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BEYOND KNOWLEDGE.

Although, meseems, the world were gone
awry,
As black despair blots out the blue of sky,
Yet do I know—above the swirling storm
The sun smiles down, benign, serene and
warm.

And though the tempest rages 'round about
And fear-infecting demons, dammed by doubt,
Assail the mind on every several side
Yet do I know that Faith will still abide.

And if proud Mind shall totter on its throne,
and Honor, gasping, on the sward lay prone—
Yet do I know, the last shall rise amain,
And Mind, once more, its kingly mien regain.

So if the sun go out and endless night
Ewnrap me in its arms, a hapless wight,
Yet do I know that all is well for aye;
That clay may crumble, but the soul not die.
A. F. GANNON.

BE THYSELF.

Be thyself; a nobler gospel,
Never preached the Nazarene.
Be thyself; 'tis holy scripture
Though no Bible lids between.

Dare to shape the thought in language
That is lying in thy brain,
Dare to launch it banners flying,
On the bosom of the main.

Be no parrot, idly prating
Tho'ts the spirit never knew,
Be a prophet of the God-sent
Telling all thy message true.

If the God within says "Well done,"
What are other gods to thee?
Hell's his frown, but where his smile is,
There is heaven for the free.
—William Denton.

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Is it not odd that men should continue to interpret Love in terms of the atom and the cell, of chemistry and physics, when the whole significance of all the doings of matter and energy come from our human consciousness?

—The House of Sorrow.

DREAMERS.

Let me dream as of old by the river
Where I dreamed my youth away.
For the Dreamer lives forever
While the toiler dies in a day.

No! No! from the street's rude bustle
From the trophies of mart and of stage,
I would flee to the wood's low rustle,
And the meadow's kindly page.
Let me dream as of old by the river
And be loved for the dream away;
For the dreamer lives forever
And the toiler dies in a day.
—John Boyle O'Riley.

"Impossible is the adjective of fools!"
said Napoleon.

"Impossible" has been the cry of practical (?) persons whenever any new thing has been proposed. So will it ever be until it is realized that when once the human mind has conceived a thing then that which is conceived must as surely manifest objectively, as that the water shall still run and sun still shine. For the mind to conceive is for it to create.

Whatever man thinks, exists in the possibilities of mind, as the chick is in the egg. It only waits opportunity. Thinking and reasoning are not synonymous. They are as far apart as cause and effect. Man reasons upon that which has been received by thinking. Truth never comes by reasoning. Truth arises in Perception. Emerson says:—"The Soul is the perceiver and revealer of Truth!" Truth is that which is perceived by intuitive glimpses. Having the picture—the Thought—in his consciousness, one reasons upon its application to life; reasons its place in relation to other perceptions.

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

—*Walt Whitman.*

A photograph taken from the eastward and one taken from the west will show no relation to each other. But continue the picture round the horizon and we see that the landscape is a harmonious whole. So is it with Truth. It is Truth no matter by whom, or where, or how perceived.

Each Thinker has his glimpse, and is apt to think he has the whole. Time and a multitude of thinkers show that however diverse two persons may be, all is seen harmonious when the missing links are supplied.

Thinkers are rare. Reasoners, appliers of perceived truth are plentiful. Philosophers are not necessarily perceivers. They do not find truth. They reason upon the glimpses of truth already perceived. They reason upon truth made manifest in phenomena.

The seer is the benefactor. The seer gives the world new glimpses of the Infinite Existence. He perceives more of existence and this perception we label —Truth.

Out of truth perceived men by reason build philosophies, mechanical inventions, literature and civilizations.

This application is reasoning from truth perceived and results in concepts. Reasoning is "conceptual thought." Is thought about things and thus is limited. The Thinker uses "Constructive Thought." Knows that he has power out of Infinity as a Thinker, to precipitate from the Infinite Solution some newly perceived possibility.

Constructive thought bears the same relation to creation that a precipitant bears when poured into a chemical solution. The crystals were there all the time but a new condition must be made for them to appear.

Every human creation has been in the Solution of Divine Mind from all eternity, waiting for the mental precipitant. When the right Thinker came it made appearance. Once an idea reaches a mind strong enough to create an Ideal

that Idea has ingrained itself in the human consciousness and will find a way or make one. Note the persistency with which inventors, reformers, musicians, and poets have clung to the Ideals until they were realized.

The old Greeks dreamed of flying. Through the centuries that dream has persisted. During the later years it had strong control. Finally through Prof. Langley it found triumphant expression, though he died of a broken heart in the sight of the Promised Land. The Wright brothers applied his principle successfully. The Idea is infinite. It is a ray from Infinity with Omnipotence behind it. It must necessarily appear as did the material universe. Man created the flying machine mentally. All mental pictures must take material shape.

These inventions, statues, civilizations, literature were once dreams.

In the actual realities in the world of civilization the "Dreamer lives forever!" The toiler who was too practical to feed the dreamer, the man of common-sense who let him starve, died in the day they were forced to see that every human dream is a reality in the One Mind, that it is all and creates things through the human brain it has developed for itself. Thought will create still more wonderful things out of Mind as fast as brains develop to sense, translate and bring into expression the impact of Divine Ideas.

"Peace on earth among men of goodwill!" was a dream two thousand years ago. It is still a dream. But above the clouds of war that promise floats, but it will yet be realized, as all dreams have, through human sorrow, pain and labor. The world is in travail. Peace Ideals are gestating. Peace will be born at the right time. "There shall be wars and rumors of war but the end is not yet!" Peace the dream can be realized only when good-will prevails. As soon as it does prevail Peace is, for it always is

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

—*Edith M. Thomas.*

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where good-will prevails. 'Tis curious to see the advocates of peace contending with the advocates of preparedness. Every thought of opposition to army or navy, every unkind word for soldier or legislator, neutralizes the good they otherwise might do. "O, my brothers, God IS!" With that fact will you not be contented and LET humanity work out its own salvation? There is but one possible thing any one can do towards peace and that is,—to make for himself an Ideal condition of peace and live from it, teach from it, help others to build the same. When one has done this, he has done his all. It is one of the paradoxes of truth that I can hold the Idea of Peace when I am in the midst of carnage. I can be a soldier of Peace while yet I am carrying musket and directing the cannon.

The Ideal grows from the soil of the actual. It finds its nourishment in the things that are. The Idealist lives in Truth mentally only. He must take his part in the actual and use the present to build his ideal. Act in the present and think for the future. Peace is an actuality in some coming year. Make it so now within the Self and it will find its way into an expression that brings more calmness into present strife. No Almighty Power will say "Be still!" for a world that still needs the travail of suffering. Till men are ready for peace it will not come. Once they are ready it is here without notice. "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation." We have learned this lesson through applying the Principles of Mind to health. To think of present conditions, to contend against them, prevents new conditions from coming.

We forget the old, that new may come. Thinking the new we live under the same conditions, but in reality we live in a mental world free from pain. We have made no change in the external life. Have not antagonized the conduct of any person. Have not been noisy

about the unlivable about us. We have simply minded our own business and let life have its way with us. We have accepted conditions and used them. Have realized that "a Will higher than our own has regulated events." We have but to fit into conditions made for us.

All antagonism toward present condition makes it all the harder to bear. The only mental condition for health, happiness, peace and prosperity is beautifully stated by Whittier:—

I have no answer for myself or thee
Save that I learned beside my mother's knee:
All is of God that is or is to be!
And God is good! Let that suffice us still,
Resting in child-like trust upon His will
Who moves to his great ends unthwarted by
the ill.

Efforts made to change conditions hurt us. Change our own mental attitude and all is changed.

All argument, all antagonism toward the will of the majority in its demands for any condition harms the person who antagonizes. Proclaim in love the Ideal of peace. Sow it in the midst of battle. Sow it on the bloody fields. See it growing now! In this way there will be ultimately a falling off of armaments and their need as the need of dungeon, rack and fire have fallen off our penal code. New Thought has its place only in building the Ideal of Peace. It lies not in refusing to act in the needs of the present hour. The great majority are not yet ready for peace. Good-will does not prevail. We will help it by affirming it each for himself alone. Thus minding his own business. When all shall so mind, Peace will abound on earth.

The toilers who simply wove the wool; who made the cross; who built the tomb, are all forgotten. They died in the day they lived for the material. But the dreamers who heard the song of peace; who heard "the Sermon" and accepted it; who wept at the cross; who talked with and accepted the resurrected—these live forever!

Trust thyself! Every heart Vibrates to that iron string.

—Emerson.

AFFIRMATIONS.

God in me is Infinite Possibility.
All he is in the Absolute, I am in possibility.

He is Wisdom. I may be wise.

He is Truth. I may be intelligent.

He is Goodness. I may be good.

He is Love. I may be the lover of all mankind.

He is Beauty. I may be beautiful in every expression.

He is Omnipotent. I may be Power to do and to be.

In this consciousness of the Real I trust and act.

In this consciousness of the Real as Wisdom I trust my intuition.

In this consciousness of the Real as Love I know my whole expression is kindly.

In this consciousness of the Real as Power, I fear no evil.

I am sub-consciously the Real Wisdom, Love and Truth and in this consciousness I AM PEACE.

I AM!

Oh, Fate! Why comest thou now to me returned from wandering lands? In the mystic realms of thought we ran a race; I reached the goal and left thee far behind. I had forgotten thy name, wreathed with pain and hate and gain, yet I fear thee not. I am myself, and whilst thou torturedst me with fear, and tears of sorrow darken many a day, yet now 'tis passed—thy mission now must fade away. And Destiny! What art thou now to me? I have traveled far, I have traveled wide. Thou too hast lost the power; thou canst not harm a Deity, and so I smile. I am content. No power can hinder me. I am God's child, in love's own nest, and God will settle all the rest. I Am! What canst thou do to me?

—Harold F. Palmer, D. D.

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Could I ever know many if any man was less or other than another me?

Could I reach to the farthest life or reach to the nearest if far and near mattered in the least?

Could I ascend to Christ or the masters or descend to the obscure or the slaves if high or low counted in the scale?

Could I know my own face if yours was alien to me, or anything back of either face?

—Horace Trumbell.

"I" OR THE DOLLAR.

Seek first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness. —Jesus.

This kingdom is spiritual. Its righteousness is our rightness.

We are first of all to live as spiritual beings and to think from that consciousness. To control our lives as spiritual beings.

The body is purely animal. It has all the animal functions. It possesses all the animal senses. It responds to all sensations to which the animal responds. But "I," the Soul, is to use the body and all its possibilities and to direct it from the spiritual consciousness. Our desires, aspirations, thoughts and conduct are to be directed from this consciousness as expressed in the affirmation: I AM SPIRIT!

But the civilization of the present arises from the consciousness of the material life.

There is no soul, no recognition of spirit in the business world. Business is conducted entirely from the plane of man as a physical being. Dollars! for what do you want them? The Soul of Man has use for dollars; has use for houses or clothing; has use for those things which men are seeking, only that it may express its possibilities through use of them. Possession, hoarding, is a necessity of the animal-life. The squirrel hoards nuts for the winter; but why should men hoard the dollars in banks? When he comes to himself, he will realize that Jesus spoke for Man the law, when he said: "Take no thought for the morrow, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink or wherewithal shall ye be clothed," etc. From the plane of ordinary thought this is one of the most foolish, one of the most insane, of admonitions. Make this statement to the man of business. He may say: "That is all very good, very beautiful, but how much business would I do if I did not lay in a stock of goods?" Yet here the world's greatest teacher says: "Take no

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

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—*Julia Ward Howe.*

thought for the morrow!" Thought for the morrow fetters the Soul. Makes Man a slave to THINGS. How many men and women in this city are not the slaves to THINGS? Souls are fettered to materiality! Have no thought for the morrow, for **THE POWER THAT I AM WILL TAKE CARE OF TOMORROW.**

Dare we to drop the care for the morrow? Dare we to give up caring for property? Dare we give up our coin for friends? If we are placing any reliance upon the morrow, and what it shall bring, we are not living in consciousness the spiritual life. It is the province of New Thought to bring us into this spiritual consciousness and to make *things* subject to Soul. We have no more to do with tomorrow than we have with last year. Our business is with the present only. Years ahead of us will take care of themselves. **IN PERFECT FAITH CEASE FROM TAKING THOUGHT FOR THE MORROW.** This is the one Law. This is the Law of Supply.

Can we for one moment dream that a child before birth has to ask for supply? Never! There was for it all that was necessary to build its body. There was for it supply to grow from babyhood up to manhood or womanhood. The moment I was born I cried for fresh air. Air was for me. But a large per cent of mothers refuse a full supply of air to their infant. Air and lungs were made to use. Air was made for lungs and lungs for air. But yesterday I saw a baby that could get no air except through a thickness of wool. Ignorance and lack of faith in Nature denies the babe the necessary air.

Just as there is air for the lungs, there is all that we need in other lines waiting here now for us. But ignorance and lack of faith shuts it out. We say, "Man is the crowning glory of evolution!" Yet he lives to devote himself to the mere care of the body! We educate him that

he may go out and make money to use in pampering body, or as a base to make more money. The highest ideal of the average man is that he must make money. Behind our literature of today, from newspaper up to poem and essay, is too often the money thought,—the material thought.

The result of 1900 years of Christianity is that man stands today a slave to matter! A god, and yet a slave! A god, and yet debasing himself for the dollar! "The Son of Man had not where to lay his head!" The Son of Man today has the whole universe. Does not need to own a *place*. He owns all.

As air and sunlight are all about us ready for use, so is all that man needs at hand—here now. He who lives true to this Affirmation:—"I AM SPIRIT," will find supply for every need. He must be wise enough to know it and to receive it. He is poor that thinks himself poor; he is rich that thinks himself rich. Some of the richest individuals are in their thought the poorest.

A young man is born into an inheritance and we call him "rich." His money takes flight; how rich was he? Richer by far were he born in a hovel, with ability through labor to earn. He would then have had an opportunity to develop his dormant powers. No man is really rich who cannot get along happily when he is stripped of everything. Reader:—How rich are you? Supposing that you should learn this minute that every friend was alienated from you; all your property gone? Were you stripped of everything you had valued; what would you do? You would see yourself then. Would you be poor or rich? This is the only test. "Though I lay down my body, I take it up again," said Jesus, virtually saying, "You could not hurt me if you killed me." Jesus owned nothing; yet he was the richest man the world has ever known. Riches do not consist in the possession of things. The richest man may lose everything. Riches is not

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

— *Whittier.*

in possession, but in Being. You cannot pauperize the man who know he is power to control *things*. Had you been Robinson Crusoe what would you have done?

To be rich we must feel rich. We must feel independent of persons and things. If we think we cannot get along without something, we should start at once to get along without it. If we are afraid of poverty, we are to imagine ourselves to have given away all we had and see if we "have treasure in heaven!" Slaves of the dollar should cast aside slavery and prove that they are the master of the dollar. Only time when the dollar has any real value is when we can get along without it. Whoever feels thus can have millions, and yet be FREE. But the man who thinks he cannot get along without the dollar is a slave to the dollar. Is it *things*, or is it "I" that am master?

OUR COUNTRY.

"O Beautiful, my Country!"
Be thine a nobler care
Than all thy wealth of commerce,
Thy harvests waving far:
Be it thy pride to lift up
The manhood of the poor;
Be thou to the oppressed
Fair Freedom's open door!

For thee our fathers suffered,
For thee they toiled and prayed;
Upon thy holy altar
Their willing lives they laid.
Thou hast no common birthright,
Grand memories on thee shine;
The blood of pilgrim nations
Commingled flows in thine.

O Beautiful, our Country!
Round thee in love we draw;
Thine is the grace of Freedom,
The majesty of Law.
Be Righteousness thy sceptre,
Justice thy diadem;
And on thy shining forehead
Be Peace the crowning gem!
—*Frederick L. Hosmer.*

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Every individual is God's under study and he never repeats himself.—*Edwin D. Starbuck, Ph. D.*

A FRIEND'S GREETING.

I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have
been to me,
I'd like to be the help that you've been al-
ways glad to be,
I'd like to mean as much to you each minute
of the day
As you have meant, old friend of mine, to
me along the way.

I'd like to do the big things and the splendid
things for you,
To brush the gray from out your skies and
leave them only blue;
I'd like to say the kindly things that I so oft
have heard
And feel that I could rouse your soul the way
that mine you've stirred.

I'd like to give you back the joy that you have
given me,
Yet that were wishing you a need I hope will
never be;
I'd like to make you feel as rich as I, who
travel on
Undaunted in the darkest hours with you to
lean upon.

I'm wishing at this New Year time that I
could but repay
A portion of the gladness that you've strewn
along my way.
And could I have one wish this year, this only
would it be:
I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have
been to me. —*Detroit Free Press.*

FINANCIAL HEALTH.

(Lesson No. 2)

CLOTHED WITH OPULENCE.

I have never seen a man as rich as all men
ought to be. —*Emerson.*

Vibration is a Law of Life. Vibration
is the method or way by which Invisible
Spirit makes Itself visible. Vibration is
the Principle or Law by which the im-
material clothes itself with the material.
Forms of whatever kind or nature take
their shape according to the rate of
speed of the Invisible Vibratory Prin-
ciple.

This is the secret by which the MIND
takes on the purple and fine linen of
prosperity, or covers itself with the pale-
hued garments of poverty.

The Spirit of Opulence manifests itself
in the Vibrations of Prosperity. Let the

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

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—Emerson.

Mind be filled with the Opulent Spirit and it will vibrate to the joyous tune of plenty and prosperity, and the outward form or material environment must conform to this Vibration.

This is the vibration of plenty. "Power to him who power exerts," says Emerson, the seer poetic, meaning,—he who would manifest outward power must first exert inward power. In the same way, I say, plenty to him who plenty exerts, meaning,—he who would have outward plenty must first put forth inward plenty. "For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance; but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath."

Get you up into the Mount of Opulence, and let your Mind clothe itself with the purple and gold of royal prosperity! BE one who HATH! BE one who exerts POWER! BE one who puts forth PLENTY!

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin. And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

The lilies of the field are clothed according to the Law of Vibration. They do not toil or spin, that is, they do not labor, fret or worry in order to achieve their glorious forms, and yet, see the wonderful beauty and harmony expressed in them.

VIBRATION! You are conforming to this Law *now* unconsciously. Become conscious of this Great Principle and conform intelligently to its action or movement to your own advantage.

Who hath a "Talent of silver" wrapped up and hidden away; it shall melt and vanish into nothingness! Get your golden talents, your silver talents out into the freedom of circulation, where they may have room to increase, where they may grow and bud, blossom and bear fruit, under the vivifying rays of the Sun of Prosperity.

The Inexhaustible Bank of God contains enough for all and more! In the Great Storehouse of Infinite Abundance, whatever can be desired of Life and Love, Health and Wisdom, Happiness and Joy-Eternal exists for ME (and if for me, then for YOU, since in the sight of the Invisible Banker the account stands to the credit of all for each and each for all), and that which remains for me to do is to draw out from my Infinite Balance into visibility that which my soul desires. And I make my demand under the Law of Vibration; as I *think*, so my supply is to me.

Remember, TO HIM THAT HATH, is the Law.

I have plenty of all good and desirable things in my Mind. All things have their existence in the Mind *first*. Mind is the formulator, the Crucible of Creation; Mental Opulence crystallizes into material plenty.

The receiving of dollars is a mental action first; the physical receiving is only the result.

The spending of dollars is a mental action first; the physical spending is only the result.

The physical action amounts to very little when compared to the Mental Action, which is of paramount importance. You may receive from poverty or you may receive from plenty. You may spend out of the purse of penury or you may scatter gold along the way from the opulent purse of a Croesus.

Outwardly you may be receiving a dollar from a bank account of a million, and yet it may be under a most impoverished state of mind that you receive it. You you spend a dollar from a bank account of many thousands of material wealth, and yet the state of mind out of which you send forth the money may be that of a begrudging miser. In either case, the dollar will prove of no REAL blessing to the recipient or the spender. Remember, it is the MIND that spends, and it is the MIND that receives. An opulent mind receives and spends from

I thank whatever gods may be For my unconquerable Soul.

—W.C. Henley.

opulence! The spirit of opulence holds sway over the purse, and that purse is a mental purse. The material receptacle is merely a form, a channel. The Mental is the REAL! Unloose the mental purse strings! By keeping them tight, you close not only against the "spending" but, at the same time, you shut out the dollars which would otherwise come in.

The inward or inner side of supply is the "Treasure in Heaven" which no one can steal away, nor any rust corrupt. The opulent mind knows that it has great treasure in heaven. You did not know you had a Mental Purse? Well, you have, and it stands back of your material money-bag. The tighter you close this Mental Pocketbook the harder your material dollars struggle to get away, and the farther they fly when they do get away. Let them go! There are plenty more.

The Prodigal Son thought he had spent all of his inheritance, but he had not! For after he had gotten rid of what had been "set off" to him, just see what came to him! All that his Father had was his, the fatted calf was killed that he might feast, and much love and blessing was showered upon him.

Cultivate the "Spirit" of the Prodigal, but do not emulate his taste for "wasting his substance in riotous living." The Prodigal Spirit is the Spirit of Opulence—cultivate this spirit, dropping all fear of poverty, without abusing the gift of "common-sense," and you will BE more! DO more! And HAVE more!

The writer has tested this Law of Opulence over and over again. Under the recognition of the Law and its sure operation, he has tried, actually tried, to keep money out of his pocket; he would empty it and spend the "last cent" fearlessly out of a certain consciousness that more would unfailingly come, and more did come almost immediately. Nature never "abhorred a vacuum" more than she did that empty purse. She was under compulsion to fill it because the writ-

er was co-operating with the Law of Opulence, and, in strict obedience to the Law, the stream of monetary supply found its way to the empty pocket, through the most natural channels. It is a wonderful thing. Get into the swing of the Mighty Vibrations of Spiritual Plenty and know for yourself.

WILLIAM MORRIS NICHOLS.

THE IDEA BEHIND THE MAN.

In Emerson's address on "War," delivered in 1838, I find that he thus early in his career saw Truth much more clearly than many New Thought teachers see it today. Here is a remarkable passage in which is stated the Principle of Mental Science and upon which all cults of Metaphysical Healing are based:—

It is a lesson which all history teaches me, to put trust in ideas, and not in circumstances. We have all grown up in the sight of frigates and navy-yards, of armed forts and islands, of arsenals and militia. . . . This martial music, this endless playing of marches and singing of military and naval songs seems to us to constitute an imposing actual, which will not yield in centuries to the feeble depreciatory voices of a handful of friends of peace. Thus are we always daunted by the appearance; not seeing that their whole value lies at the bottom in the state of mind. It is really thought that builds this portentous war-establishment and a thought shall melt it away. Every nation and every man instantly surround themselves with a material apparatus which exactly corresponds to their moral state, or their state of thought. Observe how every error, each a *thought* of some man's mind, clothes itself with societies, houses, cities, language, ceremonies, and newspapers . . . how timber, brick, lime and stone have flown into convenient shape obedient to the master-idea reigning in the mind of many persons. . . . We surround ourselves always, according to our freedom and ability, with true images of ourselves in things, be it ships or books or cannons or churches. . . . They serve to show where man is now. The least change in man will change his circumstances.

He states this same Principle many times in other addresses. His whole philosophy is a statement of the Principles which many have later accepted to formulate in some system of metaphysics. But that which is infinite cannot be

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

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—George Eliot.

prisoned in a system. He never attempted anything but statements of Principles. As naturally as Life elsewhere makes for itself organisms, so in Emerson we find the Organism of Truth without any organization. No system but nature.

In "The Scholar," given early after the Civil War before the senior class of the University of Virginia, he said:—

As the solidest rocks are made up of invisible gases, as the whole world is made of thickened light and arrested electricity, so men know that ideas are the parents of men and things; there was never anything that did not proceed from thought.

And what is Thought?

Many think that language and thought are identical. But language is artificial. Man-made. Thought is Universal. Thought is as unmakeable as is light or tone. We do not think in language. Mivart says:—"Language is dependent upon thought and not thought upon language."

Thought is Power. Language is a vehicle which power uses, even as it uses the engine. Behind language is Thought. Now what is Thought? Thought is Power! But what Power and where does it originate?

Thought is as much a form of Universal Power as is electricity, magnetism, steam or radium. Thought is one of the million forms of Universal radiation. Thought is a vibration, as the echo is. Thought is the reaction of the individual consciousness upon the Universal consciousness.

We are ever to think of the Universe as a Unit and as it being at all times present with all its power in all parts of its infinity. Whatever its manner or manners of manifestation, each and all are in every smallest portion of infinite space. These ways of manifestation are known as "Modes of Motion." They are each known to consciousness as forms of Vibration. They differ from each other only in the rates in which the waves of motion pass through space. No matter what the manifestation, ap-

pearance if you wish that word, it is only a form of motion "arrested" by some other form; as Emerson calls earth "arrested electricity." The solid rock is as permeable to motion as the finest gas, and each may be resolved, when man knows how, back to the One Original condition where there is homeogeneity, no motion, which, being nothing, is unthinkable as a reality, but which is logically a possibility. But still all the inventions of man consist in the transforming of one Mode of Motion into another. Transforming the Universal Force about him into a useful servant. Gravity, which is the nearest to the Universal Motion we can get, if it is not as I claim, the Original, is harnessed and made to do the work of lighting, working and transportation in its transformed action as electricity.

But what is back of Motion? Romanes says—"No Motion without Mind! Our knowledge of motion and of matter is merely a knowledge of the modifications of Mind." In his "Mental Evolution" he asserts—"Mind is the absolute fact. Our own living nature is identical in kind with the nature of all other life. Intellect is evolved from sense."

The human individual like all other individualities is an expression of Mind: an arrest of Mind into an organism. Just as the Human may arrest the sunlight and organize a photograph. For "the Son" can do only what the Father is at all times doing. That is—Man must act under Universal Law.

All human conduct is reflex action. The primary impetus comes from the Universal, and in the physical manifestations we call it Life. There is only that reflex action which the Vibrations of Life can show.

The scale of Motions being infinite and each rising in pitch, each new pitch causes a new series of reflex actions. From sea-weed to rose, we have a series which some time the intellect will analyze as it has light and sound. From polyp to the St. Bernard dog is another

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

—*Archie L. Black*

series. From cave-man to Emerson is another. The first two series are limited, the last is a series of infinite gradation beyond the present attainment. Why? Because the ladder of Vibration up which man is climbing is infinite, and he must keep on rising in pitch through infinity.

Now again what is Thought? Answer:—A Mode of Motion. It is the reflex action of human consciousness to Ideas. As lily responds to light in beauty and fragrance, so the Human consciousness responds in thought to that Mode of Motion which we term Ideas.

Ideas are eternal in the Universal Mind. All possible things are held in solution in the Divine Mind as Ideas just as salt is held in water. This solution under right conditions is transformed into an Ideal—a mental picture. We think in pictures. Language is an attempt to translate these pictures into form. Art, mechanics, invention, poetry and all literature are but attempts to embody through human Ideals the Divine Ideas which are eternal Modes of Motion in space. I think this is what Emerson perceived when he said in "Over Soul": As with events so with thoughts. When I watch that flowing river, which out of regions I see not, pours for a season its streams into me, I see that I am a pensioner; not a cause but a surprised spectator of this ethereal water; that I desire and look up and put myself in the attitude of reception and from some alien energy the vision comes.

We lie in the lap of immense intelligence, which makes us receivers of its truth and organs of its activity. When we discern justice, when we discern truth, we do nothing of ourselves, but allow a passage to its beams!

His simile of a beam of light passing through a lens is a fine and scientific illustration of the fact. Light is not light until it is transformed by passing through the eye to the soul where it creates a reaction we call feeling, or sensing, and we name the sensation, Light. In like manner a vibration impinges upon consciousness and the reaction we name Truth.

And now comes the question—What is

Truth? From this plane of preparation I answer—TRUTH IS MAN'S PERCEPTION OF INFINITY. Is not Truth infinite? Only in possibility. Infinity is. Man names his various perceptions of it under various names. When Ideas "out of that flowing river" impinge upon him he calls it—Truth. Upon these mental pictures so produced he reasons and through reasoning he develops a human expression of Truth which we name Intellect. But the perception—the reaction to ideas we know as Intuition.

It is in developing this idea that Bergson has done so much to clear modern philosophy of many errors.

He expresses the same thought which I quote from Emerson in his chapter on "The Method of Philosophy" when he says:—

To act and to know that we are acting, to come in touch with reality and to even live it, but only in the measure in which it concerns the work that is being accomplished, such is the function of human intelligence. Yet a beneficent fluid bathes us, whence we draw the very force to labor and to live. From this ocean of life, in which we are immersed, we are continually drawing something, and we feel that our being, or at least the intellect that guides it has been formed therein by a kind of local concentration. Philosophy can only be an effort to dissolve it again into the Whole. Intelligence, reabsorbed into its principle, may thus live back again its own genesis. But the enterprise cannot be achieved at one stroke; it is necessarily collective and progressive. It consists in an interchange of impressions which correcting and adding to each other, will end by expanding the humanity in us and making us even transcend it.

"Ideas rule the world!" But only as the law of gravity rules it. Only as Infinity rules all events. "A higher will than my own regulates events!" again says Emerson. That Will we know as LAW! Ideas are the expressions of Law. Ideas transformed by human consciousness become, under the Law, Ideals. Ideals rule individuals. I am that in expression which I am in the Ideal. Ideals are transformed into Thought. Thus I am that which I think, Thoughts find

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

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—Irving Rachelor.

expression some objective channel. If a man thinks in colors and form he will express on canvas. If he thinks in rhythm, it will find expression in music or poetry. If he thinks in practical form, he will express in architecture or invention. If he thinks in numbers, he will express in chemistry or mathematics. So through every possible form of human expression. Ideals are the Man. What the man is in the Mind Reality, in Ideal will find expression in the actual. Behind the man is first his Thought—his mental pictures. Behind these ideals is the world of Ideas, and behind Ideas is God—Immensity.

The lesson which is of most importance is—What shall be my Ideals? What Ideas shall I invite? I am the recipient. I look up; desire and receive!

Here we have the Law of the highest possible life expression of ourselves as spirit. Awaken a desire for some expression. Hold that desire. Look for it. Expect it. And by the Law you compel it to become.

“The oracle comes because we had previously laid siege to the shrine.”

Practically we must learn and use this same law.

For health besiege the shrine with desire, expectancy and receptivity.

For happiness build the ideal and besiege the shrine with it till it comes.

For prosperity build the ideal of financial ease and hold it in this same expectancy and be ready to receive. These come not all at once but as a matter of constant growth.

Learn to concentrate upon less and intensify your desire, and, in perfect trust, expect it to come, and in that expectancy know that the moment the Ideal is made, and held persistently, it already is waiting for me to express it. I am Prosperity the moment I really think it.

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Sometimes I think friendliness is the only achievement of life worth while.

—David Grayson.

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

—Ingersoll.

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—Browning.

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NOW has received the Program of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas District Congress of the I. N. T. A. held at St. Louis May 21 to 28. Miss Harriet C. Hulick, District Vice President. The program shows a fine array of talent. Miss Hulick reports a fine attendance. "The Congress was in every way a success."

Granville Lowther, Vice President for Washington, Idaho and Montana, reports thus of the District Meeting held at Bryn Maur, Wash., June 27 to 30--

"It was a good meeting and the Bryn Maur people treated us royally, giving their hall for all sessions without charge and entertaining us hospitably." The following were elected delegates to the Chicago Congress: Mrs. B. Von Higgins of Seattle, Mrs. Melvina Hanson of Bryn Maur, and Granville Lowther of North Yakima. The Vice President was empowered to select delegates for Idaho and Montana.

INTERNATIONAL NEW THOUGHT ALLIANCE.

Be an opener of doors to those that come after you. Don't try to make the Universe a blind alley.—*Emerson.*

A correspondent asked the Kansas City *Unity* people—"New Thought people are dropping back into the old drugging system. What do you say about that?" and *Unity* answers:—

As we are not identified with the New Thought cult we cannot say what they teach. A cursory reading of their literature leaves the impression of a futurist picture—give your imagination free rein and use plenty of red paint. There was a time in the history of what is called New Thought when it had a standard of principles universally accepted by its teachers. These principles were the expression of minds that had been illuminated by the inspiration of the untrammelled *I Am*. But there was neither head nor organization to New Thought, and of late years—it has become a

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

—Whittier.

Babylon of voices crying in the wilderness. The name has been adopted by every kind of new doctrine and has almost wholly lost the spiritual significance with which its early students regarded it. So do not take for granted that the name "New Thought" represents any definite spiritual doctrine.

The movement which, through public use, has become known as New Thought, like all other new and progressive movements, cannot be defined. When it takes a definite shape in an organism or an organization it may define itself. Any definition is a limitation. All limitations are death to progress, death to growth.

Unity belongs to New Thought if it chooses to call itself so. The serious defect in the above answer lies in the use of the word *the*. There is no authoritative cult to which "The" can rightly be attached.

Toward the present metaphysical awakening, no one publication and no one center has done more than *Unity*. I feel sad, to see that this influential periodical and the Society behind it holds itself aloof now that the time has come for a concerted movement toward the application of Truth to practical life in increasing the sum total of Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

We had a Congress in San Francisco last September composed of a large number of teachers and thinkers of reputation, position and power, in that movement which has taken on the name New Thought. It was a cause of sadness on the part of NOW that *Unity* and *Divine Science* teachers held aloof from that Congress. Had they been present they might have helped to give character and definiteness to the Movement.

The STATEMENT which that Congress put forth seems, to NOW, to be explicit and definite and to emphasize the point where this, the Greatest of all Reformatory Movements, differs from all that have preceded it.

All others are based upon limitations. New Thought, it seems to NOW, is

based upon the infinite possibilities of the Human Soul, which knows no limitation. The Statement of the Congress is so worded that no limit can be placed upon those possibilities. Each individual is limited only by his ignorance of himself as a child of God, and by his weakness of Will, to live up to his knowledge.

It is true that the name has been adopted by many teachers of new doctrines. This has inevitably been true of every new movement and will be so of New Thought until it shall crystallize into either a living organic whole, or fossilize into an established system like orthodox Christianity and Christian Science. The New Thought Alliance is a worthy effort to unite believers in Universal Principle upon a common statement and in common work for Truth. Would all who really believe in the "inspiration of the untrammelled I AM" unite, there would be an elimination of this Babylon, and in closed ranks, under one banner, there could be a reformation of Civilization.

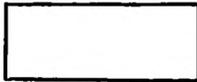
NOW has no fears for Truth. Despite all limitations of individuals, associations and societies, Truth as seen by those who have during the last 25 years made New Thought an influence, will still go marching on. Truth is mighty and *docs* prevail. NOW would like to see the Alliance so put itself as Truth-bearer before the world as to win the respect of the world. It will do this if New Thought is to stand for the unlimited soul, as enunciated in this Statement of the Congress of September, 1915:—

The purpose of this Alliance shall be to teach the Infinitude of the Supreme One, the Divinity of Man and his Infinite Possibilities, through the creative power of Constructive Thinking and in obedience to the edicts of the Indwelling Presence which is our source of Inspiration, Power, Health and Prosperity.

Will the Chicago Congress stand by this? Will it emphasize it and demand it of Alliance teachers?

N. B.

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