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BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNER STONE.— EPH. 2:20.

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METHODS OF SPIRITUAL HEALING.

BY HORATIO W. DRESSER.

Nearly always when descriptions of the process of spiritual healing are given, with the object of aiding the learner to acquire the methods implied, the student finds that there is still something intangible. Thus must it always be in a sense, until the methods have been put to the tests in actual experience. The description is of the letter; it is the experience that is spiritual. All that a description can hope to achieve is to convey hints, which must be verified by experience. But in the following quotation from the lecture notes of Julius A. Dresser the essence of the process is conveyed more directly than usual. The quotation is taken from the midst of explanations in regard to the general theory of healing, and begins with the supposition that the healer is seated by the patient, the latter receptive, the former filled with the consciousness of "the truth of the patient's being"; and continues as follows:

"Now suppose you realize that God is everywhere, therefore that He fills this room, surrounds the patient, even fills him without his knowing it. Then go on from that point to realize what God would be and feel in the patient's place—calm, without fear. Therefore, think of the patient as losing his fear, serene and at peace. . . . God is perfect health, therefore the patient is feeling the healing effect of His presence in every part of his being. God is perfect wisdom and action in every way, therefore the patient is yielding to the better way, to the wisdom that is coming in as a part of

himself. Regard the patient as seeing for himself wherein he is weak and unwise. See him realizing the better way of perfect wisdom, now coming into consciousness as his own thought of improvement. See this especially in so far as you may have learned wherein the patient has caused his trouble by un wisdom.

“Another way of thinking. Imagine God the Father, the eternal power, infinite wisdom and love, as a Person looking more fully and consciously into the patient’s mind (than you can look) and saying to him, ‘You are perfect in your physical design, and only interfere with it by your undeveloped character and unwise ways and fears. Now have peace. Feel my perfect design in every organ and function. See everything within you as perfect. Your illness, your inharmony is only the result of your mistakes. Have peace. Let these errors go, and be at peace, and wiser. I am your wisdom, your very life and strength, your intelligence and power. Let me have you perfectly. Then your perfection will be gained in all ways, and on each plane of your being.

“Now what is the effect of these thoughts of yours? Your patient has been gaining, and he will be conscious of the improvement later. . . . He may have been thinking of his unwise conduct — that which caused his trouble or illness — and seeing the foolishness of such ways and thinking he will certainly be wiser. I have caused such thoughts many a time in the mind of a patient. Not that I thought precisely what he did, but that his thoughts resulted from my realization: he saw in part for himself what I more fully realized for him.

“Now is this practical or visionary? Let your own thought answer. God is our life and wisdom and power. He is *living* us and developing us all the time to be more like Him, that is, to become wiser and stronger individuals, more loving and better in every way. . . . In the silent treatment there is much of that developing and growing in a short

time. That new development is displacing the state of mind and body that was the patient's disease.

"When everything is arranged as here for a treatment—the recipient intentionally receptive and open, desiring help; and the sender positive, and thinking the kind of thoughts which of all others have the most power—work is sure to be done. . . . You cannot afford to doubt it, and thus hinder an effect that must in a measure take place inevitably. . . . A result that is as inevitable as the sunshine from a luminary that cannot keep its sunshine back. . . . God's creatures must get it (spiritual help) unavoidably, and they cannot prevent it. That is why you cannot afford to doubt. The simple fact that you and your patient arrange for such work being done shows that some effect will be inevitable. Minds together mingle, unavoidably. . . . If an intelligent direction is given to the thought (the power) that is going to do the work, the result will be greater. In proportion to the patient's receptivity, also, and his confidence and faith in the power of this way of being helped, will the result be greater. . . . As a practitioner's understanding increases and his intuitions develop, and as he becomes active more and more on the Godward side of his work—out of himself and the human way of thinking—so his effectiveness will increase."

Obviously, the ability to enter into the fullness of such a consciousness depends upon the previous acceptance of the theology implied in it. For there is a great difference between regarding oneself as a center of life and power, and regarding man as at best a recipient of wisdom and love from "the giver of every perfect gift."

The therapeutic experience is primarily social rather than individual. It is a recognition, not merely of our utter dependence upon God, but of the great truth that we are "members one of another." Hence the statement quoted above, that two people cannot sit down together, the one

desiring help, the other longing to give it, without producing a beneficial effect, has in many cases proved to be the clinching argument, the one that has encouraged the beginner to make trial of the method.

Nevertheless, the same principle applies with equal force to the individual. If "God and one make a majority," to enter into conscious oneness with the Father is to experience the blessings of divine sonship. In order to make this realization very vivid, one may regard one's higher self as the healer, one's disordered self as the patient, and objectify the problem to be solved. In this way one may, for the time being, transcend the consciousness of sensation, lift all active thought to the higher level, and give oneself over to a detailed realization of what it means to be a child of God. To do this in all humility and receptivity is in very truth to feel that the soul is at best merely an instrument, guided, sustained, carried forward at every point. Hence the self that one "affirms" is the individuality through which the ever-present Father is fulfilling a purpose. One prays that that purpose, whatever it may be, shall be achieved. One is ready to do the work that is given, to meet the circumstances at hand, learn the lesson of the present conflict. Hence no complaint is uttered. There is no sense of impatience, no desire to run away from the given situation. Instead, there is a sense of peace, of quiet restfulness, and thankfulness. One does not expect to solve the present problem by itself. One sees that it is inwrought with the whole of life, just as one's mere self is related to a larger whole. Therefore one seeks, above all, the truth of the general situation, and, in the light of this, the wisdom which applies to the case in hand.

If one could always attain this sense of peace and adjustment, if one could maintain it with calm persistence, no other method of self-help would be needed. This adjustment is the ideal, and it should

ever be held before the mind. But as it is sometimes less easy to mount the supernal heights than at others, it is well to know of other methods, regarded as introductory to this. It is an aid, for example, to dismiss all care, remove all nervous tension, and quietly settle down into the living present, with no effort to attain or to aspire. One therefore reminds oneself that one cannot achieve all ends at once, that to become rounded-out means to take up one tendency after another and lead it into line. One endeavors to come to judgment in the moment of life that just now is. One frankly acknowledges what has been accomplished, what remains to be done. One makes no claims, one makes no promises. The plain, unvarnished truth is what one wishes.

It is important for every one to be able thus to discriminate the soul—regarded as essentially ideal, aspiring to be perfect—from the conditions of its evolution. Then the past that one regrets, the memory that causes pain, the experience that causes shame, will be connected rather with the self which one used to be. For the very fact that regret and shame arise shows that the soul is already far more than once it was. Once there was only a dim consciousness of a better way, a well-nigh impotent awareness of an alternative. But now the weaker element has become the stronger; the higher alternatives have prevailed.

It is an entirely new thought to some people to reflect that there is a part of the self that is never ill, never sins. Yet one must believe this if one holds that the soul is a son of God, reared in love, sharing the divine life, never separated from the Father's care. To accept such a belief is to conclude that at heart the soul is pure, true, genuine, free, beautiful. That being so, one may very well give special thought to this conception of the soul. One will then see that what appeared to be an enveloping fear was relatively superficial. One

apparently gave way to doubt, but in deepest truth the soul remained at heart loyal, serene. The hours of pain that swept over the inner life seemed to carry everything before them, but, far within, the soul was at peace, inspired now and then by enticing glimpses through the mist of doubt. Hence one must judge, not by the experience, but by the inmost attitude. One must put together these profounder hints concerning the soul's real belief and take the erect, strong attitude which they suggest. After a time this ideal consciousness will be an ever-ready resource. At first, this consciousness will be largely passive. But in due course it can be made aggressive, until finally it will be an ever-present strength.

SELF-HEALING.

As mental healing became known, many ran to the healers, as they before hastened to the exponents of a new school of medicine. By degrees both teachers and patients discovered that the root of mental healing was self-healing.

Only teachers and healers are in a position to truly estimate the enormous difference this has made with the ones seeking. There are thousands today talking about the Science, the teachers and healers, and ridiculing everything connected with it, because the healers did not heal them or help them out of their difficulties. Some of them openly say, "I want to be healed; I do not want to heal myself."

Others say, "Jesus healed people. He did not ask them to heal themselves." In these latter cases it is absolutely useless to draw their attention to the fact that it was their faith with which he healed them, not his.

The Science of Being as presented in and by the Law of Expression, teaches from the first lesson to the last, that each one who is truly healed must heal himself. Another one may stand by with strong, sure, helpful soul, but if a cure is to be made, the individual must do it for himself. The same applies to any and every condition to be changed.

—ALMA GILLEN, in *Expression*.

IN THE BEGINNING.

BY JANE W. YARNALL.

By the story of Creation it has almost universally been believed that the world is only six thousand years old, but the spirit of investigation has taught us to think differently, at the same time to not dispute the statements of the book of Genesis. Every intelligent soul knows that we live in an age of progress, in an age of investigation and of interpretation which one hundred years ago was not tolerated at all. We live in an age of scientific exactness, or as nearly so as the mind of man will permit at the present stage of development, and we have learned that by the use of the God-given wisdom imparted to man, the human family began to reason on the subject of origin. It was considered necessary that the story of Creation should be written, and written by the inspiration of the Lord within, and we feel that it is wise to accept it in the spirit it was written.

In the first chapter of Genesis is an account of what God created day by day, and on the sixth day He said, "*Let us make man in our image, and after our likeness.*" Why did He say *us* and *our*? Because of the multitude of aspects that are required to constitute God; the Life, the Truth, the Love, the Wisdom, the Joy, etc. Every eternal principle of good belongs in the category that constitutes God, and all He created is good, is spiritual and eternal, every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb before it grew, etc. After which the *Lord God*, which is the spiritual *Man* created in the image of *God*, *formed* a man out of the elements of earth, which is called the "*dust of the ground*," and breathed into him the breath of life, and man became a living soul, and was named Adam.

This man Adam was given a mind that was mortal like his body. He was given power to choose

between that which is good and that which is not good, and, as he was left without any teacher but experience, and according to the allegory, he very naturally chose to believe in the evidence of his senses, sight and hearing, and what he saw with the eyes he judged to be true. He knew nothing whatever of his spiritual origin, nor that he had within himself the power to dominate all things about him.

Now from this account, it is not a difficult matter for the mortal to realize that everyone who is born into the world must grow into knowing what they are and what their powers are. We all begin as Adams, perfectly ignorant; but we have the advantage of living in an age of better and higher knowledge than was possible for Adam. We absorb the knowledge of parents and teachers, and we know there is growth for everyone who will honestly endeavor to see the distinction between that which is ephemeral and that which is eternal; and when we understand that distinction we cannot help *knowing* that the I AM is that perfect image of God, endowed with powers like unto God, and that it is by holding the thought of perfection, and speaking it with understanding and trust, that we make our bodies respond to our thinking, and make them show forth a likeness of that perfection that we know is ours. Therefore let us cease to think or speak of the I AM as unworthy, or weak, or sick, or any suggestion of a negative condition. Remember that by our words we are justified or condemned.

Let us remember that nothing befalls us that is not of the nature of ourselves. There comes no adventure but wears to our soul the shape of our everyday thoughts, and deeds of heroism are but offered to those who for long years have been heroes in obscurity and silence.—MARTERLINCK.

Let man hold to his purpose as with the tug of gravitation.—EMERSON.

SELF TREATMENT FOR CONSUMPTION.

BY ANNIE RIX MILITZ.

There is but one Will Power, the power of the Will of God. It has only Good in view, and never can work evil to anyone. Will Power is God. Will Power is Love. I am not afraid to use Will Power, for I am not afraid to use Love. I never use mortal will, for there is no such thing; neither can I be controlled by mortal will, for there is no such thing. My Will is Divine. My Will is one with the Holy Will of God. I will for Health and against disease, and no weakness can paralyze my Will. My determination and my resolution are for Life, Eternal Life, here and now, which is the Will of my God, and that Will cannot be overcome. God is on my side. My Will is His Will, for I do ever those things that please Him. I rise in my might and assert myself. I plant my feet, like hinds' feet, upon Mount Zion, and I cannot be moved. The battle is the Lord's. I stand and see God bring everything to pass. So be it. God is now filling me with His Health and His Life. I am vigorous and strong. I am not afraid of any earthly thing. Let the breeze blow, let the waters flow, let the earth give forth her vapors—none of these things can harm me or make me to fear. The Will of my God folds me round in safety from every mortal belief. No foolish or weak thought in the invisible can move me, to weaken me or make me feel like giving up. I yield not one step. I am positive and firm for Health. I am Good—there is no evil in me and nothing can persuade me that I deserve sickness and death. *I will* not be deceived. *I will* to be well. *I will* show forth my Divine Nature. I am all-powerful, and what *I will* shall stand and nothing can overcome it. I am one with God *now*, and what I Will, He Wills, and what He Wills, I Will.—AMEN.

THE RED SHEET.

The test of a specially printed and spiritually impregnated statement, as a help to concentration, was well demonstrated in the October UNITY. The reports are coming in of late more rapidly than at first, and they are uniformly to the effect that good results were obtained where the test was faithfully made.

There were, of course, a few objections to this innovation, this fear being that we are drifting into materialism, worshipping graven images, etc. But the truth is that those who followed directions got the demonstration. Facts count larger than theories, traditions and fears.

Many of the experiences are amusing. One good lady says that she at first could not bring herself to believe that there was any power in a little sheet of paper to make her realize the presence of the One Life, and, as her science teaching had always been that such things were "mortal mind," she spurned the whole proposition. But, being in great pain, and finding no relief in the usual way, she condescended to try the "Red Sheet" and was relieved in short order.

The testimonies of healing that have so far been received would fill a small book. They vary in degree from rheumatism to finances. One lady relates that her mother cut the Red Sheet up into little bits and sent them to various relatives who were ailing. Among them was a young mother who had been afflicted many months and was very weak. At her first sitting she had a revelation that healed her *at once*; her strength came with a great rush and she is now perfectly well. Scores report having felt strong life vibrations while taking the treatment. A letter just opened lies before me as I write. This is part of it:

"I wish I could tell you how much good that red slip of paper in last month's UNITY has done for me. I will just mention

one or two instances. On three different occasions I could not sleep, my head was throbbing so, and I was feeling so very bad. I took the paper and put it on my head, and before I knew it I was fast asleep. It is wonderful."

We have due respect for the conservative element in our cult, and would not willingly offend or outrage their ideas of applied metaphysics, but we are not to be hampered or bound in any way by what has been the custom, nor what other people think about the way to teach and demonstrate Truth.

Our motto is and always has been, "There is a Spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth him Understanding." This Spirit of the Lord is our guide and inspiration, and it is showing us forces on every hand that may be used with advantage by those who have understanding of the Law. Because men have in the past made fetishes of stocks and stones, and believed that the thing itself possessed the healing virtue, is no criterion for us. Yet that unnumbered millions have been marvelously healed by believing in these things, should cause us to pause and consider the law through which such marvels are possible.

I would ask you who are objecting to this Red Leaf as a help to concentration, Did Jesus lay hands on the sick and heal them in many instances; did he put clay on the blind man's eyes; did he say, "These signs shall follow them that believe * * they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" ? Did Paul bless the handkerchiefs that healed, and did the sick recover from the shadow of Peter that fell upon them as he passed? This is what a literal reading of the Scripture recites, and those who object to the Red Sheet do so from this standpoint. This is the Holy Ghost power — another degree of manifestation beyond that of Spiritual perception, yet under the same law.

Because people have used ignorantly amulets and the shin bones of saints to bring about certain good results is no reason why we should be afraid of the

law that so marvelously moves the human mind. Observing its results we should be moved to investigate. We have very much to learn about the working law of mind. Like electricity and the many other forces open to man's use, it is to be studied, and experimented with fearlessly by those who are well grounded in Divine Understanding.

There is vast difference between laying on of hands with prayer, and laying on of hands without prayer. One is spiritual healing, while the other is merely magnetic. Those in the understanding of the law through which mind manifests know why this is so. The hand is a conductor of the current which the I AM generates in the mind. If the I AM is fixed on God, a direct connection is made with the One Life, while, if the attention is on the hand, and human magnetism the highest concept, there is but a very limited life flow.

This same law holds good in the use of the Red Sheet. Those get best results who forget they are holding it and lose themselves in the contemplation of the true words of which it is the testimony. Thus a direct connection is made between the within and the without, and demonstrations of Spiritual power are obtained where the purely abstract healing method has failed. Undoubtedly many will try to use the Red Sheet as they would a mustard plaster, but they will not get the results. It is especially prepared as a conductor of Spiritual forces, and you must set these forces into activity in your mind before the Power will come into your body. "Faith without works is dead."

For the benefit of those who are not in sympathy with the Red Sheet, we print this month the "Class Thought" in its usual place, giving you an opportunity to tear out the Red Sheet if it offends you.

So many calls for the October number with the Red Sheet came in that we anticipate the demand in this issue, and send to those whom we feel would appreciate, and use to the Good, an extra copy.

Please send or hand it to some one in need. "Let your light shine." If you have received good from this great Truth, you should freely pass it along to others who are in as dire need as you were. "Freely ye have received; freely give."

THE MASTER'S BIDDING.

BY MRS. D. W. PHIPPS.

Do your work as well as you can, and be kind, be kind.—E. BERT HUBBARD.

What shall I do to serve my Lord, beloved,
 What holy deeds, that men may bear in mind
 My sainted name? Softly the answer fell:
 "Do that which lies at hand, and do it well,
 But more than all—be kind"

* * * *

Dear Lord, so much I see that lieth near!
 My hands are weak and small, and ceaseless grind
 Of toil, monotonous, were irksome fate;
 And those I meet oft fail to appreciate
 When I to them am kind.

I once had hoped, dear Lord, perchance to me
 Some more exalted part might be assigned;
 I fain had deemed myself of nobler mould
 Than these, the passing throng of young and old,
 To whom thou bidst be kind.

* * * *

My child, I saw thee lacking wisdom sore,
 Thy heart was foolish, and thine eyes were blind;
 Ill-timed had been the boon thine lips didst ask,
 Once more I say: Do well thy appointed task,
 And still to all—be kind.

These whom thou now regard'st with careless glance,
 Seeing not how closely ties of kinship bind,
 These are thy brothers, dear to me as thee,
 Some day thou, too, wilt see them thus, nay, see
 As thine own self—be kind.

Love is the magic that shall brighten toil,
 Love for thy Lord, and love for all mankind.
 Count no work low, love's glory doth enhance,
 None high that lacks love's spur to swift advance,
 That lacks love's crown—be kind.

And wherefore mourn though men shall mark thee not?
 Though in mad grasp for fame thou'rt left behind?
 Fame's but a phantom shape that mars thy rest—
 Enough, love's wise and gentle motto: "Do your best,
 And, aye, be kind—be kind."

Bible Lessons

BY C. F.

(Text from the Revised Version.)

Lesson 13. December 24.

THE CHARACTER OF THE MESSIAH.—Isa. 9:1-7.

1. But there shall be no gloom to her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time hath he made it glorious, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordon, Galilee of the nations.

2. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased their joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as in the day of Midian.

5. For all the armour of the armed man in the tumult, and the garments rolled in blood, shall be for burning, for fuel of fire.

6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with judgment and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts shall perform this.

GOLDEN TEXT — *Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is, he that shall save his people from their sins.*—Matt. 1:21.

The relation which Jesus of Nazareth bears to the Christ of God, who is to be *formed* in everyone, is a matter requiring careful thought. If we hold with the orthodox Christian church that Jesus was the only son of God, and we are saved from the result of our sins and insured a place in heaven *after* through his personal crucifixion on the cross lost in inconsistent situations that our logical refuse to accept. In the first place, it was *post-mortem* salvation that Jesus proclaimed, said, "Let the dead bury their dead; follow me."

HEALING AFFIRMATION.

The promise of Jesus Christ,
“Ye shall receive POWER,
when the Holy Ghost is come
upon you,”

is now fulfilled in me.

Beloved:—

The Origin of All things is the Great Mind.

That Great Mind expresses itself through Man.

Man is Mind and expresses himself through body.

Mind is therefore the Creative Power in both God and man.

Every thought you think and every word you speak is building your body and affairs.

The Words on this sheet are healing and power-giving because they are true expressions of the One Mind.

Make them operative in your mind by repeating and meditating upon them daily.

This sheet has been especially blessed by those who *know the Law*. Hold it in your hands while repeating over and over the *words* of Truth, and you will *feel* the Power of the Holy Spirit, and the promise of Jesus Christ will be fulfilled in you. "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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Where Martha construed his statement that he was the "resurrection and the life," to mean a future resurrection, he plainly said, "He that believeth on me *shall never see death.*" The life-giving force that animated his body was so great that the usual methods for putting out life did not work in his case—he raised that same body up after three days. Thus the proposition that we are saved by the death of Jesus is not tenable, because of the fact that he is not dead. He reanimated that Jesus organism and walked about in Galilee and showed himself to many people, according to the Scripture, then set its atoms into such a high rate of vibration that the eyes of his disciples could not receive the light, and they reported his ascension.

That ascension was not up into the clouds and far away, but *interior*. Jesus passed into the Universal Ether, a plane of consciousness right here in our midst. Those who open their minds on that plane can commune with him, as did Paul on the way to Damascus, and at other times. Thousands have personally talked to Jesus since that time, and are still doing so, as he is a most potent factor in the Christian movement of today everywhere.

It was not Jesus of Nazareth that Paul referred to when he said, "Christ in you the hope of glory," "Let Christ be formed in you," "We have the mind of Christ," "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus," etc., but a certain principle or expression of God called Christ or Messiah.

It is quite evident that it is this saving principle in man Isaiah refers to in our lesson today. The "people" are our thoughts, and they are in the "darkness" of materiality, but they perceive that there is a higher way, they have seen a great light—that is, the true understanding has dawned upon them that there is a part of man's being that may be developed and save him from the shadow of death. This is the real Messiah, which Jesus brought to light in the mentality of the race. In doing this he

proved our greatest leader, and among all the countless millions of earth none have surmounted the almost universal race negation called death as did Jesus. As a forerunner of that mighty demonstration which we must all make before we can enter into that place prepared for us, he is our savior. But we must bring forth this High Self within us as he brought it forth—in no other way can we round out the strength and beauty of the true man-character.

This wonderful saving principle makes its first appearance in consciousness as a little child. It has to grow in the individual as if he had become an infant again and was learning all over the lessons of life.

We must realize that this new birth, which the little child represents, is the guiding genius of man, inspired by the Most High. His "name," or nature, is all one can conceive of as Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Then the Christ, or Messiah, is God demonstrated in man. This is our salvation.

Lesson 14. December 31.

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.*—Ps. 65:11.

LESSON I.—*Daniel and Belshazzar.*—Dan 5:17-30.

Central Truth: Whoever fails to recognize the Divine Law must sooner or later have his kingdom taken from him.

LESSON II—*Daniel in the Lion's Den.*—Dan 6:10-23.

Central Truth: The soul need not fear the animal part of its nature if it trusts in God.

LESSON III.—*Returning from Captivity.*—Ezra 1:1-11.

Central Truth: The Children of Israel, or the Wise Souls, gather treasures in the experiences of sense, and return with them to the Holy City within.

LESSON IV.—*Rebuilding the Temple.*—Ezra 3:10-4:5.

Central Truth: Expressions of joy and thanksgiving are necessary to the proper building of the perfect consciousness.

LESSON V.—*Power Through God's Spirit.*—Zech. 4:1-10.

Central Truth: Spiritual power is attained through recognizing God as the Source of all, and man His obedient manifestation.

LESSON VI.—*Esther Pleading for her People.*—Esther 4:10-5:3.

Central Truth: Fearless, unselfish Love opens the way and dissolves all the tyranny and opposition of ignorant Will.

LESSON VII.—*Ezra's Journey to Jerusalem.*—Ezra 8:21-32.

Central Truth: Denial of sense appetite on both the mental and physical planes opens the way for influx of universal spiritual forces.

LESSON VIII.—*Nehemiah's Prayer.*—Neh. 1:1-11.

Central Truth: When in a state of spiritual bliss pray earnestly, and redeem all shortcomings.

LESSON IX.—*Abstinence for the Sake of Others.*—I. Cor. 10:23-33.

Central Truth: Though we submit to worldly standards of right and wrong to avoid contention, yet we should continue to maintain our spiritual integrity.

LESSON X.—*Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls of Jerusalem.* Neh. 4:7-20.

Central Truth: Strong, true thoughts build a wall about the soul that protects it from the discord without.

LESSON XI.—*Reading and Obeying the Law.*—Neh. 8:8-18.

Central Truth: Sorrow and grief are weakening.

Affirm joy and gladness, and grow strong. "Neither be ye grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

LESSON XII.—*Preparation for the Messiah.*—Mal. 3:1-12.

Central Truth: All the tithes must be brought into the storehouse of the Lord before the full blessing is poured out upon us. So long as we withhold and claim as our own, anything, either mentally, physically or materially, we shall fall short.

Lesson I. January 7.

THE SHEPHERDS FIND JESUS.—Luke 2:1-16.

1. Now it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled.
2. This was the first enrollment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
3. And all went to enrol themselves, everyone to his own city.
4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David;
5. To enroll him with Mary, who was bethrothed to him, being great with child.
6. And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered.
7. And she brought forth her firstborn son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
8. And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock.
9. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
10. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people:
11. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.
12. And this is the sign unto you; Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.
13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.
15. And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16. And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

GOLDEN TEXT—*For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*
—Luke 2:11:

Vigilance in watching our flocks (thoughts) makes us receptive to the spiritual side of existence. As the shepherds in Oriental countries have a name for every sheep, which is trained to come and go at command, so we should be familiar with our thoughts, and discipline them so thoroughly that they will be obedient to us when we send forth our desire. This familiarity with our mental realm leads to an acquaintance with the character, and gives one an opportunity to strengthen the weak points and repress the undesirable tendencies. It thus clears up and harmonizes the soul so that it is receptive to Divine eas. A thought realm in constant turmoil and mortal confusion cannot possibly receive a message from the spiritual realms of consciousness. The command of the One Great Orderly Mind is, "Be still and know that I am God."

Order in one's life should also extend to affairs without; this is the decree of Cæsar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled."

Joseph and Mary represent the Wisdom and Love, which have been ideas in mind, but are now bringing forth a manifestation in substance. The body on the earth, and the various towns and persons mentioned in connection represent the brain centres and their presiding geniuses. Galilee means *to whirl*, it is, energy or life; Nazareth, *despised*, the sexual centre; Judea, *praise*; David, *love*; Bethlehem, *house of bread* (substance, or stomach centre).

It is thus seen that the birth of Christ is the beginning in the inner realms of consciousness of a new set of faculties that, when grown to full maturity, save the whole man from ignorance and sin. It is a growth in man as tangible to those who reach certain stages as is that of the child in the mother. At its beginnings it is a mere quickening flutter, right over the stomach with, quite often, unusual sensitiveness in the emotional nature. We do not in the early stages of this process understand it, and sometimes are moved to put it away from us. This is the

spiritual significance of the statement that Joseph was merely "betrothed" to Mary, yet she was "great with child." The soul is heavily charged with Divine Life, and so full it cannot express itself intelligently, because no union has yet taken place between it and the understanding (Joseph).

"Swaddling clothes" are bands of cloth in which it was customary to wrap young children like mummies, which represents the confinement to the limitations of the physical nature ("manger") of this first emanation of Divine Life, "there being no room for them in the inn" (outer consciousness).

The message of the angels to the shepherds are those periodical outbursts of Divine illumination which come to us, and we, for the time, know that something unusual is going on within, but we have our duties in life to fulfill, and we return to our flocks (thoughts) "glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen."

Lesson 2. January 14.

THE WISE MEN FIND JESUS.—Matt. 2:1-12.

1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,
2. Saying, Where is he that is born king of the Jews? for we saw his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
3. And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
4. And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ should be born.
5. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written through the prophet,
6. And thou Bethlehem, land of Judah, art in no wise least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come forth governor, who shall be shepherd of my people Israel.
7. Then Herod privily called the wise men, and learned of them carefully what time the star appeared.
8. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search out carefully concerning the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word, that I also may come and worship him.
9. And they, having heard the king, went their way; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
10. And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
11. And they came into the house and saw the young child with

Mary his mother; and they fell down and worshipped him; and opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

12. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

GOLDEN TEXT—*My son, give me thy heart.*—Prov. 23:26.

In Scripture symbology "East" represents the within. As here used the word in the original is plural; the significance therefore is, that from the regions of interior wisdom there come thoughts of reverence for the Holy Life that had begun its growth in the consciousness.

This attitude of reverence is an important feature in developing the Christ-consciousness. Without it the mind loses a certain necessary connection with the higher realms of consciousness, and that central poise of faith that gives a religious tenor to the process is lacking. Therefore, holy devotion is a factor of vast import in bringing forth the perfect Christ-child.

All causes are of the spiritual, even the forms of matter are held in place by invisible thought-ideas. Thought-forms are reflected into what may be termed the astral, or star-dust realms. Thus the body of the Christ-child in us is not yet projected into visibility, but its thought-form exists as an image, or pattern, of the coming Jesus—the Star. This is perceived by the inner wisdom, and is a guide to the locality in the nerve centres where it is building, as described in the previous lesson.

Herod, the ruling will of the physical, catches a vague feeling of this new power beginning to make itself manifest at the heart, or Jerusalem Centre, and he is troubled, and all that part of the consciousness also. There is often a great stirring up of the *solar plexus* when the new birth sets in, and those who are not in the devotional frame of mind, and therefore out of touch with the informing wisdom, are liable to think that they have some disease. When you have been quickened of the Spirit you should count every

experience as in some way connected with your development on that plane of consciousness.

Those who live in the realm of conscious outward thought alone have no concept of the many subtle mental processes constantly going on in their souls and bodies. Even those who are deep in thought discipline are not always aware of the crafty, plotting ambitions and many other phases of mentation working out their natures in the mind within. All that is here described in this lesson might take place in the subjective consciousness of a busy man or woman in whom the Christ mind and body is beginning to be active, and they would not outwardly recognize it except as a vague unrest, or maybe nervous condition.

Thus Herod may be plotting subjectively to destroy the young Christ-consciousness, which he feels gradually usurping his rule, and his subtle thoughts may rise to the surface in a feeling of opposition to any change in existing conditions. If we give up to this our hearts grow spiritually cold, and the Christ-character does not come forth in wisdom and stature, but is suppressed by the scribes, pharisees, chief priests, and all those states of mind that constitute the man without.

But the "good shepherd" is one who knows his sheep, and they know his voice—every thought is under discipline, and when the wise thoughts from within bring their presents there is great rejoicing and satisfaction in consciousness.

The presents which the wise men bring are symbolical of the inner resources open to the Christ-child. They may be the stored-up good deeds and thoughts of previous incarnations, which this wisdom within carefully guards and gives to the soul as an inheritance when it arrives at mature age. Nothing is ever lost in the Divine economy, and although man may seem to fail in bringing forth to perfection the Christ-child in his life, there is no cause for discouragement—those who fall asleep in Jesus shall receive their inheritance, and again awake in his likeness.

ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

BY THE EDITOR.

This issue of **UNITY** is charged with healing virtue. It carries conviction and spiritual power to whoever reads it, whether they have faith or not.



Prosperity has long been proclaimed by this Centre, and it is now being realized. We are reaping what we have sown in words, and the crop is abundant. There has never been lack or worry about finances, but we have had times when we could have used greater resources to advantage—from our standpoint. It may be that we had not acquired either the ability or power for the riches of God. Now both are coming to us in Divine Order, and we greatly rejoice and thank our many friends for their generosity.

Men think they have money of their own, but it all belongs primarily to God, and in the world in its right relation it is the property of all men. Hence you are handling God's, money, and will be commended by the Great Landlord according to your selfish or unselfish use of His bounty.

Every dollar that is contributed to this Cause comes from the One Great Source of Riches, and when it reaches our hands we thank Him, and, under instructions, proclaim that it shall in its *producing idea*, still in the hands of the donor, have greatly increased power. The ultimate of this is that what you give us is not given at all, but put through a process of multiplication.

When you send us money, (and, remember to do so only when it is your loving desire and generous free-will), always think of the Real, or Idea of Supply, remaining with you. What you give out is but an emanation of that perpetually producing image, and it will multiply in your hands more rapidly if you

put it to work in the right way. "There is that that scattereth, and yet increaseth."



Some of you will receive two copies of this month's UNITY, with the Red Sheet. We have gone through our list and selected those who are spiritually alive, and we want you to send the extra copy to some friend in need. If you can use more than one copy, send to the publishing department for them at the rate of three for 25 cents.

This Red Sheet has been present at the Silent Unity meetings, both open and closed sessions, for the last fifteen days, and carries not only the statement of Truth, but also a great substance radiation that connects it with our Centre, and through us with Divine Mind.

These healing sheets are not necessary to those who are in the realization of the Divine Presence, but for the isolated ones—those who are not where they can, for one cause or another, reach the Holy Spirit and feel its presence.

This Divine Presence is open to the outer realms of consciousness when peace prevails in thought. Our healing rooms are so charged with this Presence that those who sit in the waiting room often feel the vibrations like a battery. Quite often where there are many waiting those who are familiar with the Law quietly sit and get a treatment, put their offering in the basket, and go away without seeing the personal healer. It is the Spirit that does the work and not personality.



It was with real joy I saw and read the "test" sheet. I had been quite ill, and seemed to have little strength. It was about 5:00 P. M. I received UNITY. I cut out the "test" sheet, almost immediately (did not wait until 9:00 P. M.) placed myself comfortably on the couch, and amidst the chatter of children and mother's replies, clasped it and made the affirmation, and I could make every word my very own. I soon felt a thrill through my

whole body, especially the part which seemed weakened. The next morning I was much better, and I have continued to gain. Some days, of course, I do not feel as well as others, but the gain is sure. With few exceptions I have felt the thrill when making the affirmation. Besides the physical gain it seems to elevate, purify and bring wholeness (holiness) to the soul. I still use the affirmation every day.

— E. L. F.

In accord with your kindly request that we report at the end of the month, I am writing this. I feel that I cannot begin to tell you the benefit I derived from the treated sheet. While holding it my hands became very warm, and it seemed as though I became suddenly connected with a great fountain of warmth and life, and was receiving from it a great supply of life and strength. There seemed to be a clearing up of clouds and shadows, and a greater realization of the Divine within. I can truly say that if every one who tested its efficacy received the blessing that I did, its value cannot be estimated. I shall never cease to be thankful that I have united with the dear Unity people. I shall never depart from them on the glorious highway in which they are travelling. Wishing you all happiness and prosperity, I am most sincerely a sister in this beautiful Way.

— B. B.

The red paper is truly a healing power. One treatment *cured* continued cold feet and weakness of the heart. It is surely a success. And will you send me a few more of the healing sheets.

— L. N. G.

You are never conquered until you think you are. The moment you believe yourself to be conquered you *are* conquered, even though success is within your grasp; all of which means that no person and no power can conquer a man; that he is only conquered when he conquers himself. Strange is it not that one's own destiny should lie in his own hands, and that no outside power can cheat him out of it?

— *Freedom.*

He who knows that power is in the soul, that he is weak only because he has looked for good out of him and elsewhere, and so perceiving throws himself unhesitatingly on his thought, instantly rights himself, stands in the erect position, commands his limbs, works miracles; just as a man who stands on his feet is stronger than a man who stands on his head.— EMERSON.

REPORTS OF THE WORK IN KANSAS CITY.

[That UNITY readers may know somewhat of the character of the teaching in our local meetings, the following stenographic reports are printed. These are not complete reports, but of the most salient points, according to the judgment of the reporter, Miss Millie Chandler.]

Monday Evening Healing Meeting. Held at Unity Headquarters, 913 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Prof. LeRoy Moore, leader.

Silent Thought: *"The Spirit of Christ is now working within me, and cleanses and purifies my body,"*

"I, the Lord thy God, healeth thee." Understanding the Lord to be the Law back of all life, all intelligence, all things in existence, and realizing that as a truth, we demonstrate according to our knowledge of that Law.

You remember Brother Northrup spoke the other day about getting in touch with the Universal. Now, this is what he meant: Just as soon as we can get in touch with this great Law of health and happiness we are enabled to demonstrate these things. It is the natural result of a natural law. It is not anything supernatural. It is just in accordance with God's natural Law. God is all there is to this great Law of Spirit.

Now in our perfectness with that Law, we are not to stop simply with healing. The command in the Law of God is to "come up higher," come up into the consciousness of your Being, of your birthright, that which belongs to you as an individual. The law of supply, the law of peace, the law of harmony, are nothing more than the expression of this natural law. The soul that lives in God, and truly trusts God, lives upon that plane where he realizes his at-one-ment to all things, which is Spirit.

Now, the formulation of thoughts, of ideas, have a purpose. Teachers have taught us how we could control and become poised in the Truth that we are

seeking; how to become centered in thought until we had perfect command of ourselves, perfect command of the Law we are talking about. We make denials and affirmations, but we must get beyond these. We must get into oneness with the Absolute, and we get that in the silence. The sooner we can let go our thought forces the better. God and His angels are working in every way to assist our endeavor.

If we want love, we must love the things God has created. We can not divide our love up into portions. We must love the animals, we must love the flowers. There is beauty in everything in existence, and we find that beauty when we get close to God.

I feel that the best work we are to do here, is in perfect harmonious stillness — the silence. When we can come here, and leave everything that pertains to our daily affairs, come here with our hearts warm with love, peace and harmony for all mankind, then is when we bring all things to the altar of the Father, and let me tell you, it is when we bring our love-offering that we get the most. Now then, the point is here: To abide in that perfect confidence and trust in the Father, and not waver from that attitude of mind. Sometimes the waves roll high, sometimes things look dark, then we must turn our eyes away from the seeming to the reality, and then we find this power manifesting through us.

Every promise is manifested in this Law. Man should be still, and know that all things are here for his good, not only a realization of perfection in the body, but everything that you know is for your welfare will be found in the silence with God.

It is not a question of how you and I please the world or those around us in our immediate neighborhood; it is not a question as to whether we are living in accordance with their ideas. The question should be, How am I pleasing my Father? Am I pleasing in the eyes of God? So I say to you, we want to weigh this question well; we want to weigh this principle well; we want to keep our minds

steadfast to the Truth we do know, and by so doing we will find that that little Truth or much Truth will guide us into all Truth. It is not a question of where we work or where we assemble; it is whether we enter into this consciousness, whether we are working in harmony with this Law, and the most practical suggestion that I can give expression to in this line of work is for you to get hold of yourself, and find that there is a place where you can be absolutely still, and where you can get in touch with all things, and then be still and let it come forth in its own way.

I feel that we have a great work to do here—a glorious work. Our work is growing right along in this Unity Society, and our work is better every day. This is simply because we are working in harmony; we are working in love; we are working according to the teaching of Jesus Christ and of perfect health, peace and happiness. And that is why the work is being carried on as successfully as it is. But I do not think it is the thing to do to talk about it. The thing to do is to keep our minds in harmony and peace with God, and with God's universe of love. We can help each other by being in harmony with everything that is to the honor and glory of God.

Mrs. Marion Drake: "If thine eye be single thy whole body shall be full of light," for God is Light, "The Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." "The light that shineth in the darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not."

Dear ones, if you are alone with the Light of the Spirit, your darkness has disappeared, for the Light dispels the shadows. No darkness can abide in this wonderful, glorious Light.

Learn to be still. Many times in Chicago, on the street cars, I have been in that stillness, knowing not what was going on around me. And in that deep realization of the stillness without the formulated word, I have realized for myself and others blessings. I have realized that I am heir and joint heir to the

Kingdom of God. And where do you look for that Kingdom? Not far, far away. It is within you. "It cometh not with observation." "Seek and ye shall find." Renew your mind; become spiritually minded; come into this blessed Truth that will make you free. Be still in the consciousness that you are one with the Father—with that Spirit of God who is our healer, our helper in every time of need. Be still, dear heart. Be still and know that infinite Love sustains you; Infinite Power protects you. Be still and know. Be still, and the Spirit of Peace shall calm the troubled waters. Peace, that peace that the world knoweth not.

"God is Love," and that Love surrounds only those who come into this wonderful realization, and can know that God is their helper in these times of need. Let us learn to center ourselves in this Great Universal Center. Talk with God—the God of Love, and that talk comes forth in the silence, as these beautiful flowers have manifested in the silence. The spoken word in the invisible, and then we have the visible. Speak the word, and your word will take form, because you are in the same mind that dwelt in Christ Jesus. "My words, they are Spirit and Life to all that find them."

Judge H. H. Benson: When we come into a realization of the song we have just been singing, we are in the Kingdom of heaven. The Kingdom of peace is the Kingdom of heaven. "Peace like a river." How often we speak this word to those we are treating. Peace, peace like a river. With the speaking of that word sometimes a fever is gone which appeared. The cooling waters of peace bring surcease from pain. Let us for a moment go into the silence, and each one realize for himself or herself, "*I am that peace which flows like a river.*"

The statement which I kept making last Monday night has grown deeper in my consciousness that, "In quietness and confidence shall my strength be"—in stillness. There are very few people who

know how to be still. When once we have learned to be perfectly still, we have learned one of the most valuable lessons. When we have learned to shut the door against everything external, and come into the consciousness that we enter that formless, waveless realm of the Absolute—of the Universal, then is when we get power.

We have a holy ambition to make this one of the greatest healing Centers in the world, and we can do that if we go deeper every day, if we come more and more into the consciousness of our own power.

Do you want to realize in your own body health, success and happiness? Go to treating somebody else. Every person has power if he only becomes conscious of it. So we tell people, one of the first things to do is to forget your body. Be so anxious to help someone else that you forget yourself, and after awhile, if you come into this silence so that you realize it, you can heal, and will heal wherever you go.

There is a beautiful influence here tonight, and there is not a person in this room who will not go away from this place better and stronger for having come. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne." Yes, we shall be enthroned. We shall have power over the nations—over all the nations of limitation about us.

T. G. Northrup, President World's New Thought Federation, K. P. Hall, Kansas City, Kas.

Friends and Co-workers: It is a happy surprise to be in Kansas City today. When I left home I expected to spend four days in Nevada, and to leave Kansas City last evening, but I was delayed.

This is the third Convention I have attended, and to my mind, we are just getting into the spirit of federative work. Federation means bringing the different views down to one point—bringing out the best, and in order to do that we have to look well to ourselves; we have to be honest with ourselves, because if we are bringing the best we can not

bring personality—something back and behind all that is the best of us. And so at Nevada everybody came and put their best on the altar for federative work, and to bring out something to take home with them. Each one went out with a new power. We will never know the good resulting from the last few days. This is new and is federative work in a small degree, but each of you have something to bring in, something to add to the work. This little organization of itself is nothing. It is simply what its members can bring and put into it. Now, if you put your *best* into it, the organization will grow, and you will grow.

Now, go home and begin with yourself; be honest with yourself; look yourself over and see what there is for you to do to bring your best into this work. If you have criticism for some of your members, do not bring that, leave that out entirely. If it is a little temper, leave that also. Bring only the *best*. So much for the Convention.

Now the practical side of this question is what interests people. We want something we can use in our business; something we can use in our homes; something we can use in our lives.

If it does not meet your want as a religion; if it does not meet your wants as to health; if it does not meet your needs in regard to business, it does not meet the requirements. I stand before you to say, it meets all these conditions when we understand how to make the application. If it is health, we must meet the condition; if it is happiness, we must meet the conditions which will make our homes happy; if we want to use it in our business, we must make the application to the Law of Finance. There is no uncertainty about anything when we apply the Principle. We must apply the Law. We always get returns according to the Law we apply. If we violate Law in the state of Kansas, we are subject to the penalty attached to that Law; if we violate the Law of Health, we must take the returns

of that violation; and every time we violate the Law of Finance, we must take the returns.

Every time you say, "I can not afford it," you violate the Law of Finance. I am talking to you what I know. If any of you ladies want a new hat, and you hold the thought, "I can not afford to have that," you are violating the Law of Finance, and if you continue to doubt, you will not get the hat. Now this is a small thing, but life is made up of small things, and when you understand what you are, when you know yourself master of the situation, when you understand how to come in touch with Source, when you understand how to use the Law, everything is at your command.

Now you have money in the bank; it is yours; but there are certain conditions you have to comply with before you can get it. You must properly draw up a check. You have in the Universal all that you are willing to meet the conditions for. Draw your check correctly and there is absolutely no failure.

If one of you ladies want \$5.00 by next Saturday, and you do not see how you are to get it, all that is necessary is to comply with the Law of Finance. We talk about healing, that is good; everybody ought to have good health, but we ought also to have money. Is there anything today that causes so much sorrow and trouble as seeming lack of money? Is there anything more grinding than the lack, to one's consciousness, of money? If the Lord, or this Infinite Spirit, has provided a way that we can meet all these requirements on this plane, is there any reason why we should not understand it? Not at all. There is no lack anywhere. Everything has been done for man and woman that can possible be done; it is only for you and I to do our part and then everything is provided.

You see, if we want to be happy, we must meet the condition; if we want to be well and strong, we must meet the condition. Lots of people are trying to demonstrate along these lines. They say, "Yes,

I almost got my hands on that, but it just slipped away." You see you must be exact. They were not exact enough in meeting the conditions. We must have exactness and then it is a certainty.

Now, if any of you ladies want \$5.00, I want you to have just \$5.00 worth of faith in this Truth. If you only have \$1.00 worth, you can not get the \$5.00. Go into the Silence by yourself, away from everybody, and sit in it until you can realize that you are in touch with the Universal. You may do this in two minutes, or it may take half an hour; then speak these words: "*Let five dollars come into manifestation by Saturday night.*"

You must be exact in your time. After you have come out of the Silence, accept that as final—finished. You have come in touch with the Universal and God has spoken through you. The Power that said, "Let there be light, and there was light," has spoken through you. Now do not speak that a second time, for then there would be doubt. I would like to have some of the ladies try that and let me know the result, at 218 LaSalle Street, Chicago, because this is a Law; and now understand me, *I want you to accept it as final after you have spoken the word.* Consider it settled. Take the same attitude toward the Universal that you would toward Prof. Moore here, if *he* had promised this to you, then there is no question to the result.

This Law of Finance changes the whole question of business life. Man in the past has had to worry over his business affairs—take them home with him and worry and study over them all night. He was afraid that something was going to get out of the way. Now the man who understands the Law of Finance gives the proper time to business that he should while at the office, then when he goes home he dismisses business affairs from his mind, and in the morning he takes them up again, and if any problem comes up, he knows he is equal to the emergency. Sometimes something will come up a

thousand miles away to require his attention. Does he have to get on the train and go there? No. He sits right down there in his office and gets in touch with this Universal Power and settles the business right there. He may get a telegram or letter the next morning.

A business man today who is not equipped with this knowledge can not compete with the man who is. It not only regulates our health, and touches the home life, but there is no requirement it does not meet, and the whole thing is *simply in getting mastery of yourself*. In building, build God qualities. Do not build from error, for error will not bring satisfactory results.

I have given a little attention to this work in Chicago from the practical side, the "dollar side" of it. In a city like Chicago, and this as well, there are many people out of employment, both ladies and gentlemen. Now does this meet that requirement? Certainly. Can those out of employment get employment by use of this Law? Why, certainly. If you are out of employment and want it, there is a demand. There is never a demand without a supply. There is someone, somewhere, who wants you. It is simply wonderful! Why, we get a lady or a gentleman a position in a day or two. If a young man wants a better position than where he is, this Law will help him. He must look himself over and see if he is equipped to fill this better position, and if not, go to work and equip himself, and just as soon as he is satisfied that he is equipped, then let him speak the word — the position is open for him.

You and I can get in touch with the Universal Power at any time. The Power is there for our demand, no matter where we are, on the street or in our home. We can connect ourselves with Power at any time.

Now you and I are building today what is going to be our world tomorrow or next day. We are building all the time. We are building something,

and whatever that something is, you will have to meet. The opportunity is offered whereby we can get an understanding of ourselves, understanding of Truth so that we are masters of the situation, that we have dominion. We are doing now that which we want to do most. Some one will say, "No, I would do differently if I could." Well, *why* do you not do that? "Oh, well, because." Ah, there is the *because*, and you have given the reason why you do not. Whatever you wish most to do, that you do, and you are doing it all the time, and if your circumstances are not what you like, change what you are doing. If you want to help the body, just go to work and change the conditions, meet the conditions that are necessary for this. If you want money, comply with the conditions and you can not keep the dollars away.

Ninety-nine per cent of the business men fail because they violate the Law, and that takes the money away from them. If you comply and meet the conditions, money is showered upon you, and you can not help it. It *will* bring returns.

If you spend a penny or dollar grudgingly, you better not, for you are doing your utmost never to see another dollar. Give it forth. Let it go. Use it wisely and with judgment, but give it forth freely. When you want a hat, you must want the hat more than the dollar. Get the hat and be happy in it, and do not think about the dollar.

Wednesday Afternoon Meeting. Held at Unity Headquarters, 913 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Cora Thomas, leader. Subject: "Prosperity."

Silent Thought: "*I clothe myself safely round with Infinite Love and Wisdom.*"

Our subject is to be Prosperity, and it seems, in looking for a Bible lesson, I have found a perfect definition: "*Be ye therefore perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect*"

Reading of the sixth chapter of Matthew.

To me this idea of prosperity is the Christ idea of perfection, the idea of Christ within; and true prosperity is that ability in ourselves to keep our eye "single" and see the perfect in everybody. I want each one of you to take this up, and tell what it means to you, tell us something of your successes. Now, I will just mention some points that may help you in discussing the subject. If we had all attained this Christ-consciousness, our manifestation would be perfect. But why these seeming failures? When we work in harmony with the Law, it works all right; but there are times of apparent failure. Let us get at the cause of this, for there must be some definite reason. Who will help us to find it?

Mrs. Martha Heller: I could not come to the meeting last week, and was very much disappointed. I had taken sudden chills. I was worse on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and so called up Mrs. Croft. I tried to help her hold the thought, "*I am that I am, and beside me there is none other.*" Then I took up UNITY, and read "Limitless Man," and in five minutes I got up and went down and sat in the yard. *Limitless Man* is the word we want here today to demonstrate prosperity.

Mrs. W. G. Haseltine: Our leader said, "Seek ye *first* the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." Jesus, the perfect one, our greatest teacher, said, "Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." He also said, "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a mustard seed." We have searched for it and talked about it and said how wonderful it was, and, finally, we found it. It was only as large as a mustard seed. Seemingly so tiny to our consciousness we plant that seed, and it grows until it fills the whole earth. Our leader spoke of failures. I tell you, friends, there is no such thing as failures in God's kingdom, but in that kingdom we may find is a shadow when the SUN goes under a cloud. When the little seed is planted in the earth, it must

go down before it comes up; and so it is with us, we seem to have times when we go down and down, but we also grow taller and taller. The trees grow tall and high so the birds can build in their branches. The stronger we grow, the deeper we must go down into Being.

Mrs. Jennie H. Croft: I think I will take the same text, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (right living) and all these things *shall* be added unto you." We just sung:

"Firm-resting in the Lord
I wait His sov'reign will,
I hear His tender word,
And calmly trust Him still."

Now, here is the secret — not to doubt, no matter what comes to us. We *must* know and declare that this prosperity is ours. The noon statement that Unity people are holding is, "*I am prosperous; I always succeed.*" Now, from a limited standpoint this may not seem true, but when we speak from the Christ-consciousness, then it is absolutely true. Let us be true to Truth; true to Principle; true to ourselves, and from Truth's standpoint we say: I am prosperous; I am conqueror, today the same as yesterday. Stand on your own feet. What another may or may not do is nothing to you. We must not blame another for our failures to manifest plenty. It may seem that another's action deprives us of opportunity to become to a certain degree prosperous, but the fault is entirely within ourselves that these things occur. We must deal with ourselves and not with anyone else. If our mental attitude is right, then right conditions are ours. All that the Father hath is yours. If you have friends, if you have means, if you have position, take it as coming through the Christ-channels. Then, let us pour out our love. Let us make our faith strong. Let us know that prosperity and the true manifestation of prosperity is our birth-right. In the quietness of this consciousness we go on, and assurance is manifest to us in prosperity.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

BY JENNIE H. CROFT.

197. In what degree or sense did Christ take upon himself our sins?
— Mrs. H. W.

There is a law which is fundamental and changeless — the law of cause and effect. Applied to man and his conduct, this law is given in these words, "As a man sows so shall he reap." The effect of any action must be borne by the one performing the act, and cannot be imposed upon or taken by another. Some other may suffer the penalty of a wrong deed, so far as outward punishment goes, but the effect upon the soul-consciousness must be borne by the actor himself. Jesus, then, could not take and suffer for the sins of each individual, only in the sense of being tempted in like manner as we are that he might show us the way of escape. Jesus was a man with whom was the same possibility to sin that is common to all men, and in this way he bore our sins in his own body until he came to the place in his conscious unfoldment where the ideas of the human, or material life, met the divine, or spiritual, and was put aside, or crossed out (crucified), and the real life, the soul-life, entered upon. Through the conscious recognition of his relation to the Father, and the inherent divine force dwelling within him, was he able to redeem himself from all possibility of sin, and taught by his life that what he could do, everyone could do, and in this way was he the Saviour of the world, and insomuch as we help a brother to see the Life, the Truth, the Way, do we become Saviours also.

198. (a) What is meant in Matthew 10:28, "Fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell"?

(b) What does St. Paul mean by, "Spiritual wickedness in high places"?

(c) Also Acts 1:11, "This same Jesus shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Will this literally be fulfilled?
— A. D.

(a) Anything which causes inharmony in body and soul is to be avoided, for it destroys peace so long as it abides with us.

(b) It is selfishness which creeps into the hearts of even the spiritually minded, and can only be eliminated when they become poised in the perfection of the Spirit.

(c) Each individual passes through every experience which Jesus Christ did, and ascends into the harmony (heaven) of peace after gaining the mastery of life. Having attained this exalted state he comes again into the relations of practical life and judges between the false and the true, choosing the good and pure, and rejecting the false. We do not look for the literal coming of the same man Jesus into the world.

198. (a) Is there any way you can treat another for high and unreasonable temper, who pouts and will not speak until the spell is broken, be it one or six weeks, making everyone around more or less miserable?

(b) Is fasting as an aid to health in line with New Thought?

(c) Is there any mention in the Bible where Jesus baptized anyone?

(d) Can one belong to protestant churches and practice New Thought, or is it best to "cut loose" entirely? —A. C.

(a) Deny that there is such a thing as an ugly, ungovernable temper, and affirm that this one is filled with love and wisdom which are seeking their full expression through him. Pay no attention to these spells, but seek opportunities to be kind and serve him and love him with a changeless love which sees only the good, and is its own reward.

(b) Yes, fasting is in line with New Thought as an aid to health of both mind and body. But, to get the best results, there must be temperance in fasting as well as in partaking of food. The body must be so well trained and cared for that we are never reminded of its possession by the pangs of hunger or the pains of excess. The brain is then in good working order, not hampered by physical demands.

(c) No, there is no record of Jesus baptizing anyone, but in John 4:2 we read, "Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples."

(d) It is possible to belong to orthodox churches and practice New Thought, but if one is faithful in following the practice, he will soon find that the teachings of the church fail to satisfy him, and sooner or later he has to "cut loose."

Class Thought. December 20th, 1905, to January 20th, 1906.

(Held daily at 9:00 P. M.)

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The Temple of Truth in Washington, D. C., has recently moved into larger and better quarters at 1228 16th St., N. W., where classes and other regular work will be carried on.

As a Christmas present, a year's subscription to a helpful periodical is the most profitable of all presents. UNITY will go to your friend twelve times for \$1.00, and WEE WISDOM will make the same number of trips for 50 cents.

There has been such a demand for June number of UNITY, containing the Auxiliary Lesson by Mr. Fillmore on Practical Christianity compared with other phases of the New Thought, that we have issued it in pamphlet form. 5 cents a copy; 25 cents per dozen.

WORK IN SCIENCE OF BEING.

Earnest activity marks the work of the Church of the New Thought (according to the Science of Being) in Chicago, this season.

Faithful and excellent attendance at all the sessions of the course of preparatory addresses given by Mrs. Anna B. Goddard, evidenced a deep desire to learn. The simple, practical exposition of the Science of Being proved to be just what is needed for beginners in this study. It was made clear to the students that in order to succeed in the undertaking of acquiring knowledge of this scientific presentation, and of living by it, one must needs be a student. This does not mean necessarily, a reader of books. It is rather, to be a thinker, to think as much as he reads, or more. And all this effort is but leading up to the endeavor to live every day according to what has been learned by study.

Following this preparatory study, regular class work is proceeding. Under the direction of Mrs. Augusta Boulter, the Basic Course is being heard by a number of very interested persons.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Leake conducts the work of the Genesis course, a very instructive series of lessons.

Ministration meetings are exceedingly helpful to those who desire personal consideration of any difficulties.

Classes are organizing for studying the text-book of the Science of Being, "The Builder and the Plan."

Sincere interest and practical benefit are found resulting from the meetings of the different branches of the Exodus Society for Fellowship and Service.

A fully equipped kindergarten takes good care of the little children of our Sunday School. The senior classes of the Sunday School are doing most excellent work. Full and regular attendance give good opportunity for thorough study. Every one of our corps of teachers is engaged in this Sunday School work, and gives noble service therein. General service follows class work, and this has been marked by a wonderfully uplifting influence.

While much might be said of the accomplishment in class and social circle, quiet thankfulness for all our blessings is voiced in our midst, and kindly thought is extended to all brethren.

— E. C. B.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Haddock, 703 South Fayette Street, Saganaw, W. S., Mich., report that they have opened at their house headquarters for the teaching of Truth. They were to begin meetings Sunday, November 26th. They will call themselves the Unity Society of Practical Christianity of Saganaw. They will also do both present and absent healing. We are glad to announce this move on the part of these devoted workers. Mr. Haddock visited us last summer, and we find him in understanding, and with a large realization of the healing power of the Spirit.

Frank Lang, Tallmadge, Ohio, writes: "I am an engineer, pump runner, pipe fitter and fireman, in fact, can do all the work of a handy-man. I want a position with New Thought people in or near Kansas City."

THE DIVINE TRUTH HOME OF KANSAS.

Vivia Holt Leeman, who for a number of years conducted this Home of Truth at Holton, Kansas, has been called apart to assist her husband in his Spiritual preparation to join her in the Truth work. They are now at their Colorado ranch at Granada, but expect to spend the winter in some quiet spot in California. Then, as soon as the "Spirit calls," return to the Truth work with renewed power. Mr. and Mrs. Leeman will not return to Holton, however, but locate a home in some larger place.

The work at Holton is being kept up by local members, and all "Home" reading room literature may be kept in circulation at this center by addressing it to Mrs. Nellie Knopf, Holton, Kansas.

The following report was read at Mrs. Leeman's farewell service: "Since this Home was dedicated to the service of Christ the Truth, 170 sermons have been preached; 150 Bible study services; 500 demonstration meetings; 875 patients have been individually treated from the Home; 140 given class instruction in the Science of Truth; 2,000 booklets and tracts distributed; over that number of magazines have been placed in the hands of Truth seekers; 300 books have been sold, while the Home has had a circulating library of fifty volumes. This work has been conducted on the free-will offering plan, all being done in the Spirit of Divine Love."

THE WORK IN TOPEKA.

We are gaining great strength through the Radium Circle, and I must not forget to tell you that Dr. Sullivan's lecture was the beginning of an evening class, which promises to be quite as necessary and as helpful as the afternoon class. There were twenty-four present at the first meeting. Mr. Harry Whittelsey was elected leader; Mrs. Lucia O. Case, vice-leader, and Mrs. Eunice Curtis, secretary. Helpful talks were made by Mr. Whittelsey, Mrs. Judge Nellis, Mrs. Case, Judge Arnold and others. The evening class will meet with Mrs. Rosa P. Morrison, 311 North 7th Street, Friday evening of each week. Our afternoon class has been changed to Wednesday, so we are now all meeting at the same time.

— LIDA H. HARDY,
1731 Lane Street, Topeka, Kan.

Eternal Progress, edited by Christian D. Larson, of Cincinnati, which intended merging into *Practical Ideals* of Boston, has been called into existence again by the demand of its readers. The October number of this excellent magazine, *Ideals*, has a most interesting account of the life and works of W. F. Evans, the author of a large number of metaphysical books, and a contemporary of Dr. Quimby, the originator of Christian Mind Healing. These articles will be continued in future numbers.

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GREENACRE AND THE TREATY OF PEACE.

I have had a great summer of recreation, with 7,000 miles of traveling, and two and a half months of resting at that beautiful, spiritual and metaphysical resort, Greenacre-on-the-Piscataqua, so that I am feeling well equipped for whatever work the Spirit is preparing for me to do. From eight seasons of tenting and co-operative service in caring for the people in tents, I must say I love Greenacre and all the beautiful people who go there for rest and refreshment from year to year. There is nothing exactly like it on earth. The last three seasons have been especially harmonious, peaceful and helpful, and I am sure the spiritual profit of a month or two spent there cannot be measured by words. For this is a wonderful spiritual center, whose "peace-flag" floats over a peace-loving people; whose peace sentiments spring from the depths of a spiritual consciousness.

It strikes me as very singular, that the Envoys of Peace from Russia and Japan, passing by all the many urgent invitations of kings, governors and mayors, should come and sit down right under this unique flag, in the adjoining town of Kittery (once a part of the town of Eliot), as though the peace of the contending nations could best be accomplished (perhaps only thus) by their Plenipotentiaries coming in touch with this wonderful peace atmosphere at Greenacre. When great questions are to be settled it is of highest importance that the best possible conditions should exist, not omitting those of *time* and *place*. While these distinguished Envoys, with the best interests of their respective governments in view, were exercising their diplomatic talents and greatest wisdom for the termination of the war between them, right at the height of their deliberations, peace meetings were held at Greenacre, and prayers and declarations went forth from this great peace center. Apparently the best conditions did exist, both as to time and place; the *time* that of the Greenacre conferences, the *place* juxtaposition, where the ebb and flow of the venerable Piscataqua bore messages to and fro twice in twenty-four hours. Without this fitness of things it might reasonably be questioned whether the same perfect results would have ensued, in view of the almost insurmountable difficulties of the situation a few days before the final agreement. All these perfect conditions had to exist, and were therefore provided; for the peace of the world had been determined in the councils above. "God is in His Heaven; all's right with the world."

One remarkable thing is worthy of note: At the crucifixion of the Lord it is recorded, "That there was a great earthquake," not as a chance coincidence, but because the great world of humanity, and even the very earth itself, was in the throes of the most gigantic event of the ages. And so at the Kittery Navy Yard, when the deliberations of these Envoys were at their highest and most strenuous pitch and severest tension, with failure and success hanging in the balance, and just while a peace session was being held at Greenacre, adjoining, there was an earthquake shock, which gave the ground a distinct tremor—sufficient to rattle the windows of the Eirenon, where the peace meeting was held, and which gave a loud explosive report like thunder, and, according to the statement of persons I have met, and according to the local papers, blue flames accompanied with sulphurous fumes, were seen rising all along the rocky shores

near the Navy Yard. This earthquake had its center right here, and was not felt beyond the adjoining towns, as though it had to do with what was going on here. Shall we say that this was but a coincidence? May we not with greater propriety say, that the sensitive psychic atmosphere as well as the intelligent earth were thrown into intense vibration at the greatness of the events transpiring, as the natural result of the tremendous force of concentrated thought of all the world focused on this one spot at this very hour; focused with the most intense anxiety coupled with fear for the issues of this most momentous day of this great peace conference? If we had eyes to see the working of all the spiritual, psychic and mental forces, we would then understand that there are more psychic and psychological causes of storms and earthquakes than physical or meteorological. We have seen many proofs of this in this wonderful sensitive psychical center. We now believe that the precipitation of rain immediately following a great battle is caused by the wrath of men engaged in the conflict, rather than by canonading. The rainmaker did not succeed to a demonstration in making a shower by explosions in the air.

The treaty here concluded is called, "The Treaty of Portsmouth," though none of their deliberations were conducted in that city; neither were they domiciled there. With as great, or even greater propriety, it might have been called, "The Treaty of Greenacre" for their sessions were held in the new building of the Kittery Navy Yard, in Kittery, Maine, while they were domiciled at the "Hotel Wentworth," in the town of Newcastle, New Hampshire. In going to their hotel they crossed the bridge, and only passed through Portsmouth en route. For best results it was necessary that they meet on the Maine side of the river so as to be in touch with the peace vibrations and the psychic forces of Greenacre, and on the soil of America, "The land of the free, and the home of the brave." Because the best conditions existed, the best results followed, and a great step was taken toward the establishment of the world's peace.—R. C. DOUGLASS.

AN INSPIRING EPISTLE.

The prosperity which you so fully perceive in the race is now in process of realization for one and all. The idea of poverty must give place to the knowledge of the riches of God, abounding in each soul and only waiting manifestation upon recognition of the ever-present body of God, from whose pure substance all forms are fashioned. The recognition of life implies the acknowledgment of all forms of subsistence. We are not properly fed and clothed until we learn to nourish our souls by the bread which comes down from heaven, and to vesture our presence with His holiness. From the necessities of my own case, the following statement was given me:

"I am life and the abundant manifestation of life in every atom and cell of my physical body. I am the fullness of life to the outermost realm of expression. I am not afraid of decay and death; they have no reality in being. The immaculate substance, the unfailing body of God is everywhere, and responds instantly to my intelligent demands. I am in the ageless springtime of eternal life."

All the good you have spoken to others is first in yourself, or you could not name it. All that you have desired for others shall come to pass in yourself, for the seed must ever yield a fruit after its kind.

In sincere God-speed, MAY SHANKLIN,

BOOK REVIEWS.

BY J. H. C.

LIFE MORE ABUNDANT, by Henry Wood.

We gladly welcome this latest work of one of our most able writers in the New Thought field. In this volume Mr. Wood makes a comprehensive study of the Bible in the light of rational criticism which frees it from literalism, and which makes our faith in the Written Word brighter and stronger because established upon a surer basis. We quote: "The Bible itself is not being lost, but saved. Saved to reason, to true philosophy, and pure spiritual science! Saved to knowledge, logic, and the higher interpretation. Lost to ignorance, superstition and bigotry." In speaking of the infallibility of the Bible Mr. Wood says:

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LAUNCHING BEYOND THE COLOR LINE, by Sarah D. Brown.

A pamphlet dealing with the negro problem, in which the author states that the colored man himself by a proper cultivation of the higher qualities of mind — the soul qualities — will not think it his color which brings him into disfavor with the white race, but what he is. "Have we not been doubly wrong in not seeing where the problem is to be solved as well as where it really is?" "To change his own mind and stop trying to change that of the white man concerning him, is his business." "Religion is the solvent for this and all other problems. No sure foundation for manhood can any lay, except what is laid, sonship through Jesus Christ, our Lord." These quotations show the trend of the booklet, and strike the right key in the solution of the race problems now confronting the people of America. We recommend a careful reading by our colored brothers and sisters of this treatise. Published and for sale by the author, Sarah D. Brown, 5908 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. Price 10 cents.

Since the days when the PSALMS OF DAVID were written, many centuries have come and gone without bringing into expression any literature of a similar character. In this hour of general spiritual awakening there has, however, appeared a new book of psalms. Spiritual and pure, they have been warmly welcomed by those who have seen and appreciated their value and significance. Rev. C. F. Dole of Jamaica Plain, Mass., read one from his pulpit as "good Scripture." Anna White, the strong-souled leader among the Shakers of Mt. Lebanon, Mass., said of them

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A LETTER FROM MR. DRESSER.

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DEAR FRIEND — I enclose some paragraphs from a chapter of mine on healing in a new book of which I am now reading the proofs. It occurred to me that they might be helpful to readers of *UNITY*, especially the quotation from my father's manuscripts. If you care to mention somewhere among your brief notes that the article is condensed from "Health and Inner Life," I should be very glad to have you do so. I am glad to have the copies of *UNITY* to distribute each month. Yours sincerely,

H. W. DRESSER.

The foregoing from Mr. Dresser explains the nature of his article in this issue, entitled, "Methods of Spiritual Healing." Those of our readers who are not familiar with the early history of Christian Mind Healing, or "Christian Science," as it was once called by Dr. Quimby, who gave Mrs. Eddy the points which she afterwards expanded into "Science and Health," may better understand when we explain that the extracts are made from the lecture notes of Julius A. Dresser, his father. The elder Mr. Dresser was a student of Dr. Quimby at the same time that Mrs. Eddy took his lessons and treatments, and knew all the facts about the origin of her book, which Christian Scientists now seek to deny. "The Philosophy of P. P. Quimby," a book explaining all this, is an important part of our literature, and should be read by every student who desires to know the inside facts as to the origin of Christian Science — EDITOR.

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—A. D.

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—R. C. J.

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—E. R.

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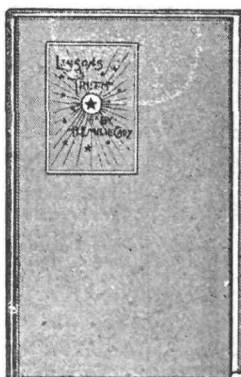
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