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THE SOUL.

Richard Henry Dana.

Come Brother, turn with me from pining
 thought
 And all the inward ills that sin has
 wrought;
 Come, send abroad a love for all who live
 And feel in deep content in ^{the} they
 give.
 Kind wishes and good deeds: make
 not poor;
 They'll home again, full laden to thy
 door;
 The streams of love flow back where they
 begin,
 For springs of outward Joys lie deep
 within.
 Even let them flow, and make the places
 glad
 Where dwell thy fellowmen, Shoudst
 thou be sad,
 And earth seem bare, and hours once
 happy, press.
 Upon thy thoughts, and make thy lone-
 liness
 More lonely for the past, thou then shalt
 hear
 The music of those waters running near;
 And thy faint spirit drink the cooling
 stream,
 And thine eye gladden with the playing
 beam
 That now upon the waters dances, Now
 Leaps up and dances in the hanging
 bough.
 Is it not lovely? Tell me where doth
 dwell
 The power that wrought so beautiful a
 spell?
 In thine own bosom, Brother? Then as
 thine
 Guard with a reverend fear this power
 divine.
 And if, indeed, 'tis not the outward state
 But temper of the soul by which we rate
 Sadness or joy, even let thy bosom move
 With noble thoughts and wake thee into
 love,
 And let each feeling in thy breast be
 given
 An honest aim, which, sanctified by
 Heaven,
 And springing into act new life imparts,
 Till beats thy frame as with a thousand
 hearts.
 Sin clouds the mind's clear vision,
 Around the self starved soul has spread
 a dearth.
 The earth is full of life; and all its form
 expand
 With principles of being made to suit
 Man's varied powers and raise him from
 the brute,
 And shall the earth of higher ends be
 full—
 Earth which thou tread'st,—and thy
 poor mind be dull?
 Thou talk of life, with half thy soul
 asleep?
 Thou "living dead man" let thy spirit
 leap
 Forth to the day, and let the fresh air
 blow
 Through thy soul's shut-up mansion,
 wouldst thou know
 Something of what is life, shake off this
 death;
 Have thy soul feel the universal breath
 With which all nature's quick and learn
 to be
 Sharer in all that thou dost touch or see;
 Break from thy body's grasp, thy spirit's
 trance;
 Give thy soul air, thy faculties expanse;
 Love, joy, even sorrow,—yield thyself to
 all!
 They make thy freedom, groveler, not
 thy thrall,

Knock off the shackles which thy spirit
 bind!
 To dust and sense, and set at large the
 mind!
 Then move in sympathy with God's
 great whole,
 And be like man at first, a Living Soul.

JESUS CHRIST THE UNAP- PRECIATED.

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not."—John 1. 11

BY JOHN MURPHY

[Continued.]

A work the most arduous, the most discouraging, a work for which his only reward was the scorn and contempt and hatred of the great ones of the church, a work attended with the sacrifice of all his finer sensibilities, pleasure and peace of mind, on account of the wickedness and brutality of the age; a work which his clairvoyant vision showed him, must terminate in a horrible and shameful death. All this he saw, all this he knew would happen to him, the sinless one, the gentle one, the compassionate and sympathetic one, teacher of the ignorant, binder up of the broken hearted, the giver of sight to the blind, and of hearing to the deaf, the healer of all manner of sickness and disease, the lover of all humanity. This exalted being this wonderful teacher, has left his mark on the history of the world, which no lapse of time, no upheaval of society, no clash of arms, or ravages of plague or earthquake can ever wipe out.

With the illimitable riches of the universe at his disposal, he chose to remain poor, with the ownership of all the dwellings and palaces of the earth, he had not where to lay his head. With innumerable hosts of angels as his willing servants and companions; he chose to be or was necessarily alone, with all the joys of heaven within his grasp he is said never to have smiled.

As a teacher, Jesus of Nazareth has never been equalled, He embodied the greatest and most important truths in the most homely figures, and announced them to the wondering multitudes in language so simple, that even the children could understand. Human teachers

have darkened counsel by a multitude of words, but Jesus used remarkably few words in announcing his wonderful truths to the men of his time. Well may he be called the Great Teacher, the model for all teachers of sacred truths.

As a wonder worker, Jesus stands alone and unapproached. The prophets in the olden time did some wonderful things, but how differently from the works of Jesus. When the prophet Elijah, for instance had to cross the river Jordan, he smote the waters with his mantle, and they separated; but when Jesus wanted to cross the lake of Galilee he took no such trouble, but stepped right out upon the water as upon a solid floor. "And about the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came unto them walking upon the sea."

When Elisha the prophet, returning from his last walk with his Master came to the Jordan, he doubtfully said: "Where is the Lord God of Elijah" and then smote the waters with the mantle, there was not in this act the consciousness of mastery, but when Jesus was asleep in the boat, heeding not the rising storm, and was awakened by his disciples, who were in terror of their lives, he calmly arose and said "peace be still" and there was a great calm. The elements knew their master and obeyed.

The life of Jesus was the most unselfish life in all history. None of his miracles were wrought for his own comfort or benefit, but all for others, His life, which was more than once threatened, he might have given to his enemies, but he saved it for the fixed act, that it might be a perfect sacrifice of himself before the thousands of spectators, who saw him crucified. The scripture which said "a bone of him shall not be broken," was literally fulfilled in him and the command was turned into a prophecy, His precious body was preserved from all the accidents of life and from the malice of his enemies until the time came when he laid it down of his own free will and pleasure; that he might give the most perfect object lesson possible, of the Divine love to man, and so reconcile man to God.

This beautiful life so far beyond the best human life ever lived, this august and transcendently beautiful and perfect being, is the key-stone of the Arch of Truth. Take this away, and there is a chaos of thought, the creation of this world becomes a gigantic mistake, man's existence here a mystery, having no solution, and the grave the only resting place for distracted and wretched humanity.

This Jesus, the worlds Saviour, the Christ of God, explains all things those who do not receive him are indeed the most foolish, those who do not know him degrade themselves, those who don't believe in him can swallow all delusions, those who don't love him, don't love themselves. The creed of the Spiritualist, makes love to our fellow men, a fundamental principle. The man who does not love him, who laid down his life for the world, cannot in the true sense, love any one rightly.

JUDGE CHARITABLY.

A MESSAGE FROM HENRY GEORGE

Circumstantial evidence should never be taken as a standard by which one should be judged. I have known instances in my own life where the outside world would condemn, but they who knew the real issue of the question knew how innocent I was of wrong doing. So, my dear people, never pass judgment on one until you know all the circumstances surrounding the case and then be charitable. I do not mean to be censorious, but I overheard a conversation this morning that has set me going, and I do not want you to fall into the error of misjudging your fellowman, and to set up your standard as arbitrary, and leave no loop hole for a few stray thoughts to enter. No one man knows all the truth, and every one knows some truth; so gather them in by the wayside or wherever they may be found, and cherish them, no matter from where they came, after awhile your garden will be blooming with truth gathered from every clime and nation.

I am sorry to see nations still

fighting and killing each other just for a little foothold of earth, when they ought to be helping each other to rise out of their poverty and spiritual degradation to that higher ideal of brotherhood and fellowship that can rejoice in another's victory.

The rise of one nation always seems to be the fall of another; and while one is being inflated with victory, another is in the throes of agony; and so the poor old world goes on with its years of peace and carnage, and one does not learn the lesson of peace until he is in the midst of strife again. Must it ever be thus? Will men never awaken from their dreaming and come into the full consciousness of what they are doing? They seem so phlegmatic and unconcerned, while the time is being wasted, and thousands going to their death, with no one to cry "halt" on their destruction.

Ruthlessly they are condemned to die without one thought of their salvation. If all the money that was being spent for firearms and ammunition was spent on the poor and helpless, in giving employment and carrying on the gentler trades, that will turn the swords into plowshares, it would make the old world a paradise instead of a slaughter pen.

The stench of their impurities reaches up to heaven, and there will have to be another deluge to purify the earth; not a deluge of water, nor of fire and brimstone, but the spiritual awakening that will come to all mankind whenever they will heed the call that is being made. They seem lifeless now and unconcerned, but the spiritual side will eventually come uppermost.

There has been a reign of the material things, and gold and gain has been the God, but man will find that nothing but a spiritual God can satisfy the innermost craving of the human soul; and they will part with their wealth, that they can have that peace that passeth all understanding, and will be willing to arbitrate and to give in rather than fight for their seeming liberty, but in reality their slavery to ambition.

Crime is gendered into the being before it is brought into the world; the mother looking out into the world sees man's inhumanity to man, and in her outraged feeling, she unconsciously leaves her mark on her child that will break out in its life, and she, ignorant of the laws of nature, will wonder and say, why did I ever give birth to such a child? Where did he get this inhuman traits? for neither I nor his father ever exhibited such traits! and so she says, "he must have inherited it from some of his ancestors; for the sins of the fathers shall be handed down even unto the third and fourth generation."

Oh! mothers! be careful; you little know how you influence that

little might that is given you. Commence before the child is born to train it into the useful paths of life. Look closely into your own life; weed out all unholy thoughts and anything that would tend to drag down; then will you be given children fit to inherit the kingdom of heaven, and not brutes in man-form.

Now, my dear friends, I will leave you for awhile. I thank you that through you I can come into communication with mankind again, and once more sound the clarion note of warning to men and women, to bring them into the full realization of what life is and what it is meant to be.

Thanking you again for services rendered, I remain, yours truly,

HENRY GEORGE.

Mrs. Marly L. Kaiser, medium, Fort Scott, Kansas.—Pro. Thinker.

WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN.

We are informed by spirits of the seventh sphere through mediums that both of these noted spirits entered the seventh sphere in 1902. Washington dying in 1799, and Lincoln in 1869, it taking Washington 103 years in his progression through the spheres, when it only required Lincoln 37 years to make the same progression, a difference in favor of Lincoln over Washington of 66 years.

There is no other way of accounting for the greater difference in the advancement of these two great statesmen, than the greater selfishness of Washington over Lincoln that great ban to advancement through the spheres which must be totally eradicated, as no selfishness can possibly enter that advanced sphere.

Then how will it be with the many millions upon millions whose whole-lives are wrapped up in nothing but selfishness, and can see nothing else in this world. I had a communication a few years ago, from the spirit of a Jew by the name of Bra-Ha-Ra who was in life a rabalist or member of the Rebella or secret society of learned men and lived on earth during the Assyrian period which existed from 1200 down to about 600 years before Christ, yet, this Israelite had not yet entered the seventh sphere; his great selfishness while on earth was so engrafted in his nature that it was next to impossible to eradicate it, hence on account of the greater selfishness of this class of people they are the slowest to advance in the next or spirit world.

J. I. Hollingsworth.

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A PARTIAL LIST OF CAMP-MEETINGS OF THE SEASON 1904.

UNITY CAMP MEETING.

Washington State Spiritualists Association Camp Meeting at Edgewood Camp, Surprise Lake, from July 31 to August 21, 1904. Closing August 22 and 23, with 8th annual convention. For particulars apply to Julian W. Smith, secretary; 1115 North Fifth street, Tacoma, Wash.

New Era, Oregon.—The First Spiritualists Religious Association of Clackamas county, Oregon, will open their camp meeting at New Era, Oregon, July 2, and close July 26, including four Sundays. Camp about 18 miles south of Portland. For further information inquire of George Lazelle, Oregon City, Ore., secretary; J. H. Lucas of Portland, president.

The Lynn Spiritualists Association will hold meetings every Sunday at Unity Camp, Saugus Center, Mass., commencing June 5, and ending Sept. 25. For all particulars address Mrs. A. A. Averill, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

Island Lake, Mich.—The Island Camp, at Island Lake, Mich., 42 miles from Detroit, on the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, commences July 10, and extends through the month of August. For full programme address H. R. LaGrange, Secretary, 84 East Mont-Calm street, Detroit, Mich.

An excellent programme has been prepared for the coming season. We have under contract such speakers as mediums as B. F. Austin, G. W. Kates and wife, Amanda Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. White, D. A. Herrick, Dr. Julia M. Walton, Mrs. Margaret LaGrange, W. V. Nicum, and others. Farmer Riley will positively be with us the first two weeks of camp. Every phase of mediumship will be represented. Correspondence solicited with first class trumpet and slate-writing mediums.

Lake Brady, Ohio.—The Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp meeting opens July 3 and closes September 4. For full programme address, A. G. Kock, Akron, Ohio.

Freeville, N. Y.—The dates for the Central New York Spiritual Association Camp-meeting, at Freeville, N. Y., are from July 23 to Aug. 22, four weeks and five Sundays. Owing to the pretracted and severe illness of our secretary, Miss Victoria C. Moore, I am acting secretary, to whom all letters pertaining to the camp should be addressed W. W. Kelsey, President, Cortland N. Y.

Grand Ledge, Mich.—The Grand Ledge (Mich.) camp opens July 31 and closes August 28. For full programme address J. W. Ewing, Grand Ledge, Mich.

Onset Camp—Commences July 24 and ends August 28. For full programme and particulars address the secretary of the camp, Onset, Camp.

Harmony Grove, Cal.—Camp opens July 17, and closes July 31. For particulars address Frank C. Foster, secretary, Escondido, Cal.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton Iowa, The camp session of the M. V. S. A., Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, will open July 31 and close August 28. For programmes address Mollie B. Anderson, secretary, Clarksville, Mo.

Forest Home, Mich.—The fifth annual camp-meeting opens at Snowflake, Mich., July 31 and closes Aug. 21. Write to Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secretary, Mancelona, Mich., Box 69, for full particulars.

Chesterfield, Ind.—Chesterfield, (Ind.) camp meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programmes and other information address Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

Delphos Camp, Kans.—This camp meeting will begin August 5, closing August 22. Address all communications to I. N. Richardson, secretary, Delphos, Kans.

Maple Dell Park, Ohio.—The American Spiritual, Religious and Science Union will hold a camp session at Maple Dell, commencing July 24 and closing Sept. 1. Lucy King, corresponding secretary. Address with stamp, Box 45, Mantua, Ohio. The grounds will be open for family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meetings, etc., from June 1 to Sept. 15.

N. S. A. LYCEUM WORK.

To the Editor and Readers of the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL:

The Lyceum department of the work of organized Spiritualism was as you no doubt know, culminated one and a half years ago, in the Progressive Lyceum, as a lesson sheet, for the various Lyceum workers. During all of this time it has been the intention of the Nat'l Sup't of Lyceum work, appointed by the N. S. A. to gain the cooperation and support of the several Lyceum and Lyceum workers; to this end we desire the names and addresses of all Lyceum officers and wish they would write, giving a brief statement of the condition

of their work, if this missive comes to their observation.

Mrs. Hull, Mr. Kates and various other writers, who have heretofore furnished lesson matter for the various lesson sheets are earnestly solicited to join with Aionzo Danforth, Mrs. E. K. Eager and the faithful Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle, to furnish suitable matter for the Progressive Lyceum, which some twenty-five Lyceums support, and which is constantly growing in favor. It is truly necessary for us to concentrate upon certain lines of work, that we may make The Progressive Lyceum indispensable in the work of the Lyceums; this will in no way modify the freedom of thought or expression.

How beneficial to the establishment of organized effort it would be to have every Lyceum in the United States and Canada exchanging thoughts on the same topic, on the same day; this would establish a great Psychic wave of thought which most certainly would be conducive to vast good. We endeavor to make each month a special one in some respect; for June, we had a special issue of the lesson sheet devoted to the Band of Mercy movement, July two issues were devoted to a consideration of the Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and August is for Sunflower Day, a special issue with responses, recitations, lesson matter and songs will be issued. This day was instituted last year; hope that Lyceums and Societies will join with us and observe the first Sunday in August as Sunflower Day.

The following acrostic was used by the Little Folks last year, and as doubtless it reached but a limited number, we furnish it here. While several of the Lyceums have closed for the summer, the lesson sheet appears regularly each week and we trust through its efforts we will gather together the many Lyceum forces and workers; thus establishing the all important work of Juvenile education, the foundation of which was laid by the great seer Andrew Jackson Davis. Trusting that this letter will come to many as a personal and cordial greeting and that you will grant your cooperation and support.

I am always,

John Ring, Nat'l Supt. Lyceum Work. Spiritualist Temple, July 1st, 1904. Galveston, Texas.

S—erene the somber sunflower stands

With stalk of sturdy mein;
So tall and stately it commands
Due note wherever seen.

U—pon this stalk great outstretched leaves,

Of leaving green abound,
So formed and hung that each
relieves,

Some awkwardness else found

N—ymphlike on top of this green throne,

The yellow flower is placed;

With majesty that's all her own
She sits in regal grace.

F—idelity from her we learn,
Her bright and smiling face
All day unto the sun will turn,
To keep with him apace.

L—ook up and smile, the light is bright,
If we in Truth but seek,
With patient Love pray trust
the Right,
And walk in spirit meek.

O—'er every life will Autumn come
For full fruitious glean,
As when the childhood span is
run,
Then comes the grown up
scene.

W—ith ample load of goodly deeds,
We wait time's tones unheard
So gives the sunflower many
seeds
To plant again or feed the
birds.

E—ngraved forever may there rest.
In each and every thought—
"All that is good, each thing is
best,
By change our lives are
wrought."

R—ight rules, light guides, though
leaves may fall,
And flowers decay and fade;
Law to perfection moves
through all,
From atoms worlds are made.

S—urely, then, you and I will do
The very best we can
To cheer and bless, our whole
life through
Each passing fellowman.

THE POWER OF FEAR.

The origin of all bodily ailments is in the region of mentality, it matters not whether they appear by contagion, epidemic, heredity or so-called accident.

If by contagion, the thing that opens the door is fear. It may not be conscious fear experienced at the time, that is, fear of the disease. All fear throws down the walls of defense before whatever may attack, and conscious fear of a thing or an occurrence opens the door to admit that which is specifically feared.

If one is in a general fear state of mentality—afraid of diseases generally, afraid of the weather and the elements, afraid of God and the devil, and afraid of destiny—such an one is defenceless against disease and sickness; while fearlessness in all these particulars, such fearlessness being founded on a belief in the allness of the good, will render one safe from all sorts of sickness.

We have a long time known that the scared person will take a contagious disease where the fearless one escapes; and the man who is afraid of the horse he rides is liable to be thrown off. Fear is at the basis of all failure.

Hereditary ailments are held and transmitted to each new body we form by the fear arising out of belief in evil. We believe in the same errors and fear the same evils that our parents did, hence we tinge the new particles being constantly assimilated with the same qualities.

There are no accidents in the sense of happening without law or cause. Everything that occurs has a good reason for taking place, whether we see it or not. Every resultant has a legitimate cause.

Then if unlooked-for occurrences overtake us, they are not accidents simply because we have not foreseen the cause. The cause is always back of the occurrence, and if we suffer by it, it is because we are not fortified in the strongholds of God's protecting presence.—N. Y. Magazine of Mysteries.

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Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium

To all my children. The tie that holds us is not of words, but deeds I know you love me, because your deeds prove it; you will know I love you not by words but because of trying to comfort you. My only message to you is; "Work for the uplifting, comfort the sorrowful, be happy and count your blessings, they are many; work in unison and harmony; remember always for the good of the order; am with you often and many of you see me and know. With loving greeting to you all I am ever yours, from Alice.

Selden Finny—"A word to my friends please." The way is clear, no hindrance to progress over here, no doubt you know if trouble is your portion you have earned it, if joy, it is yours by right. I want to meet and greet my earth friends everywhere, and say, the little circle where this truth came to me first, was the door step to the grandest temple of wisdom man can claim. It is a wonderful thing to live, but far more wonderful to experience its higher grade of life—death. I send greetings to all.

Amy Post—Thee will accept friends a word from me I hope, friend Alice said I might try. There are some in the city of Oakland and San Jose know me; Rochester, Albany and other cities, they will be glad to know the underground R. R. of death did not swallow me, but through its tunnel (the grave) I have found the City of Eternal Light, no difference of caste or color here, good men and women are equal. Yes, have seen friend Friend Douglas and many others, it was not a lonely landing on this shore, but a glorious one, and so it will be for thee my friends, when thy day to come over is here.

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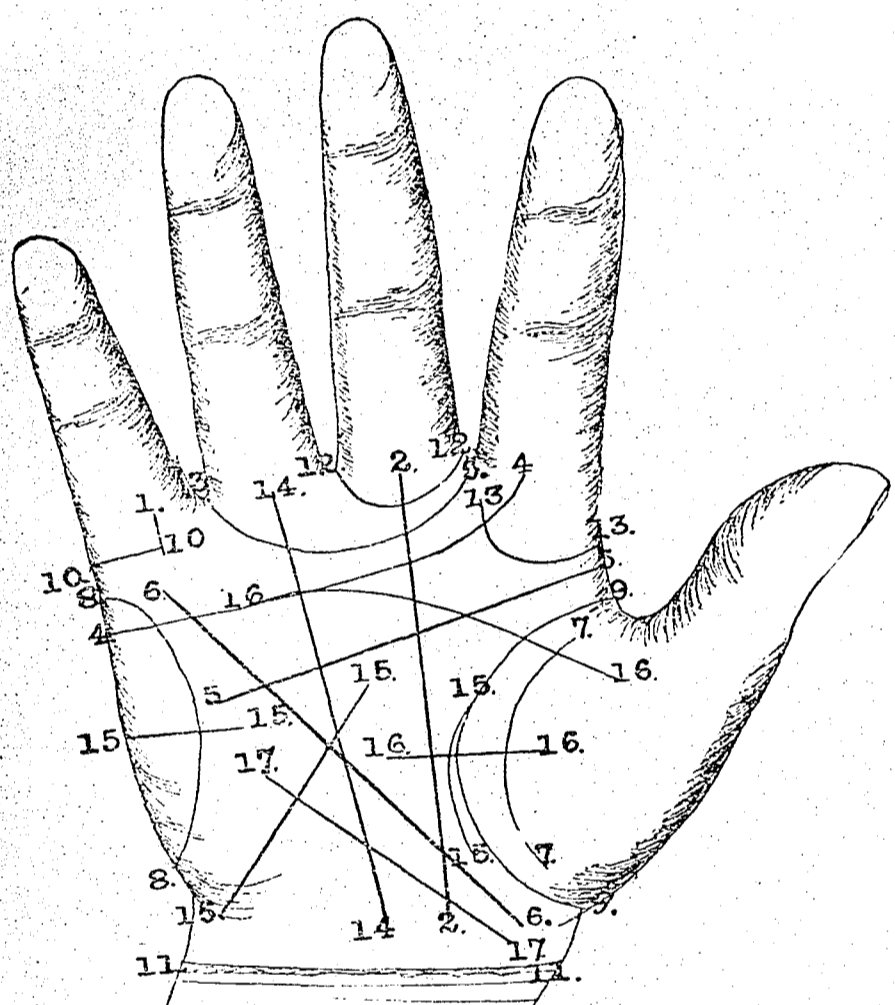
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