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## HAIL TO THE CHRIST!

CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER



ALL HAIL THE CHRIST OF GOD! We all rejoice and are glad that we have discerned the Light of Truth—the Christ, the birth or awakening of which we celebrate this joyous Christmas season more than ever before. Its light shines the clearer, its love is revealed more plainly, its power is felt more keenly—for now the darkness of ignorance and doubt has been dispelled, and the Star of Promise has led us into Realization.

Where Christ is not known there is spiritual darkness. Not that this Christ-Light is absent at any time from any place, but because of man's sense thought his spiritual vision is so beclouded that he does not perceive it. "The light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

When you begin to awake, when you begin to see and know the Truth, the Christ is being born in you. This does not imply that the Spirit of God is entering into you, but that you are just now *perceiving* the realities of Life, of God, for this Light has ever been within you and about you, only awaiting your recognition and application to enjoy "peace of mind and health of body." John says, "This is the true Light, which lighteth *every* man that cometh into the world."

Call it Intuition, Conscience, Inspiration, the "Still Small Voice,"—*it is the Christ*, whose Light reveals unto you your oneness with God, and freedom therefore from every sense delusion. It ushers you into that realm of joy and peace called *Heaven*, right here and now. It counsels, guides and inspires, strengthens and sustains.

We magnify and glorify the personality of Jesus, for he demonstrated that consciousness you and I may attain—the *divinity of humanity*. As he became conscious of God in him, thus becoming Jesus the Christ, so may we all come into this sweet realization of oneness with the Father. His personality was eliminated from thought



in the consciousness of the Allness of God, and he became our exemplar in unselfish, loving service, the "Prince of Peace."

*I of mine own self can do nothing; the Father within me He doeth the works:* this was the attitude of Jesus—impersonal, selfless, reverent. Paul, catching the same inspiration of Truth, declared, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me." Through God-Wisdom—the Christ—we attain and are enabled to do.

Joyously we turn to this Light within—yes, *within*, for "This is the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest . . . which is, *Christ in you* the hope of glory." It is our only hope, our only salvation. It lightens the load, dispels the darkness, heals our false beliefs, purifies our thoughts, vivifies our souls, energizes our bodies.

All hail this Christmas morn, for unto us is born the Christ-Child at it was manifested two thousand years ago in the child Jesus. All hail to Jesus, the conscious Son of God! All hail to you, the awakening Sons of God!

"Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will toward man."

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#### THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

Christ and Jesus jointly form the perfect man—Christ the ideal, Jesus the manifestation. Jesus was above the average man because of his *fuller realization* of what man is. We have been identified with the Adam man long enough. We have called ourselves "dust," and have had the result. Let us call ourselves Christ, and attain perfection. By seeing our perfection in mind we shall project it into visibility.

This is being about the Father's work. It is not the vanity of the personal man that leads us to look upon our perfection, but the wisdom of the Divine Mind. If we are coarse and crude and homely in appearance it shows that we have been lax in thought. We have not discerned and beheld the Lord's body. Man is just now coming into the understanding of the laws of mind that shall bring into manifestation the body of Christ. By following Jesus Christ we produce the perfect character, and out of the perfect character shall come the perfect body.

So we celebrate the *good* in ourselves and in all men. Spiritual understanding leads us to look back of the appearance and see the "image and likeness" in all men. The bringing forth of the Christ-child is not a work that was finished in Bethlehem; it is taking place in our midst every day. It is this we celebrate.

When the Christ-Consciousness is born in your soul you will know the meaning of the Christmas Festival.—*Charles Fillmore.*

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"Be ye kind one to another."



## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

MRS. HELEN E. CLOSE.

All hail! All hail! Thou King of Heaven,  
 All hail! Thou Prince of Peace,  
 All hail! to Mary's Sinless Son,  
 Low born with bird and beast.

Though centuries have rolled between  
 Since that glad Christ-Mass hymn,  
 Yet we with loud notes swell again  
 The Anthem sung on Shepherd's plain  
 As if 'twere but this very morn.

Glad notes we raise, glad hymns of praise  
 Forever ring to end of days!  
 Shepherds mild brought sweet flowers wild  
 To set before the dear Christ-Child.  
 The WISE ONES, led by sacred Light,  
 Brought costly gifts with jewels bright;  
 And all with one accord bowed down,  
 The Royal Child their King to crown.

'Tis meet to bring rich gifts to him—  
 The Christ-Child dear, our Lord and King.  
 What may it be, what can I bring,  
 Most pleasing to my Lord and King?

'Tis nothing new these gifts to make,  
 Tokens of love that naught can break.  
 The custom's old, as oldest race  
 'Tis heritage of our sure Grace,  
 Since God Himself gave unto Man  
 All of Himself—His first great plan.

Ah! well do Herald Angels sing,  
 Peace on the earth, Good-will to bring,  
 Peace on the earth, Good-will to Man,  
 Peace on the earth, God's glorious plan.  
 We love to sing, we love to bring  
 Rich gifts unto our Lord and King.

In olden time, the race still young,  
 Unfolding Man had not yet sung;  
 The mighty wealth within him sprung  
 From largeness of a Father's Love.  
 To his false and ignorant sense,  
 Man thought to find in bird or beast,  
 Or deeds of valor great and kind,  
 Off'rings to pacify or bind  
 The great Good-will to mortal mind;  
 In deeds of labor, win God's love—  
 By blood of beasts His wrath he'd stay;  
 In paying tythes to God he'd prove  
 His true affection day by day.

Then came illumined prophets old,  
 "Our God cannot be bought nor sold;  
 He's not the barter of man's gold;  
 Your blood of beasts is vain to me:



I loathe these gifts of vanity.  
 Bring me no more the turtle dove—  
 No other offering than love.”  
 So man goes on in folly spent,  
 Till God in love, His own Son sent;  
 And now we sing this glorious lay  
 That ushers in this bright New Day.

“Peace on earth, do the Angels sing,  
 Peace on the earth, Good-will to bring,  
 We love to sing, we love to bring  
 Rich gifts unto our Lord and King.  
 ’Tis meet man bring rich gifts to him,  
 The Christ-Child dear, our Lord and King.  
 What may it be, what can I bring  
 Most pleasing to my Lord and King?

What can I give, since all I see  
 Is Heaven’s own precious gift to me?  
 But whilst I ponder what’s my part,  
 A sweet voice whispers, “GIVE THY HEART.”  
 “Give ME thy heart this Natal Day;  
 Give me thy heart now and for aye.  
 ’Tis more to me than flowers of field,  
 ’Tis more to me than hills can yield;  
 I’ve given to thee myself entire—  
 What more of me canst thou require?  
 I want no solemn fasts to prove  
 Your perfect and undying love;  
 I only ask you’ll give me room  
 In your heart NOW! ’tis not too soon.  
 I ask no more than I have given:  
 All of thyself, thy gift of heaven;  
 All of thyself this Natal Day,  
 Give me thy heart in joyful lay.”

All of myself, my heart I give,  
 That Christ in me shall ever live.  
 All of myself, since ALL he gave  
 That man may find The Path which saves.  
 All of my heart I give him place  
 This glorious morn for all the race!  
 Again the Angel Seraphs sing,  
 “A song of Joy to earth we bring.”  
 And all the courts of Heaven do ring  
 Since my poor heart has found its King.

In Bethlehem, city of bread,  
 This very morn is born indeed  
 The Christ-Child dear, so long foretold.  
 We’ve seen the Star, we’ve come to bring  
 Rich gifts unto our Lord and King.  
 No wanderings now, with burdens bent,  
 No thirsting now, nor hung’ring sent;  
 We see, we know the Christ is born,  
 No longer is the heart forlorn.  
 Within my heart HE findeth room,  
 Dispelling now all night and gloom,  
 And now the Angels chant again,  
 And all creation sings, “AMEN!”



## THE CHRIST ATTITUDE ON GIVING

MAUD FLETCHER GALIGHER.



WE ARE TOLD to "Sow good services;" that "sweet remembrances grow from them." How true it is that unselfish serving, giving, is more lovingly appreciated and more frequently brought to mind than anything else that could possibly be done or given.

Is it not the unusual mark of the Impersonal Giver that has inspired the reverence of him to whom we do honor on this Great Gift Day? But do we honor him? Do we give as he gave?

We hear a great deal about "Giving in the name (or nature) of Christ," but how very seldom we see a service rendered or a gift bestowed that does not speak strongly of the personality of the doer or giver! Is this not, in a measure, the reason the recipient of favors so often forgets?

The attitude of the one who confers aid or kindness is equally responsible with the attitude of the one who accepts such compliment, for the mutual benefit of such exchange of thought-fullness. There is such a thing as reciprocal kindness, widened by grace and good will, that is sanctified by the Christ Spirit wherein we give and receive in Perfect Joy. Such impersonal giving is held in true remembrance always.

People are always crying lack of proper acknowledgment for services given. *They do not give!* Again they cry lack of compensation for services rendered. *They do not serve!*

If Jesus Christ taught anything, it was that the enlightened ones were to give as God gives—*without measure*. He taught that only the world *measures* anything to anybody. Mental reserve is as much to be despised as material reserve. We are not free enough with God, with ourselves, with our brother.

"One man, when he has done a service to another, is ready to set it down to his account as a favor conferred. Another is not ready to do this, but still in his own mind he thinks of the man as his debtor, and he knows what he has done. A third, in a manner, does not even know what he has done, but is like a vine which has produced grapes, and seeks nothing more after it has produced its proper fruit."

Do not we limit ourselves in receiving by the manner in which we serve? Are we not forgotten because we ourselves forget? We are privileged to Perfect Freedom. We must give without thought of the returning; we must return without thought of the giving.

"What more dost thou want when thou hast done a man a service? Art thou not content that thou hast done something comfortable to thy nature, and dost thou seek to be paid for it, just as if the eye demanded a recompense for seeing, or the feet should demand a recompense for walking?"

To be held in loving remembrance is the truest compensation for



service. This is the compensation the world is giving today to him whom we hold in loving remembrance because of the selfless life and selfless service that he gave so freely and entirely nearly two thousand years ago.

#### KEEPING CHRISTMAS.

It is a good thing to observe Christmas day. The mere marking of times and seasons when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is, *keeping* Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background and your duties in the middle distance and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than health—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago, is the image and brightness of Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why not always?  
But you can never keep it alone.—*Van Dyke.*

“Of cheerfulness, the more it is spent, the more of it remains.”





## The International Bible Lessons

CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER.

Lesson 10, December 7.

THE FALL OF JERICHO.

Joshua 6:8-11, 14-20.

**Golden Text.** Mark 9:23—"All things are possible to him that believeth."

Sense perception limits; spiritual revelation frees. The one pertains to the outer, the other to the inner. When you depend upon the physical senses, without having the quickened spiritual insight by and through which you are enabled to correctly interpret them, you become entangled in the maze of sense conditions.

This accounts for all the sin, sickness, trouble and poverty of the world. They belong to the realm of the mentality, the personal thought realm which knows not the truth underlying all expression.

Even many who are called religious, those who are trying to live righteously, are often confused by the seeming reality of that which has no substance or power—no reality, being deceived by appearances, the result of wrong thought.

Jericho means "moon city." That is, it is that phase of mentality which is unilluminated by wisdom, and believes in this or that without reason. The moon gives no light of itself—it simply reflects. The true light is the Sun—the Spirit, which shines by its own luminosity. Only through it can Truth be discerned.

Intellectual attainment, unless it has **soul** (spiritual comprehension), is moonlight. All religious intolerance and persecution is this unlightened thought, which is Jericho. It is this beclouded vision which mixes sense and spirit, not discerning clearly the Truth, and which, therefore, relies upon the sense of things rather than upon what they represent. In this attitude false be-

liefs, untrue thoughts, and wrong conclusions become massive walls of limitation about you. You have probably been erecting them all unconsciously in the midst of your Canaan, the promised land (realization) of Perfection. But now you perceive that these intellectual or ignorant fancies, superstitions, mental conceptions, bar your way into realization and possession.

These walls of error must fall! The belief in sin, poverty, weakness, old age, inharmony, and the like, which has shut you in seemingly insurmountable walls, must be wiped out your mentality by the effulgence of the light of Truth before you can realize immortal youth and perfection.

Listen! Spirit regenerates and renews the body through seven great brain centers in the organism: Wisdom, top center of head; Love, the heart center; Life, generative organs; Strength, small of the back; Power, at root of the tongue; Substance, pit of stomach; and Divine Order, naval center. The seven awakened powers of your being (priests), conscious of their authority and executive power (symbolized by the rams' horns), following the ark (covenant of Truth), obey the higher vision in silent meditation and communion (see verse 10), until all sense of fear and doubt are banished from thought, following implicitly the direction of the true Light—Spirit.

Sense belief (Jericho) is slow to receive the effect of such mental treatment, just as some cases of illness seem slow in responding, but



"constant dropping of water will wear away the hardest stone." You encompass these sense beliefs and appearances time and again, day after day, ever affirming the Truth of Being—the One Presence and Power—that only the Good is true—never faltering, never questioning as to how or when, but steadfastly relying upon God, and at the proper time fulfillment is your reward.

This inner mastery attained, you will then demonstrate it outwardly. When you reach the point of victory within, Truth supreme over all, notwithstanding the external appearance of things (the walls were still standing), your prayers will be answered—the walls of sense delusion will crumble and fall, and you will have dominion over every thought and expression through the power of the Lord, the highest.

Lesson 11, December 14.

THE SIN OF ACHAN.

Joshua 7:6-15.

**Golden Text.** Num. 32:23—"Be sure your sin will find you out."

This is an illustration of the work of conscience. Let us first look at the lesson as it reads in the letter, then its inner meaning or interpretation.

After Jericho had been captured, the city and all it contained should have been "devoted"—that is, held as sacred unto God who made Israel victorious over it. In destroying portions of it, it was to be done in the same attitude for Good.

The instruction given by Joshua (spiritual realization, hence "savior") was that all things which could be made use of, such as gold, silver, vessels of brass and iron, were to be turned into the treasury of the Lord, and that no person was to take anything for himself. (Josh. 6:18.) This was a caution, an injunction against covetousness.

Achan represented that personal attitude which thinks of self, and complains about hardship, etc. It was representative of the sense attitude of not only one man, but of most of the Israelites. The meaning of the name Achan is "he that troubleth."

The thought, the desire, precedes the action. Selfishness prompted Achan to steal; he coveted some of the spoils, took them and hid them. As a consequence of this mental conflict in the people blinding their spiritual perceptions, the Israelites were defeated at Ai. Mental confusion can never triumph; it is cowardly and flees at the first alarm. Only thirty-six of their men were

slain, but the three thousand soldiers fled before the men of Ai.

This lack of steadfastness to the higher vision of Truth so affected Joshua that he "rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face." Herein was he weak, for he was influenced by the popular clamor and complained unto God that they had been delivered "into the hands of the Amorites" (sensuality).

But the word of Truth is stronger than any sense seeming. It came to Joshua as an impelling force—"Get thee up!" What are you groveling about? It is the time for you to be strong and act. Clean out the sense conditions among the people, for through such mental attitude have they sinned. Now is the time when you should be the strongest—"Get ye up." The falling-short is in the thought of the people, not in God; there must the transformation be wrought.

Joshua had the people pass before him, tribe by tribe, and then the families of the tribe of Judah (praise), choosing the family of Zerah (brightness), in which was the household of Carmi (laborer, vine dresser), of which Achan was the chief. And Achan confessed. These meanings indicate the descent in attitude and thought from the higher to the lower, until sense desire predominates, as shown in the act of covetousness in Achan which brings trouble, sorrow and defeat.

Just how Joshua caused Achan to



confess is not told us, but verse 15 clearly indicates that a "guilty conscience is its own accuser." The statement that "he that is taken with the devoted thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath," evidently meant the fire of remorse, the fire of guiltiness, the fire of an accusing conscience, and not a physical penalty, for Achan was not burned alive, but was stoned to death and afterward his body burned.

This sense thought finally destroys and consumes itself. Your wrong thoughts and acts may never

be known to others, but "be sure your sin will find you out." It is ever present with you; you cannot hide from it. The only way out is to face it, acknowledge that you now see a higher and better way and will follow therein, forsaking your former thoughts; then forgive yourself for your short-coming, having learned its lesson. Then the consuming fire of Love will cleanse and purify you so that not a vestige of sense delusion will remain in your mentality, and it will be spiritualized and sanctified unto the Lord.

Lesson 12, December 21.

THE DIVISION OF THE LAND.

Joshua 14:1-14.

**Golden Text.** Matt. 6:33—"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

God our Father hath given us all of His own substance. We are the inheritors, not only of the nature and qualities of God, but of the literal essence or substance of Being. It is man who limits his possessions, because of the thought of personal ownership. Truth reveals the oneness of all substance, and that which we call "ours" is ours to use and enjoy only as the stewards of God.

As there are various phases of expression, as are there various degrees of activity, various departments of Being—the sustenance, life and power of which are drawn directly from the infinite reservoir—Spirit. Thus are the "tribes" of Israel—the different phases of your spiritual being—supplied with all necessary equipment for the successful occupation and enjoyment of Canaan, that idealistic goal we have all been journeying toward—Perfection.

The custom of "dividing by lot" signifies the elimination of personal choice, trusting wholly to the Infinite Wisdom in giving us that which is best suited for our progress in unfoldment in consciousness. Such allotment was not considered by Israel as a matter of "luck," but as a divine appointment.

The highest conception of Truth has no thought of material possessions, the idealistic state of mind which **knows** the constant care and sustenance of God. This is the tribe of Levi, set aside for the priesthood, to whom no allotment was made. They proved the truth of the statement made later by Jesus: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

The attitude of **praise** is the gateway to realization. Appreciation of that which you have opens the door to further supply. This is the **law**. Thus the children of Judah (Praise) drew nigh unto Joshua (the Help of Jehovah), and we now note the result of such support it gives to Caleb (Courage) in coming into his rightful inheritance, which he had himself postponed so long.

Faithfulness to one's highest vision is always rewarded sometime, if that faithfulness is for **principle** and not for personal ends. The one is true, loving service, the other mercenary, selfish. Both attitudes bring results, but they differ in character and quality.

You may get immediate returns for your faithfulness, but if you do not, the fault lies with yourself. Caleb could have claimed that which was rightfully his long, long



before he did, but he was content to wait and let things come about as they would. Still, he at last had to make the claim for himself, or he would have been waiting yet! Most people are hoping and looking for good to come to them in the future instead of taking hold of it today.

No one is too old to claim the inheritance of Perfection. There is no age in Truth; we do the limiting ourselves. Caleb was eighty-five years old when he came to a realization of his possession. He had been faithful for forty-five years to his higher consciousness, which made him "this day as strong as he was the day Moses sent him." But never before did he

have the full consciousness of the completeness of his being.

The one who follows "wholly the Lord" (the higher consciousness) with the consciousness of capability and courage (Caleb), will be blessed of the Lord in strength, wisdom and dominion. "And Joshua blessed him and gave unto Caleb Hebron for an inheritance." You are to transform the remaining "giants" of race-belief in your mentality into true love and friendship (Hebron: Friendship), then will there be conscious oneness, and thus "your land will have rest from war."

How beautifully does the Spirit work in and through you when you "wholly follow the Lord your God."

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**Lesson 13, December 28.**  
**A DAY OF DECISION.**

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**Golden Text.** John 3:16—"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The day of decision is at hand. "What think ye of Christ?" Will you let the Christ so shine in your heart that you will be cleansed from all your sense-beliefs of ignorance, sin, poverty and misery?

Today, let us celebrate the birth of the Son of God—the Christ in us. It was revealed two thousand years ago that God does exist in His expressions. When you learn to see but One Presence—God—in everybody, in everything, you will know what Jesus meant when he declared, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." He who sees the oneness of Life, the oneness of Substance, sees God in the clod, in the flower, in humanity. He who sees aright, when he looks upon anything, sees God.

This discernment is spiritual perception. It is the Light of God, of Truth, and is known to the world as the Christ. Jesus, conscious of God in him, was the expression of the Ideal Man. But the Christ does not relate alone to Jesus. Consciousness of his divinity made him Jesus the Christ. Consciousness of your divinity, you also become the Christ. For Christ is the Light of

God shining in the soul of each one. It may be covered over with false beliefs and mental misconceptions, sense-thoughts, so that it is not recognized and known—but it is there just the same, for it is the "Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

The Christ is the "only begotten son of God"—the same Christ in Jesus being the Christ in you. It is the "power of God unto salvation." Believing in it, co-operating with it, you know with Jesus that **GOD is ALL**, invisible and visible, and your eyes are opened to see life instead of death, harmony instead of discord, peace instead of turmoil, success instead of failure, happiness instead of misery, joy instead of sorrow.

"Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free." This is Salvation. Only through the Light of Truth—Christ—can one know the Truth. Hence Christ is the Savior of the world. Open the windows of your soul (spiritual comprehension), and let in—or, rather, let out the Sunlight of Truth. Let it pervade your whole being: then every darkened condi-

tion called disease will be healed, for the Light reveals only Wholeness and Purity and Goodness; then will you be strengthened and invigorated by the "might of the inner man," the Christ; then will you be a "new creature in Christ Jesus"

—man conscious of God in him; then will you be "saved," being "born again," "born of God"—hence conscious of your oneness with God, and of "everlasting life."

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

## LOVE: THE CHRIST OF GOD

EDWIN G. DEAN.

Before expression came to view,  
Before created things were new,  
Before conception assumed form,  
Before celestial worlds were born,  
There was one Mind—one Power—one Love,  
Boundless as the universe above:

*It was God.*

This conscious Mind *itself* expressed;  
With Power it wrought—with Love caressed—  
And from limitlessness of azure blue  
Suns, constellations, worlds all grew—  
A mission each one has to fill  
Sustained by a Loving Will:

*Which is God.*

As worlds their pathway spun through space,  
Our world was formed, and grew apace,  
Until, unfolding in God's plan,  
It became the dwelling place for Man—  
Of living things the Peerless One,  
Born of tenderness—a Son:

*Image of God.*

In Love the dawn receives the light,  
In Love the noonday fades to night;  
In love our Father-Mother—All—  
Notes e'en the tiny sparrow's fall.  
Love tints the rainbow and the rose;  
Man-seeing, comprehending, *knows*

*That God is Love.*

"Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful. Beauty is God's handwriting."



## HAPPY, JOYOUS CHRISTMASTIDE

IDA BELLE ELLIOTT.



WHY DO WE TURN AGAIN AND AGAIN to this festival with the fervor of genuine enthusiasm, telling over and over the beautifully simple story of the birth of the Christ-child? Only because of the *great truth* expressed in this story of fact and symbol.

And as we return and return to this manger picture of the child Jesus in the external, we learn it is a *living picture of a Truth to be found within each soul.*

We learn that this beautiful Christ-child is born within each one, in the manger of sense conditions. Amidst the "cattle" of man's mentality is cradled the Divine Idea, the perfect Image, awaiting recognition, or a "willing mind."

And all through man's wandering in the wilderness of sense delusion the attitude of this Holy One is: "Therefore will the Lord wait that he may be gracious."

Thus, "The patient, tender Shepherd," the Christ within, waits until man learns that the *Truth of Life* is not in any external thing; that life does not consist of *things*, but in knowing that this *Living Christ is the Expression of the ONE FATHER LIFE*; that it fills all, *IS ALL*, and everywhere it is breathing the life-giving message, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

May the great joy of this season be the consciousness that of "This kingdom and power there shall be no end." The kingdom that is the perfect law and order of the Spirit of Life, possessing, controlling, and directing all the cattle of the sense life, until the *lion* of selfishness and pride, and the *wolf* of jealousy and envy are freed from the ignorance of belief in separation and are filled with the *knowledge that GOD IS ALL.*

Let us greet with joy this Christmas Day because we know more of the Truth of God's gift of Love and the glad part that is ours in giving all of what we *think we are* for the patient, unfailing Christ-love.

Let the delight of giving and receiving be that it is all an *Expression* of the *ONE LIFE, the ONE LOVE.*

But the deep, inner joy to every awakened soul will be the consciousness that his great gift to the world, though unseen and unknown, is the *Word of Truth* he speaks forth on that day to awaken souls from the dream of mortality; to "bind up the broken hearted" and to "let the oppressed go free."

Let us make the very air vibrant with the words of Truth until we hail that blissful day when "no man shall say to his brother, Know the Lord, for *all* shall know him from the least unto the greatest." This will be the Christ-mass of the race when all will sing:

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King:

Let every heart prepare him room:  
And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields the floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with Truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love."

### AT YULETIDE

BERTHA LINCOLN WASEM.

I would that friends might send to me  
The gifts that gold and silver cannot buy—  
The helpful thoughts, that my life's ministry  
May be for motives pure, for standards high.

Give me to know the haunts of misery and despair,  
Where hope is crushed by cruelty and shame,  
That I may to these souls a message bear  
Of strength and courage to dispel the claim.

I would that I might find where sorrow's hand  
Had touched a life so strong, so brave and true,  
And by this stricken one that I might stand  
And point him up to God's boundless blue.

Give me to clasp a clinging little child,  
Bereft of home and friends, of tender mother-love—  
My warm embrace may soothe him for the while,  
My kiss upon his brow all fear disprove.

Then would I, that each day might bring  
Some gift of service to my waiting hand;  
And mine shall be to emulate my King,  
Who lived and loved and served His fellow-man.

### THE SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS LEAGUE PLEDGE.

"I ask you to join with me in this pledge: I will be brave enough to give only where love and sympathy and helpfulness make giving worth while. I will not turn Christmas day into a day of barter and exchange. I will make those whom I love and who love me happy, and bring joy, as far as I am able, to those who otherwise would have no joy—to the poor, the lonely, the ill, the old, the friendless and the helpless."—*Pictorial Review*.

"Jealousy is the commonest form of self-love. No person was ever jealous of anything that they loved better than themselves."



## “CHRIST IN YOU!”

REV. HENRY VICTOR MORGAN.



CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY.” Have you ever stopped to think how much these words mean? Have you ever been thrilled with a new sense of power as you contemplated their mighty significance? Or have you ever awakened to the sense that there is a Power which will enable you to do the mighty works of Jesus, and even greater?

Jesus claimed nothing for himself that was not common to man. He identified himself with humanity, and knew that as the son of man he was of necessity the Son of God. He could be nothing more than this, nor could any of his brothers be less.

Jesus understood the effect of thought. He knew that as a man thinketh in his heart so does he become in appearance. He knew what was true of *one man* was potentially true of *all men*.

Thus was he a soul scientist and a shower of the Way. During all the various ages and dispensations there have appeared extraordinary men on our planet, strange godlike men who have been accounted as possessing supernormal powers,—men to whom Nature was obedient. All religious history is but the account of the doings of these men. They could cure the sick and even raise the dead by seemingly miraculous powers. The Hebrew prophets were seers; none of the facts of modern psychological science can surpass what was accomplished by the “School of the Prophets.”

Telepathy was to them an open book as can be seen by the fact that they could read the minds of kings and councillors. Clairvoyance was known and practiced. Healing of the sick was common to them all. The very fact that there was a “School of Phophets” would show that they realized the necessity for careful training and practice in the use of this divine power that had been revealed in and through them.

The great discovery of modern times is that the Power from which these men drew is an all-available Power, yesterday, today and forever the same. That like all of God’s laws, is no respecter of persons, times nor places, but is ever waiting to pass into the minds and hearts of whomsoever will put off what is unholy and foreign and become its instrument.

This wondrous Power which was known of old is the Christ of the New Testament. So when Paul says: “Christ in You,” he is referring to the mighty Power of God that worked through Jesus of Nazareth, and through him healed all manner of diseases, and without which he said he could do nothing. The message of Paul was that this Christ power was available to the humblest disciple of Jesus as it was to the Master.

This is really the one great message of Christianity to the world. This is the mystery that is now being revealed to the children of men in Spiritual Science, and is changing and glorifying the religious thought of our times.

We are beginning to see that the Christ power was not peculiar to Jesus, and that he was not its only vehicle. We are beginning to look to him as the student of chemistry looks to the master chemist. The master chemist asks his students to take nothing on his authority. If the student doubts that certain specified results will follow the mixing of certain compounds, the chemist does not become angry and say, Believe me or be damned. He says, "Let us go into the laboratory and put it to the test." And even so we who are students in the School of Christ hear our Teacher say: "The things that I do can ye do." And we are finding as we become conscious of the Christ within that Jesus was indeed our elder brother, the first born among many brethren.

It was of the indwelling Christ Whitman was thinking when he said: "You have not known what you are, you have slumbered on yourself all your life." It was of this Power that Carlyle became conscious, and of whose transforming influence he speaks so wonderfully in *The Everlasting Yea*.

It is wonderful to feel and to know that this Christ can be as real to you as it was to Jesus, and that if you trust the Christ within, all these things and greater things than these shall be made manifest.

Jesus claimed nothing for himself that was not the hope and assurance of the Hebrew prophet. He had read that God said, "Let us make man in our image and likeness." For years he had meditated on this wondrous statement until it became real to him, and he became conscious that as the son of man he was of necessity the son of God.

He who would ascend the heights of spiritual illumination must use his reason until his reason assures him that the Real Self is not limited and finite, but is from everlasting to everlasting.

*To become conscious of the Christ, of your unity with God, is the highest human attainment.* All other knowledge leaves a hungering for more, but this satisfies. It contains in itself the assurance of victory. It lifts the soul above hope into *realization*. It assures you at first hand of your individual relationship with that Creative Power of which all life and thought are manifestations. Then your Yea is Yea, and your Nay is Nay.

Much of our worship of Jesus marks the withdrawal of ourselves from God. To imitate the outward Jesus is to acknowledge that we have not the same spirit dwelling in ourselves. To stop and say, "What would Jesus do?" is to depart from the spirit of Jesus. You can never tell what another person would do unless you have the same mind, and if you have the same mind you will not need to ask.

Jesus always sought to bring his students face to face with God *in themselves*. When they beamed on him he said, "It is expedient for you that I go away." The voice of God in the soul is forever the same; it gives you to yourself. Christ in you does not mean imitation, but emulation. It assures mastery and dominion. It is not selfishness and isolation, but cohesion and independence. It makes you the master of all and the servant of all. For you there will be no more high or low. All men are your brothers, and each exhibits some quality you possess.



Belief that Jesus is the Christ will not suffice. Jesus can and will be of priceless help by showing the way to become what you desire to become. Remember that thing you admire in Jesus is some quality YOU possess. This is recognition, and recognition is one step toward illumination. Let me use an illustration. Your neighbor has discovered an oil well on his farm. You find by analysis that the nature of the soil and the rock on your farm is exactly the same as his. You are filled with hope, for you know Nature does not deceive; and so you begin to labor, and as the result of your endeavor oil is discovered.

You have through the influence of your neighbor been encouraged to hope, and thus has your neighbor done you a great service. But the oil on your farm does not belong to your neighbor. It is yours. Thus is it that Jesus serves you by showing the resources of your nature. It is through his example he encourages you to trust the God within and to advance confidently to victory.

*The soul to whom Christ has been revealed is invincible in power.* The history of the world has been changed by one man who was true to what is in you and me. And to you, whoever you are, this is a message that will transform your weakness into strength.

Shut off from your inheritance of Power, you are as weak and inefficient as the electric car on the track cut off from the supplying current, and you do not know what your possibilities would be under the influence of a *divine realization*. But this you may know, that just as you learn to look for and expect greatness from within, you set in motion the mental and spiritual forces that bring power. The infinite ocean of God's power is at your disposal.

The Christ within ever speaks in terms of omnipotence. No Christ-conscious man ever says that anything that needs to be done is impossible. "I can do all things through Christ," is ever the voice of the Spirit of Truth, and in this consciousness there is no egotism.

Said one who was deeply conscious of the indwelling Christ: "From within or from behind a Light shines through us on things and makes us aware that we are nothing and the Light is all."

—From "The New Thought Educator."

#### A CODE OF LIFE.

ROSCOE K. STOCKTON.

Just to be loving in word and in deed: just to be true;  
 Ever to sever the Right from the Wrong for the good you can do;  
 Always to give from the thoughts that you have, one that is best;  
 Never to doubt but the Power will be there when you come to the test;  
 Ever to follow the HIGHEST YOU KNOW: this is the way  
 Each human soul, groping on, will discover his path into Day!

*"The true Christmas spirit is present when we conceive an attitude of loving-kindness toward every creature in the world. The true Christmas spirit is lacking whenever we cease to love our fellow creatures, give without love, or fail to open our hearts to a complete forgiveness toward all beings."*

## Daily Studies for the Month

ALICE R. RITCHIE.

### CHRISTMAS.

"Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Main Thought for the Week—

Jesus was born of God.

**Monday, December the first.**

Christ is the Universal Man. Adam was the first, hence the feeblest recognition of the Christ. Jesus was the full recognition of the Christ. Christ is the Universal, Divine Nature of all; Jesus is the individual expression of the Christ, just as you and I and all are. (Truth and Health, page 261.) (Colossians 1:27, Philippians 4:13)

**Tuesday, December the second.**

Jesus was the first conscious Son of God, the "elder brother"—one Son among many. Jesus was the first to accept the Christ and to live as the Christ. (Truth and Health, page 262.) (Mark 1:11, and 3:11.)

**Wednesday, December the third.**

One has asked a very important question: "If sin and evil with the consequent suffering are only delusions of belief, why need Jesus have come?" He had to come! The outreaching of the race for Truth; the earnest cry of humanity for deliverance; the firm conviction of its seers that help would come—all these culminated in the birth of a soul that knew and understood both the need and the answer to the need. (Truth and Health, page 266.) (Isaiah 9:6, 7.)

**Thursday, December the fourth.**

Christ Jesus, divine, yet human; Son of God, yet Son of Man; offspring of the Infinite, as all are, yet born through the human channel, knew and exemplified the unity of God and Man, the harmony of divinity and humanity. (Truth and Health, page 267.) (St. John 5:17-22.)

**Friday, December the fifth.**

At last came one who understood man's unity with God, an eternal unity, no matter how apart from God man seems. He knew that error belief alone enslaved men, and that so soon as they could see the Truth, they should realize being free. (Truth and Health, page 265.) (St. John 10:30.)

**Saturday, December the sixth.**

One is All.

I "call no man on earth, Father."

One only is his Father, Life-giver, Substance-giver, Source. Like begets like. (Truth and Health, page 106.) Read also page 364 in Truth and Health and each day study a part of the life of Jesus. Find out for yourself why Jesus could do what the world calls, miracles. (St. John 14:12.)



**Sunday, December the seventh.**

The Bible portrays every phase of human and spiritual unfoldment. While many of the recorded events must be allegorical, used merely for the purpose of illustrating the Truth of Life, undoubtedly many of its historical recitals are correct; yet little value lies in the history of it, because it matters not to you—it is not essential to your salvation—to know for instance, that Jesus was born in a manger; but it is essential and absolutely necessary for you to know that the birth of the Christ, the activity of the Spirit, the consciousness of God, comes to you in that lowly, unobserved, unpretentious manner, as Jesus' birth is recorded. (Spiritual Healing.) (St. John 16:13, 14:16.) (St. John 1:9.)

**Main Thought for the Week—**

**I am born of God.**

**Monday, December the eighth.**

"Ye are the sons of the living God."

"We have one Father even God."

(St. John 1:12, 13.)

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him. (Genesis 1:27.)

**Tuesday, December the ninth.**

To-day is witnessed the unveiling of the most perfect figure in the history of heaven and earth, the one that has made all others great. This figure is man as Son of God, the "measure of the fullness of the stature of Christ."

Man is ever one with God, but, in his first conceptions of Life, sees himself less. (Truth and Health, page 222, read that whole page and then read it over again.)

Since you are one with God you must **abound** with Wisdom. You know what to do to-day, you know just what to say and you also know when it is wise **not** to speak. It is your daily, quiet **living** that counts.

We need to realize Wisdom especially at Christmas time. Drop personal ambition and pride and **trust God**.

**Wednesday, December the tenth.**

Man is one eternally one with the Infinite Source, and, as a living form, he is the "image and likeness" of the Eternal. Jesus knowing this said, "I and my Father" (Source) "are one." So may each, who understands his Source, say. To such Jesus said, "Call no man on earth your Father, for one is your Father." As if to say, there is but one Source for all. Man is one with God before he is born of God—hence is like God. (Truth and Health, page 65.)

Since we are born of God, the One Perfect Life, we must **abound** with Health. It is a fine thing to enjoy Health especially at Christmas time when we plan so much Love-Service.

**Thursday, December the eleventh.**

Read I. John 3:1, 2, 9.

Be willing to be cleansed of sins, mistaken thoughts, as well as of sickness. If you find you have been holding thoughts of revenge, dislike, fear, or injustice of any kind say, "I am willing to give up that belief," and then add, "Since God is my Source and God is Love, I know how to be love to all." (Truth and Health, page 303.)

The greater realization of Love we have, the happier will be our Christmas and the Christmas of those near us.

**We are born of Love.**

**Friday, December the twelfth.**

Man cannot know himself aright until he knows God, nor can he know God aright without understanding himself. When he begins to grasp the

meaning of Divine Being and its method in creation, man's understanding of self begins. (Truth and Health, page 214.)

God is the Whole of Being, now and forever. Man is included within the Whole Being. Since God is Being Wisdom, I am Being Wisdom. Since God is Being Love, I am Being Love. Since God is Being Life, I am Being Life. (Truth and Health, page 208.) (Acts 17:28.)

**Saturday, December the thirteenth.**

The birth of the Christ in you is the unfoldment of your consciousness so that you know yourself divine, just like your Source, for "like produces like." This awakening into a realization of the Truth through which you know what you are, opens your eyes to the all good, omnipresent. (Spiritual Healing.) Read I. John 5th chapter.

**Sunday, December the fourteenth.**

Study in Truth and Health, pages 354, 355 and 356.

"I and my Father are one."

God is. I am.

(Ephesians 4:6.)

**Main Thought for the Week—**

**Peace on Earth.**

**Monday, December the fifteenth.**

The Spirit of Christ, which is the Spirit of Truth, forever proclaims its presence by the utterance of "Peace on earth, good will to men." This proclamation of Perfect Love presages the healing of every ill, here and now. The peace it declares is for earth, not heaven; the "good will" is for men, not angels. (Truth and Health, page 5.) (Luke 2:14.)

**Tuesday, December the sixteenth.**

The only way to know Peace is to know God.

"Acquaint now thyself with God and be at Peace."

When we are not realizing Peace it is because we are more acquainted with the world of beliefs and opinions than we are with God. Take the time each day to acquaint yourself with God. God is now here, say it to yourself until you are conscious of the God-Presence.

**Wednesday, December the seventeenth.**

What is the nature of this All-Presence?

Perfect Wisdom, Love, Knowledge, Understanding, Power and Life. Realization of this is Peace. (Truth and Health, page 173.)

There are three steps in the practical understanding of anything. It must be seen; it must be accepted, and it must be applied. (Truth and Health, page 225.)

When we see the Truth of the Omnipresence and accept the Omnipresence without any reserve and then apply what we have seen and accepted our realization is greater each day.

**Thursday, December the eighteenth.**

It is possible to realize Peace under all conditions. We need not be disturbed by any experience. Everything may seem to be going all wrong. "But none of these things move me."

Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved. (Psalm 62:1, 2.) also see Deuteronomy 32:4.)

**Friday, December the nineteenth.**

Very often the Christmas message of "Peace on earth" is lost sight of in the work of preparing for Christmas. It is blessed to give, it is blessed to receive but whatever you do, do it to the glory of Divine Love.

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly." (Philippians 4:7.)



**Saturday, December the twentieth.**

In the rush  
 Just hush  
 And listen to the voice  
 Saying "Peace!  
 Oh, cease  
 All worry; just rejoice."  
 Work away  
 All day,  
 Mid the noise and the zest;  
 But within,  
 No din—  
 Just a sweet, still rest.

(Mrs. C. L. Baum.)

"Be still and know that I am God."

**Sunday, December the twenty-first.****Statements for Meditation.**

Peace, be still.  
 In quiet and confidence shall be my strength.  
 The fruit of the Spirit is perfect peace.  
 God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, and that peace is  
 within me now.  
 (Studies in Divine Science.)  
 (Isalah 26:3.)

**Main Thought for the Week—****"Good-will to men."****Monday, December the twenty-second.**

Ephesians 2:4, 7, 8.  
 We freely receive Love, so let us give at this blessed Christmas time a  
 Love-blessing to all.  
 Love measures not. It gives to all men liberally. I will love by giving  
 my best thoughts to all. I will recognize in every soul the strength, purity  
 and goodness of the Omnipresence. (Truth and Health, page 147.)

**Tuesday, December the twenty-third.**

I will love by speaking the kindest, most helpful words of every one.  
 I will look beneath the surface of things and will attribute good-will and  
 good intentions to all the acts of my fellow beings. (Truth and Health,  
 page 147) (II. Thessalonians 2:16, 17).

**Wednesday, December the twenty-fourth.**

The Spirit of Love fills all—fills my soul; fills my mentality; fills every  
 thought and feeling. The peace of Love rules my heart. I feel only Love.  
 (Truth and Health, page 160.) (I. John 4:7, 8.)  
 There can be no true Christmas to the one who does not know Love.  
 It is Love that makes the Christmas.

**Thursday, December the twenty-fifth.**

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light."  
 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."  
 "And, lo, the star which they saw in the east, went before them, till  
 it came and stood over where the young child was."

You and I have been guided onward and upward out of the darkness  
 of beliefs and opinions into the light of Consciousness. Today we rejoice  
 because we know that the Christ-Spirit of Wisdom, of Love, of Power, of  
 Life, of Joy, is our Guide.

Not only do the "wise men of the East come with their gifts to this  
 new-born Christ in you, but it is a true and accurate law that if you lift

up this Christ Consciousness, if you place it before you as your ideal and standard, then will this Christ draw all unto you. (Spiritual Healing.)

"And his name shall be called Wonderful,  
Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting  
Father, The Prince of Peace."

"Awake thou that sleepest . . . and  
Christ shall give thee light."

**Friday, December the twenty-sixth.**

I overcome all seeming evil with Good.

I go out to bless my world by seeing it filled with the glory of the Divine Presence.

I give a loving thought, a kind word to everyone I meet. (Studies in Divine Science.) (Read I. Timothy 4:15.) (Study Colossians 3:12-17.)

**Saturday, December the twenty-seventh.**

There is always the Great Peace-Presence with us and there is but One Will, the Good-Will. Have we the seeing eye and the hearing ear? No matter what appearances would seem to indicate let us base all our decisions upon our Basis, the Omnipresence. Let us not conform to false beliefs but let us be transformed in our thinking by keeping each thought true to the Truth of the Omnipresence. (Romans 12:2.)

**Sunday, December the twenty-eighth.**

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, the things wherewith one may edify another. (Romans 14:19.) (Read Romans 15:1-6, and page 149 in Truth and Health.)

**Monday, December the twenty-ninth.**

Study page 160 in Truth and Health and practice what you study. This is the only way to grow. (Ephesians 3:19, and 4:2, 3.)

**Tuesday, December the thirtieth.**

You may be sure that if your light is always shining, you will be sought out by such as wish to have the dark places of their lives illumined. The voice from within will guide you in these matters as in all else. The Presence whose guidance we seek is everywhere. It is the same Spirit which was in Jesus and which is now in you and in us all. To know this voice and live in harmony with it, is peace and joy and life eternal. (Studies in Divine Science.) (Rev. 3:20, 21.)

**Wednesday, December the thirty-first.**

Let us resolve to carry the Christmas message of "Peace on earth, good-will to men" into each day of next year. At Christmas time are we not more conscious of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man than at other times? May this not be true of next year. Let us resolve today to be Christmas Joy all this next year. Do not try hard to be joyful but just let the Christ Spirit of Joy in you radiate. Joy will transform everything it shines upon. You abound with Joy. There is a certain big-hearted feeling in the air at Christmas time and it's contagious. Let us carry that into the new year.

"For ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love."

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**DIVINE SCIENCE STATEMENT OF BEING.**

God is all there is, both invisible and visible.

One Presence, Knowledge and Power, is all.

This One that is All is perfect Life, Intelligence and Substance.

**Man** is the Expression of God, and is ever *one* with this Perfect **Life**,  
Intelligence and Substance.

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER.**

(In present tense.)

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed is thy name.

Thy kingdom is come; thy will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

Thou givest us each day our daily bread.

Thou forgivest our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Thou leadest us not into temptation; but dost deliver us from all  
evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and  
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"There is always time to find  
Ways of being sweet and kind;  
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## A DAILY AFFIRMATION

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## MOTHER AND CHILD

ANNIE MARGARET PIKE.

Warm little hand in my hand,  
 Music of pattering feet,  
 Eyes that are bright as the day,  
 Time of his march I would cheat!  
 Warm little hand in my hand,  
 Can we not bid him—Stand!?

Warm little hand in my hand,  
 That were as foolish as fond;  
 Feet must be taught how to step,  
 Stepping to music respond;  
 Then when aside I must stand,  
 Dim-eyed I'll open my hand;

And, while the blinding tears start,  
 List to the feet's buoyant tread  
 Keeping in time with Life's march;  
 God now their guide in my stead;  
 But you and I must not part,  
 Heart that once beat 'neath my heart!

## THE SPIRIT OF PEACE

MRS. JENNIE KELLY.

(A Greeting given at the Annual Meeting and Supper of the Second Divine Science Church of Denver.)

The Spirit of Love hath brought us here  
 In unity with each soul;  
 But the Spirit of Peace shall be our theme—  
 Then onward to the goal!  
 When things look dark, do not despair,  
 For in that darkness—God is there!

God gives to each the Light of Love  
 That all may freely take;  
 Then let us ponder o'er these words  
 That we make no mistake;  
 And let us in the Silence sit,  
 With God alone to hear  
 Our call for help, our call for strength,  
 For He is always there.

He gives our brother full command  
 To teach the Law divine:  
 Then let us be a noble band—  
 Let each one say, 'Tis mine  
 To learn, to know, to understand  
 God's Wisdom, Truth and Love.  
 God gives to each these wondrous things  
 That cometh from above.

And in each heart today we find  
 The Love that God hath given—  
 Celestial Love, the only Love  
 That comes direct from heaven.  
 We need the strength of Power, of Peace,  
 To help us on our way;  
 Then let us hold fast to the Good  
 Through Christ the Truth, the Way.

God grant our pastor health and strength  
 To spread the Truth around:  
 The Joy, the Love, the Peace of Mind  
 That he himself hath found:  
 That unto others he may give  
 The message clear and plain—  
 That God is Here and God is There,  
 And always just the same!



## Notes of General Interest

### The Fourth Divine Science Assembly.

Students of the Colorado College of Divine Science will hold a three days' Assembly, January 20-22, 1914.

As this Assembly is for review as well as for the purpose of setting forth the latest word of Truth realized, it is confined to the College students, or members of its churches.

It is hoped that many of its distant students can make a point of being present, as a great blessing is realized in these consecrated services.

### TWO JOYOUS OCCASIONS.

"And all went merry as a marriage-bell."

Indeed it was a joyous occasion when about ninety of the membership of the Second Divine Science Church of Denver, "God's House of Blessing," sat about the well-laden tables and enjoyed the Annual Supper and Meeting on October 30th.

It was like a family reunion—as indeed it was! The loving greetings, the musical program, the reports of the excellent progress of the Sunday School, the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Di-Sci Club, and other activities of the Church, with a stronger spirit of unity and fellowship than ever before, made this event probably the most enjoyable in our history.

Messages of love were read from non-resident members, each evidencing continued progress in their unfoldment of spiritual consciousness. The Rev. Nona L. Brooks was our honored guest, and extended the greetings of the First Divine Science Church, of which she is pastor. Short addresses were made by Mrs. Roxane F. Prather, Mrs. E. R. Cline, Mr. T. H. Gibbs, Mrs. Emma F. McKernon, Miss Helen E. Knight, Mr. E. G. Dean, Miss Ruth Walker, Miss Anna Horal, and others. Recitations were given by Mr. Roscoe Stockton, and musical numbers by Miss Maude Wallace, Miss Ruth Walker, Mr. Norman Tharp, Miss Estelle Philleo, and Miss Margaret Sanford. The hostesses were: Mesdames Valentine, Bartlett, McKernon and Tharp.

It was an impressive moment when the audience rose in a body in testimonial of love and co-operation to their minister, the Rev. Charles Edgar Prather, editor of "Power," who responded graciously in giving God the praise for the great good being accomplished through such a band of consecrated Christians.

A pleasing "prophecy," written by Mrs. Bertha Lincoln Wasem, closed the evening's program.

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The Annual Meeting and Supper of the First Divine Science Church was held on November 6th, and was likewise full of the spirit of good-will and fellowship. About 150 were seated at the tables, Mr. H. C. Parmelee acting as toastmaster.

The reports showed a broad field of church activity, and much enthusiasm was aroused over the prospect of holding the next annual meeting in the new \$40,000 church to be erected at Fourteenth Avenue and Williams Street.

Greetings were given by the Rev. Charles Edgar Prather of the Second Divine Science Church of Denver, Mrs. M. A. Ommanney of Greeley, and the Rev. Annie Goddard Shackelford, who recently returned from a several-months' ministration in New York City. The principal address of the evening was given by the Rev. Allen A. Tanner of the First Congregational Church, who spoke earnestly and entertainingly on "Religion is Life."



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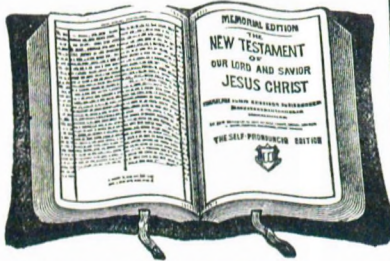
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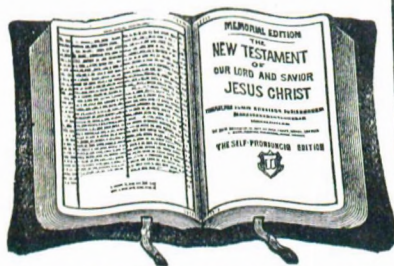
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