What were civilization if no more children were ever to be born?

Unconsciously the thought that lies at the foundation of all human progress centers around the child, that is about to be. The world belongs to the Un-born.

That sex was the most important factor in past development of the race archeology testifies. The earliest representations of the human form yet found in the relics of primeval man is a statuette of a female figure. Here the limbs are not represented. They were evidently of little moment to that early artist. Very little thought given to presentation of head and limbs. But the generative organs, the abdomen, the first home of the child, and the breasts, the fount of the child's nourishment, are prominently represented.

Every archeologist knows the importance attached to sex. Museums hide away treasures that testify to its importance in the religious life of early nations. Roman museums reveal the importance it held in Pompeii. The religions of historic races tell the same tale. The most stupendous of all religious systems are those of sun- and sex-worship. These were virtually one, for the Sun was the great male progenitor of all life, through his impregnation of earth, the Great Mother. Students have traced the pedigree of modern religious rites and ceremonies in their origin back to these early forms of worship.

To the sex instinct we owe all that is human in past life of the race.

To that instinct we owe all promise of future development.

**I will not dream in vain despair
The steps of progress wait for me.**

—Whittier.

Because here the One Power finds its individual center. Through this center the One Original germ-plasma builds first a body for Itself, then unfolds through this body in each succeeding generation, to a new degree, some of Its infinite possibilities. The Sex-Passion is fundamental, and when raised to Love-of-Goodness, of Truth and Beauty, it builds a new civilization through each generation. If not so raised, the nation that neglects its upward development perishes through sensual, sensuous, and selfish manifestations of the individual limitations.*

In Rodin's wonderful statue of "The Thinker" I see this idea expressed by the sculptor. The first time I visited it, while I was disappointed, it held me by a fascination I did not understand. I studied it long, and after several days, I saw in that brutish animal face and figure a thrill. It was the first thought man ever had had. The statue represented the birth of Man from the animal. What caused it? It was not hunger, cold, or danger! All these he constantly had, and they had not awakened *thought*. He *felt*, but did not yet sense. But what caused him to think? I still asked. What awakened Thought? I asked what is the Master Passion? What is the greatest physical sensation Man knows? This THING had to be awakened to manhood on, and from, the physical, the brute, plane! There is but one answer to this question—SEX, *The Master Passion*. Through that sensation he FELT and the result was pleasurable. He sought it again instinctively, and behold! Thought flashed from this Soul-consciousness, and the Thinker was born. As thought flashed from the One Mind through the awakened Soul by way of sensation, in like manner many million years later the then Thinker felt a sensation on a higher plane of consciousness, and this statue is the result. I put my thought as I looked upon this statue into this form:—

A THOUGHT flashed to receptive brain
And etched its image there. Again—
Creative power at its command
It took control of subtle hand!
And, lo! in Art's majestic guise,
'Tis Manhood's ever new surprise.
The One Power creates the child from
Itself as IT has created always all
things.

It follows that this instinct will continue to be the center of that "urge" which sends now, as it ever has, the Human Soul onward in the evolution of its possibilities.

It also follows that this urge will leave in its duel results good and bad. Experience will always enable the nation to decide which expression to cultivate, and which to restrain.

Note—I use the words "cultivate and "restrain!" The past has been one long series of prohibition; of attempts to stop, or to check the Omnipotent in Its creative urge, instead of dealing with it as we have dealt with wind, steam and electricity, by understanding and by directing to best uses.

Sometime we will scientifically direct sex-force, as we now do these other modes of motion, and then always use to heal and to bless.

History is virtually a revolving circle around the sex-question. Always there is a Helen in every Troy. Ignorant meddlings with mighty forces are always dangerous.

In sex we come nearest to Original Power; hence it is the most dangerous if wantonly, or ignorantly handled.

It is ever to be remembered, that present Man is physically a mixture of Man and animal; a matrix holding within an unfolding spiritual being. Man is the only expression of Omnipotence, in which Mind has so perfected an organism that It has reached Self-consciousness. In this organism Mind has possibilities of infinite expression.

This Self-Consciousness was born in that *First-Thing* that was verging toward Man, in which the consciousness of pleasure took the place of instinctive obedience. The full possibilities of con-

*Sex Tract on Body-building, Sex's First Function.

**In the mud and scum of things,
There alway, alway something sings**

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—Emerson.

scious immortality was born in that first *Almost-Human-Thing* the moment it first sought a mate for sensual pleasure. This function, today relegated to a despised and obscene moral place, was in its first conscious and voluntary desire, the first sought and desired expression of Man, and the origin of that which today glorifies Man.

I dare now to affirm—In this same creative desire, this same instinctive urge, expressed on the evolved and higher planes of human consciousness, lie the possibilities of Infinite Mind. This must continue to be the line of humane unfoldment.*

From this newly awakened desire of each sex for the other arose all those phases of selection which scientists have traced in Man, and which he has inherited from flower and bird. He has brought these to their highest efficiency in his Love-of-the-Beautiful as Art.

The possibilities of Art all lay latent in that form of animal which preceded Man. Lay in those "missing links" which prophesied the advent of the Thinker. These possibilities were all held in store in that first sex-urge.

From the development of this first consciousness of pleasure Man has grown to the consciousness of pleasure in search for Truth and Beauty and in the expressions of affection.

Though the expressions on successive planes of unfoldment, Man has risen gradually through the ages to the present consciousness of himself as Immortal Spirit. Whenever in an individual the pleasure on the plane of conscious companionship, of comradeship, dies out, that individual is virtually dead. Expression along one of the three only lines of Evolution, those of Love of the Good, Love of Truth, Love of Beauty, are necessary to keep open the channel of influx from the Over-Soul. Such conscious influx brings the individual as spectator where he views the flow of Power as Life in and through him, thus

bringing him daily into a greater realization of himself as an Expression of Infinity.

Eunuchs and persons congenitally sterile, both male and female, are immature in every phase of human expression. The Hebrew and the Catholic churches realize this and prevent the sexually imperfect from the priesthood and from certain religious rites.

Capital operations today so change the nature of woman that this artificial being is very different in mentality and spirit from the one God made.

To be at the height of spiritual, intellectual and physical expression one should be in perfect sex-power. Because this is the power which is diffused, and transmuted into every other form of expression does not mean that one is to be libidinous; but it does mean the same as when I say to an engineer, "Keep your engine in repair and up to its highest efficiency."

Thought directs Will. Right thoughts will direct this force in its many possibilities of expression. Soul demands expression. It will find a way or make one. In undirected sex-forces arise the ills of life.

It is for Man, the Self-conscious, to choose. He is to learn how to choose by experience. He is a freeman only in his right of choice.

Even where Man obeys the instinctive expressions, is uncontrolled in any form which brings suffering, Soul derives a benefit in growth. More through its mistakes and its pain than otherwise the race has unfolded. Present civilization represents the gains of the race over difficulties; victories over its defeats and pains.

Eternity will ever be bringing more and more into consciousness the possibilities of Soul through the necessity of overcoming the new obstacles that arise in its path of progress. Such individuals and nations that overcome, survive and add to the race-consciousness of *power to be, and to do.*

From this survey it is seen that present

*See Essay "Spiritual Enfoldment" the Ultimate of Sex.

I thank whatever gods may be For my unconquerable Soul.

—*W.C. Henley.*

ideas of sex, would we have exemption from present ills, must be changed. In place of the present mental and social and ignorant attitudes we must have that of purity, sacredness, necessity, and intelligence.

Suggestion of sex now brings a blush to cheek of youth and maiden, to matron and man. This must not be. The subject should be treated with equal reception and with equal trust of any other topic. The thought of sex should, moreover, be approached as sacredly, in any discussion, as the devotee approaches the altar. As purely as the mother caresses her babe, which is Nature's most perfect fruit of sex. When the public conceptions are changed, then will there be the Greater Race. The Coming Man will be nearly here. Now, through this misconception of sex, there is yearly a greater loss to the race than that which the European war has cost the last year. Misdirected sex-force really caused, and still carries on the war. For that force is behind the man, with the pen, and the man with the gun. But unhappy homes and the weakened mentalities they entailed; the diseases bred in misuse; the mental states caused by repressed sex-emotion; the accidents which are incident to the preoccupation of mental powers caused by sex-passions; the mistaken business deals; the passions that find relief in radical, unreasonable reformers, those that fire the anarchists and rioters all find their seat and cause in abnormal sex conditions. Every metaphysician realizes that the diseased humanity about him rises in some mental sex attitude and a correct diagnosis will so locate it.

One of New York City's prominent physicians said to a friend of mine: "I pass scores of men every day on the street who will ultimately bring up in Sing Sing because of misdirected sex forces. Turned to rioters, burglars, forgers, and murderers!"

The daily press teems with tales of thefts, robberies and suicides arising from what these persons term "Love!"

but which is but the reaction of intense sex force. Once there could be legitimate relief, through affection and education, there would be equilibrium restored, and these unfortunates saved.

Salvation lies in transmuting the procreative urge into Friendship, as shown in my first Sex Tract. Whitman saw this and writes that for which he was so misunderstood. Hear him prophecy concerning the land he loved.

I hear that it was charged against me that I sought to destroy institutions,

Only I wish to establish in Manahata and in every city of these states inland and seaboard,

And in the fields and woods, and above the keel, little or large, that dents the water, Without edifice or rules, or any argument, The institution of the dear love of comrades.

Come, I will make the continent indissoluble, I will make the most splendid race the sun ever shone upon,

I will make divine magnetic lands,

With the love of comrades,

With the life-long love of comrades.

I will plant companionship thick as trees along all the rivers of America, and along the shores of the great lakes and all over the prairies,

I will make inseparable cities with their arms about each others' necks,

By the love of comrades,

By the manly love of comrades!

Only when it shall be seen that the highest and most pleasurable expression of sex is in the "manly love of comrades" will there be a civilization worthy of the name.

Europe today is in the throes of a war based upon the confinement of sex expression to love of parentage, love of home, love of country, love of property. And most of all—love of power. There has been little comrade-love. Business men, students, workmen would blush to say to another "I love!" and to show marks of affection. Women meet and greet with a kiss that smacks of Judas rather than of Christ. Social conditions dam up sex-forces and ill mental and physical conditions result.

Until there is that friendship of comrades, binding man to man and woman to man and women to each other; till

To the receptive soul the River of Life Pauseth not nor is diminished.

—George Eliot.

we have cities "with their arms about each other's necks"; until then no permanent culture; no permanent peace. "Among men of Good-will" alone is peace possible. This is the peace of those strongly sexed persons who find their pleasure in friendly expression. The pleasurable act which draws them is that of the feeling awakened by the presence, the touch and the thought of friends.

In men the thought of woman develops the reproductive function. In most men once developed it seeks the pleasure of expression. In like manner the thought of friendship develops the sex function of kindly feeling. The urge that in one drives him to sexual commerce, drives the other to seek an intellectual and affectionate companion.

THE EXPOSITION.

The Exposition is over. Never can the human mind estimate its influence for good upon all humanity through all time. Never such an array of beauty; never such manifestations of inventive genius; never such combined glories of Art and Science; never such opportunities for education in the possibilities of Mind in its union with Nature and her Laws; never such manifestation in midst of a world at strife of Brotherhood, and the expression of every altruistic motive; and never in times like these such a manifestation of Peace and Good Will.

All the emotions awakened by our Fire of '06 arose at the thought of the destruction of this creation of beauty. It took all my philosophy to reconcile me to the thought, "It has been and I rejoice over what I have had, and I trust the future for like happiness and growth!" Chadwick's lines came forcibly into my mind last evening, as I was among the over 450,000 that said "Good-bye" to the Exposition.

Oh, when some day, in vain I pray,

For days like this to come again,

I shall rejoice, with heart and voice,

That one such day has ever been!

Next to the destruction of palaces and

landscapes, I felt deepest emotion among the exhibits in the Palace of Mines. To me, these mineral and gem exhibits meant more than any others, for they took me back nearest to the Beginning of things Unchanged; they are what they were at first. "Such as Creation's dawn beheld" still they are. Vegetation and animals have been changed by man. These have all their primeval unity and beauty. Wondrous were the evidences of nature's prodigality everywhere of material for man to find, exploit and use. Has he more than begun? But all these exhibits will find place in museums and always will the student have access not to "flowers of the sky," like the astronomer, but to flowers that he can handle and use to bless. Flowers of earth's mineral world.

Efforts are being made and will ultimate in success towards keeping unharmed the park of the Exposition—the Marina—and a few of the buildings. Among them is the Palace of Fine Arts and the lagoon in which it is reflected. No creation of Man has ever surpassed this in beauty. It *must* be maintained, for it will be one of the shrines for future generations. The replicas of Greece's ancient statuary have been presented to our city. They may fitly be housed here.

I shall rejoice to know that those abominations called Art, within the buildings, are returned to the rubbish heap from which it would seem they came. The "impressionists," the "futurists," and the "cubists" daubs represent the decadence of Art. Are a debauchery of talent. Are the abortions of insanity. I cannot conceive of the mental attitude of a mind that painted, neither can I conceive any reason why they were allowed to be placed on exhibition where they degrade the taste of a nation, and create a nightmare in the minds of rational observers. If this IS Art, let us return to the simplicity and naturalness of the Indian in his snake-drum and ochre.

I am not fighting my fight: I am singing my song.

—Archie L. Black

Art was there in architecture, in sculpture, and in landscape gardening, with all its growth of centuries. But modern squirts of color cannot, by any possible definition, be termed "Art."

This was the only blot of an otherwise most perfect, beautiful, artistic, poetic, and educational Exposition. It departed like the sun at the close of a glorious day, dying in all the possible tints of God's perfect sunshine. And like a pleasant day it is with friends, ever to be remembered.

"CHRISTIAN" AND NEW THOUGHT.

Thomas J. Sheldon in his *Scientific Christian* for December has this characteristic statement concerning the Editor of NOW. Thomas J. is a genius of the first water. You never know what he is next to say, nor where he will lead you, when you attempt to follow him, but he is sound at the core and fully wishes one *not* to follow him, but to think for himself. Such as *do think* find *Christian* a source of vital inspiration. Where you do not understand you get a wondrous sense of power. I never endeavor to understand when I read. I let the meaning soak in. I simply FEEL and grow when *Christian* comes. He is a mighty force. Has done a mighty work; and will do greater; will increase his sphere of usefulness since he has joined hands with the Alliance.

"Man is NOT animal. There is in him a *plus* which lifts him entirely off the animal plane, and this fact gives warrant to the early idea that he was a 'special creation.'"—Henry Harrison Brown.

Henry Harrison Brown is the editor of NOW, 589 Haight Street, San Francisco, California. He is seventy-five years of age, according to Julius Caesar's calendar, but he has entered into New Thought, which is always and forever flowing in the universal. I met him at the Hotel Majestic in New York when he was past seventy, and his vibrations and mentality were those of a young man. When you read after his writing you would never think of his being three score and fifteen, if he did not say so, and I told him years ago to quit saying so and to stop celebrating birthdays. He used to mind me very well when I talked to him in the Silence a quarter of a century ago, but

he is getting stuck up and thinks he knows his own mind and so will not mind what I say about birthdays. He did obey my sunphone order in reference to business last year and the year before, and is making good.

And especially do I welcome *Christian* to our New Thought Alliance for it has always stood firmly upon the Principle which the Alliance has put forth. *First of all The Divinity of the human soul and its limitless possibilities through Constructive thought.* *Christian* has no limit to Soul. Even when it verged toward re-incarnation it did not declare slavery. Our New Thought Movement is now in danger of that decay which has followed so many progressive movements. It is becoming accepted with respect, and is fast becoming popular. Many for the opportunity of presenting their pet fads and philosophies are sailing under its banner.

While NOW recognizes to the fullest possible extent the freedom of speech and expression, it does not recognize that any person who teaches limitation by re-incarnation, karma, stars, condition, or circumstances—who limits in any way the possibilities of the Soul here and now, can rightly claim to be New Thought. Let such sail under their own flag. Modern Spiritualism gave the world years ago the purest philosophy and the most rational ideas of the Hereafter. Gave the world authentic phenomena and began the wondrous investigation and development of psychic science, but it failed to relieve itself of the barnacles that attached themselves to it in way of frauds, money-seekers and adventurers in the sex field, and has now become a by-word and is in disgrace. New Thought, unless the Alliance clears itself of some who have already attached themselves to it by taking the name, will soon find its title a stench in public mind. The Truth it stands for will remain, and take a new name. NOW STANDS FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF THE STATEMENT PUT FORTH BY THE ALLIANCE. *It will so continue.* No teacher

Minute a man stops looking for Trouble, happiness looks for him.

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—Irving Bachelor.

who puts emphasis upon some fadised philosophy of limitation, in his or her teachings, will ever find recognition in its pages.

Friends of truth who wish pure spiritual Freedom—who believe in the limitless possibilities of Mind—who believe Man may, by constructive thinking, be his own Fate and Destiny, are invited to sustain it by their subscriptions. I will, because I love Truth too well to surrender the fort while this struggle is on, carry NOW forward one year more. To help extend its sphere of influence, as a premium to all who will send \$1.25 for 1916, I will send my \$1.00 book, "The Lords Prayer." This includes renewals as well as new subscriptions. We who love the position the Alliance has taken must sustain it. NOW will report all Alliance work which its officers will send in from month to month.

I shall during the year devote a considerable time to lecturing under the auspices of the Alliance. Those who would like me to visit them, will please write the President, J. A. Edgerton, 1439 Park Road, Washington, D. C. When enough engagements shall be made, I will tour the East under his direction.

NOW SAYS "AMEN" TO THIS.

In a recent number of the "Outlook," Dr. Lyman Abbott includes in his "Reminiscences" a confession of his Faith, which is as follows: "I have invisible friends who people my quiet home with their companionship. I believe that death and resurrection are synonymous, that death is the dropping of the body from the spirit, that resurrection is the upbringing of the spirit from the body, and I think of my friends and companions not as lying in the grave waiting for a future resurrection, nor as living in some distant land, singing hymns in loveless forgetfulness of those they loved on earth. I think of them as a great cloud of witnesses, looking on to see how we run the race that is set before us, grieved in our failures, glad in our triumphs. I think of my mother rejoicing in the joys of the boy whom she was not permitted to care for on earth, of my father still counseling me by his unspoken wisdom in my times of perplexity, of my wife giving me rest and invigoration by her love. So I am never lonely when alone, rarely restless when I am sleepless."

WINDS OF FATE.

"One ship drives east and another west,
With the self-same winds that blow,
'Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales
Which tell us the way to go.

Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,
As we voyage along through life,
'Tis the set of a Soul
That decides its goal,
And not the calm of the strife."
(Can any of the NOW readers tell who is the author of this extract?)

I printed the above in November NOW. I have loved it a long time, but did not know where I found it. A friend sent it to me recently, with a request to tell him who wrote it. Also saw it in some publication with the same desire expressed.

In response to my inquiry I have received the following letter from the author, who has often proved herself a friend to NOW.

The Bungalow,
Granite Bay, Short Beach, Conn.,
Nov. 13, 1915.

My dear Mr. Brown,
"The Winds of Fate," which you publish in your Nov. NOW, is the child of my brain. It appeared about 14 years ago in a New York magazine; I think it was *Ainslie's*.

I wrote it on the deck of the Richard Beck steamer, between New York and New Haven.

It was suggested by a comrade of my husband. It is included in one of my English editions, but I think has in some careless way been left out of my American books. I have the original MSS. copy in a book.

May Success be yours.

(Sgd.) ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

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"Faith, he's a mighty fine doctor. He attended O'Phelan when he was sick of appendicitis. 'Poke out yer tongue,' says he. 'Bedad, oi'll have to operate on ye.' 'Divil a bit will I be operated upon,' says O'Phelan. 'Then ye'll be a dead man b' two o'clock,' says he. So he operated.

"An' saved O'Phelan's life?"
"An' saved O'Phelan's life—an hour. He died at three."

**Obstruction is but virtue's foil,
The stream impeded has a song.**

—Ingersoll.

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A CASE OF HEALING BY EDITOR OF NOW.

The mother has told this in public meetings and testified to many persons at one of my meetings in Los Angeles to the facts of the case. I had forgotten it entirely. The little girl, I should think 8 years old, came one day alone, and said her mother sent her to me to be treated. Told me her story. I treated her. That was the only time she came and I heard nothing from it. This was six or more years ago.

The mother says the little one had suffered a long time with a pain and weakness of the spine. Doctors had not been able to do her any good. Some one told her of me and urged her to send her to me. Here is the mother's story: "I was a working woman and could not go with her, and had no money to pay. But the lady told me you would not charge me. So after thinking of it a few days I sent her. When she came home I asked her what you did. She said, 'He took me on his lap and talked to me of God and said God would heal me!' I never asked her afterwards how she felt, but I watched her. She never said anything after that of her back; never complained nor showed any weakness."

A year ago an Osteopath treated her and said with surprise: "Here is something wonderful. This child has had tuberculosis. Two of the vertebrae have been badly affected, largely eaten away, but have been healed. It seems as if it must have been done instantly. There is a hollow place in her spine."

This is the wonderful part. Was the doctor correct? Did she diagnose correctly? No doubt the child had been healed of something. And her child's faith opened the way for Life and Thought to heal whatever it was.

So after 6 years my pay comes. To give health and happiness like this is worth more than Rockefeller's millions. So I am more content than ever to be what I am.

**Call this God: then call this Soul:
And both the only facts for me.**

—*Browning.*

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The Southern California Division of the I. N. T. A. has had a very busy month. A very successful congress was held in Hollywood on Nov. 18th, 19th and 20th, at the Woman's Club House.

Henry Harrison Brown, Editor of NOW, gave the opening address to the new Center, which was much appreciated. Mr. Brown also did splendid work in Riverside, Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Henry Victor Morgan, of Tacoma, Washington, lectured under the auspices of the Metaphysical library, and our secretary, Eleanor M. Reesberg, reports wonderful meetings. Mr. Morgan lectured three and four times each day to very large audiences and helped us in our congress work. His visit will long be remembered.

The Sunday night Union Meetings at the Blanchard Hall, under the able management of Miss Reesberg, have had wonderful success, also all day Mass Meetings under the auspices of the Southern California Division of the I. N. T. A., held on Dec. 2nd, followed by three days Mass Meetings in the Universal Temple, Long Beach, on Dec. 6th to 8th.

Up to date we have six new Centers, which I will write up fully in the next report.

Owing to the holiday season we postponed future meetings until January. In that month we will have three days in Pasadena at the Universalist Church, three days at Unitarian Church, Pomona, and three days in Hollywood.

Other meetings to be arranged.

Miss Julia M. Cook, our organizer, reports good progress in our new Centers. We have had splendid co-operation from our President, Mr. J. A. Edgerton, and Grace M. Wilson, our Secretary.

1916 will be a grand New Thought Year. HAROLD F. PALMER.
Dec. 9th, 1915.

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Mind is the only Intelligence.
Truth is the only Reality.
Spirit is the only Substance.
Love is the only Power.
Life is the only Energy.
Now is the only time.—Unity.

I, grateful, take the good I find; The best of now and here.

—Whittier.

WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT HEALING.

Into whatsoever city ye enter, eat such things as are set before you: and heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard: how that the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, take up thy bed and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins (he saith to the sick of the palsy), I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

Go thy way; thy son liveth.

I will; be thou clean.

Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

Rise up and stand forth in the midst. Stretch forth thine hand.

I will come and heal him.

Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue hath gone out of me.

Be not afraid, only believe, and she shall be made whole.

Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace and be whole of thy plague.

Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. Thy brother shall rise again.

Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give.

MAN, THE CREATOR.

The greatest man on earth is he who has found out that he in himself is an encyclopedia of facts; that thought can reason out from cause to effect the essence and substance of things. Man, some day, will awake to the consciousness that all books are but the kindergarten preparing him to work out the great problems which he alone can solve; and when at last he has discovered the ingredients that make up a thought, he will awake from his slumbers, will demand from the Great Supply, the particular world that he wishes to design and will know that he is even today the Creator of all that is within the world.

—Harold F. Palmer, D. D.

SEX ATTRACTION.

We cannot escape from the fact that sex attraction is the great event in human life. Sex is the controlling force in nearly all of human efforts. War, for instance, is only an exaggerated form of the sex instinct. Neither literature nor art would exist in any appreciable degree without sex. Men work, fight, sing, paint, live and die for the love of woman.

In only one field of human activity is there no taint of sex feeling, and that is science. Science is cold and dispassionate. It has imagination, but the imagination of the explorer and not the lover. Science has only one aim and end—the discovery of truth. Science is another world from the hot earth of economic and military competition, which have for their ends the attainment of love and marriage. Through science mankind will gradually throw off some of the sex slavery and reach a new and possibly happier stage in its development.—*Journal-Republican, Wilmington, O.*

GOD.

1. There is but One God, and He is the Supreme All!
2. In Him we live, and move, and have our Being.
3. The Blessed Lord said: I am the source of the forthgoing of the whole Universe, and likewise the place of its dissolving.
4. I am the radiance in moon and sun, the Word of Power in all the Vedas, sound in ether and virility in men. The pure fragrance of earths am I; the life of all beings am I, and the austerity in ascetics.
5. And whatsoever is the seed of all beings, that am I; nor is there aught, moving or unmoving, that may exist bereft of me. There is no end of my Divine powers.
6. Whatsoever is glorious, good, beautiful and mighty, understand thou that to go forth from a fragment of my splendor.
7. God is Great. God is Good. God is All.
—O. E. *Society Bulletin.*

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This tract is ready at 5c each and I feel that now so many and various are the theories and statements, that there is need for some one to define his position plainly and definitely, thus setting forth a statement which may possibly be a foundation for a union from which all may work. I hope there may be a wide distribution of this tract. I will make a large deduction for quantities. 3 for 10 cents.



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